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You will now be able to purchase your ISDRA Annual Season Permit at the ASA Booth at this year's Sand Sports Super Show. The show is held at the Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa, CA September 14-16th.

10% of the permit proceeds go directly to the ASA. Purchase your permit and help the ASA at the same time! The permit will also be available on our website store when available.

The Inaugural ASA GOLF Tournament was a HUGE SUCCESS!

On May 7th over $47,000.00 in gross receipts were generated by the Inaugural ASA Benefit Golf Tournament. Organizer Mike Wallace and his crew from Cutting Edge Performance Products did a super job. They had 128 golfers participate in the inaugural event that was held at the Black Gold Golf Club in Yorba Linda, CA. The net proceeds will go to the ASA general fund that support our efforts to keep riding areas open.

A BIG thanks to all that participated and to our great business sponsors that co-sponsored this event. Please plan on attending next year's tournament now scheduled for May 5, 2008. For more information, sponsorships and pictures from this years tournament, please see their website at: www.asagolf.com

Mike Wallace of Cutting Edge Performance Products presents ASA President Grant George with a $47,500 check for the fight!

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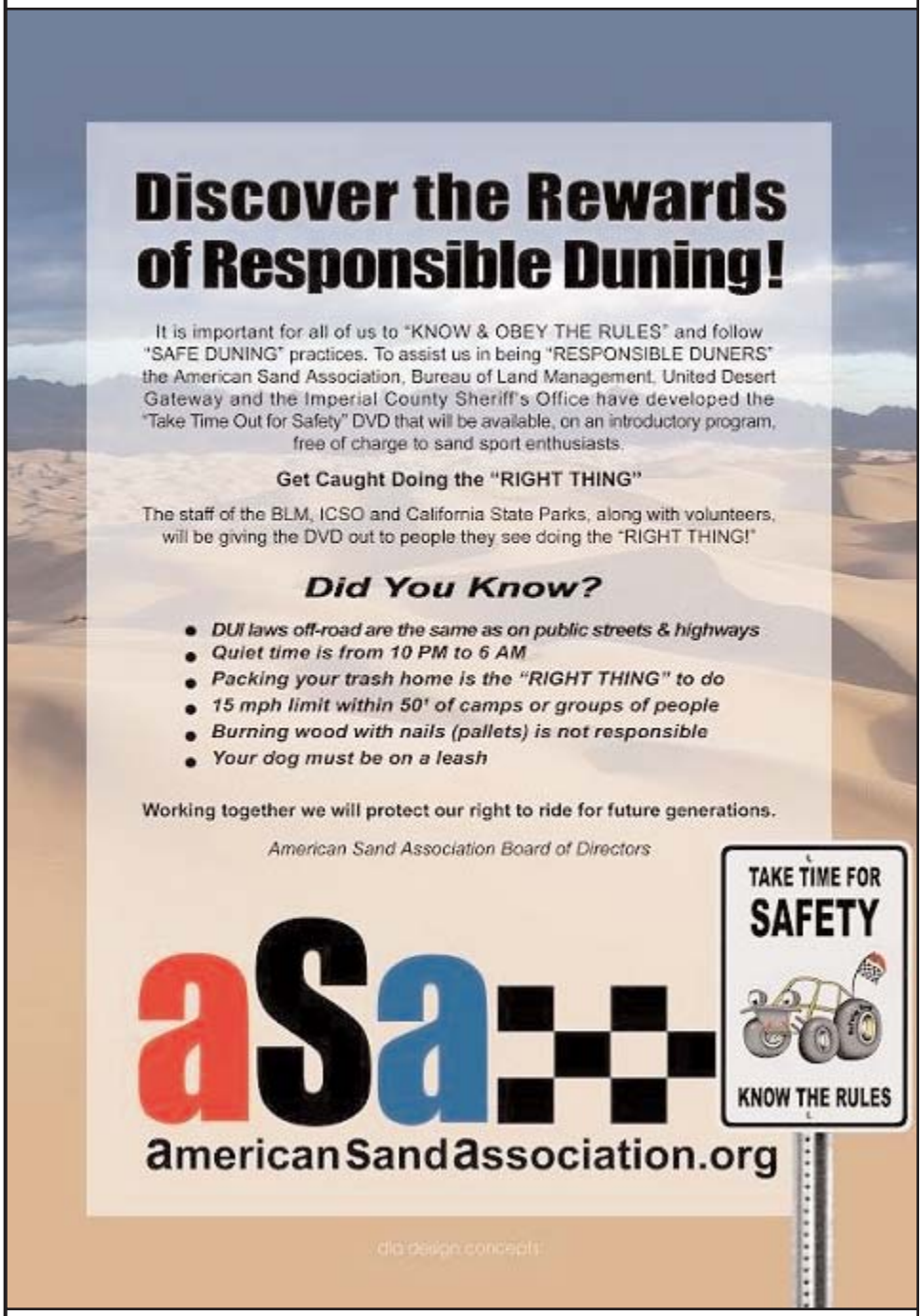
President's Message

By Grant George



Be Safe and see ya on the Sand

President

Chairman's Report

By Bob Mason

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

On July 14th the ASA Board conducted an Open Board Meeting in San Diego. This is one of three similar meetings conducted each year. These meetings are designed to keep our membership well informed. Since it's difficult for all of you to attend I have asked our Attorney to repeat his Open Meeting message for all of you to read.

Why is this Important, having a MSCP?

By David Hubbard

This week, the American Sand Association (ASA) will send a Request for Proposals (RFP) to a dozen environmental consultants regarding the development of a Multiple Species Conservation Plan (MSCP) for the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA). Assuming an acceptable MSCP can be prepared, ASA would then present it to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD), and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) for their consideration. The hope is that an MSCP will provide a more refined approach to land management in the dunes, allowing for the reopening of many closed riding areas while providing better protection for important plant and wildlife species. Ultimately, an MSCP adopted by the BLM and FWS would be incorporated into the Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP) for the ISDRA.

It may seem odd that the ASA is initiating this effort. And it may seem strange that the ASA is considering a "multiple species" approach to land management rather than focusing exclusively on the Peirson's milk-vetch (PMV), which is the only federally-listed species residing in the ISDRA. However, these things are easily explained.

First, the ASA recognizes that regardless of whether the PMV is ultimately delisted or not, the plant will have to be covered by some kind of conservation plan. In fact, to the extent the PMV can be incorporated into a conservation plan sooner rather than later, its chances for delisting improve.

Second, the ASA also recognizes that the PMV is not the only endemic dunes species that might one day be placed on the federal threatened or endangered list. The Flat-tailed horned lizard is already a candidate species; and the Fringe-toed lizard is likely to become one in the near future. Invertebrate species -- insects -- have already popped up on the listing radar. In the last three years, CBD has submitted petitions to list more than 16 invertebrates, including the Andrews Dune scarab beetle, that allegedly live in the ISDRA. By wrapping these (and perhaps other) species into a multiple species plan, the ASA and the federal agencies would virtually guarantee that none of them would require formal listing.

The importance of this last point cannot be overstressed. So long as a species remains off the federal list, there is no ESA Section 7 consultation requirement (the very issue that caused a federal court to close 49,000 acres of the ISDRA in 2001). Nor is there any requirement for a Biological Opinion or Critical Habitat Designation with respect to that species. You may recall that CBD and PEER recently challenged the Biological Opinion and Critical Habitat Designation for the PMV in federal court. In that suit, the judge determined that both documents were deficient. This ruling effectively voided the RAMP and

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WHAT IS THE ASA?

The ASA is the lead organization fighting to keep the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA) open to OHV use. We are a nonprofit California corporation under the IRS Tax Code known as 501(c)(4). Leaders of the ASA are volunteers.

The ASA has joined with the Off Road Business Association (ORBA), San Diego Off-Road Coalition (SDORC), AMA District 37 and California Off-Road Vehicle Association (CORVA) to fund EcoLogic Partners Inc. Ecologic has filed lawsuits against the Bureau of Land Management and the Fish and Wildlife Service and has standing in other lawsuits affecting the ISDRA. We stand poised to oppose any legal actions brought by any anti-access groups that would prevent the new Recreation Area Management Plan from being implemented. This plan would remove some of the closures entirely and grant conditional access to others.

In addition to our legal actions, we filed a precedent-setting delisting petition to remove the Peirson's Milk Vetch from the Endangered Species List. This plant was used to create the closures put in place in 2000. These closures total over 49,000 acres of sand dunes and are located south of Highway 78, south of Highway 8, and at Mammoth Wash.

Our delisting petition is based on good, solid science derived from biological studies paid for by the ASA, ORBA, and SDORC. This science cost over $150,000 so far and we are budgeting for more. Our efforts don't stop there. We have two lobbyists on retainer: one in Washington D.C. and the other in Sacramento.

We have made several trips to Washington D.C. and Sacramento to present our case and plan to make several more. Our Public Safety and Education makes us known as a group that is not only interested in a World Class duning experience, but Stewards of the land and its resources: a very good connection with the current administration.

The ASA has received the US Dept. of Interior's 4C's Award, recognizing our organization's commitment to working with the Bureau and others to enhance recreational conservation on public lands in Southern California.

"Take Time Out for Safety"
Get your DVD now!

The American Sand Association, Bureau of Land Management, United Desert Gateway and the Imperial County Sheriff's Office have developed a DVD that will be available, on an introductory program, free of charge to sand sport enthusiasts at the September 2007 Sand Sport Super Show. This terrific DVD will be available in the ASA booth. When you are at the show, come by and pick one up while supplies last. The DVD is one more piece of the "Partners in Dune Safety" program designed by the ASA to inform duners of the rules and safe duning practices.

Funding for this project was provided by the BLM, ASA and Weekend Warrior Manufacturing. Copies will be available to sand car manufactures, at a nominal cost, for distribution to their customers.

BLM, ICSO and California State Parks officers will be provided a supply of the DVDs to give out to duners they see doing the "Right Thing." You may get caught doing the right thing and receive a free DVD.

In addition, the BLM has produced a "Visiting Staff Orientation" website link that will be sent to EMTs, LEOs and other staff members assigned to the ISDRA on holiday weekends. This will enhance their awareness of ISDRA activities and the unique rules that apply at the dunes. Both of these were produced by Wally Cahill of Motorsports Mania.

The BLM says "Keep it in the Sand!"

So much sand, so little time…so what are you doing driving your OHV on the roadway? Mini parades of UTVs and quads are often seen merrily making their way down Gray's Well Road in the south dunes, a mere five feet from the sand they traveled all that way to play in.

This season, signs posted along the roadways in BLM's Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA) will advise motorists to keep their Off-Highway Vehicles (surprise!) off the roadways (including dirt and gravel roads). Driving your UTV or golf cart or quad on the roadways is not only illegal, it's a safety hazard. The problem seems more prevalent in the south dunes, probably because many of the visitors to Buttercup and Dune Buggy Flats are from Arizona, where certain OHVs are street legal. The Colorado River makes all the difference; once you cross it heading west; you're playing by California rules.

Safety remains a high priority at the dunes, where 43 fatalities in the last four seasons may become a tipping point. Excessive speed around camps and crowds, driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, and unfamiliarity with ever-changing terrain are all recipes for disaster. Think before you climb onto or into that high-powered off-road vehicle.

The 2007-2008 season holds many promises; clear skies, warm sand, lots of wind. But no promise is dearer than the one to return home. Enjoy your visit. And when you're ready, put your paddle to the sand and go home.

Imperial County Sheriff's Office / Off Highway Vehicle Enforcement Safety Team News:

With the upcoming Sand Season fast approaching the Imperial County Sheriff's Office, (ICSO), Off Highway Enforcement Safety Team, (OHVEST), is focusing our mission for the 2007-08 off highway season on "SAFETY", your safety, the dune visitor and their families. Starting with a visitor education plan we have submitted articles to off road publications, and developed the new **"Camp Smart"** dune visitor educational brochure to get the Safety message to you. Our new **"Camp Smart"** brochure will be available at the upcoming Sand Sport Super Show at the ICSO/BLM booth, and other campaign support booths (ASA, Alford Distributing, Funco, Extreme Performance, PRP) I would like to thank Melissa Nimmo, (developer of the **"Dune Smart"** campaign), for her assistance in developing the **"Camp Smart"** brochure.

The mission focus on "Safety" has targeted laws that will have priority enforcement with Deputies and Coalition Deputies and Officers in the desert areas of Imperial County. We have included the Noise law because it is quickly becoming a priority issue throughout California. As housing areas border our riding areas and vehicle noise offends the non-off roader, we have to all remember **"Less Sound Equals More Ground".** Help keep our riding areas open, keep your OHV below the legal noise limit.

This season I received a few complaints from individuals who felt that they should be able to do what they wanted out in the desert. We live in a society where rules and regulations were established to protect and ensure everyone's rights. Off Highway regulations were established to protect those rights or came out of legislations necessary to protect those rights and natural resources from such people. As you may know, we still have called "unlawful assemblies" in the 2006-07 season to control the lawlessness started by these few individuals.

It is my hope that through these safety articles and publications we will educate these individuals so that we can ensure a safe environment for the duners and their families. More enforcement will also be moving to the West Desert. With the off road enthusiast growth toward the west desert OHV areas and if you ride in the Superstitions, Ocotillo Wells and Heber

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ASA Open Board Meeting - July 14th - San Diego, CA

Well that was a meeting to remember! I've never seen a meeting with that many "whos who" since we had the RAMP collaboration meetings years ago. There wasn't even room at the head tables (2) to have the ASA BOD sit! Only board member Bill Jones (the new Chairman, Jan 1, 08) had a seat and facilitated the meeting. We heard from so many regarding every aspect of the dunes; from Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Imperial County Sheriff (ISCO), United Desert Gateway (UDG), Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS), California State Parks OHMVR Deputy Director, our legal man David Hubbard of EcoLogic Partners Inc. (ELP) and even 2 gentleman from the All American Canal relining project.

Highlights were the 7th Anniversary of the ASA (June 22nd) where Mike Pool the BLM director in CA came to present the ASA with a special picture of the Imperial dunes now hanging in the state office. Everyone that attended also received a copy of this cool 24 x 18 poster of the dunes. We also had some cake to celebrate the event!

Daphne Greene the CA State Parks OHMVR Deputy Director presented Mike Wallace of Cutting Edge Performance Products with the ASA "Jump Start Award" for him and his families innovation of raising awareness and funds for the ASA with the Weekend Warrior Inaugural ASA Benefit Golf Tournament. **(see page 9)**

A special award was presented to BLM ISDRA Dunes Manager Neil Hamada by the BLM that included State Director Mike Pool, California District manager Steve Borchard and El Centro Field Manager Vicki Wood. Neil started going to the dunes with his parents when only 6 years old and fell in love. He now oversees the dunes management at the ISDRA.

Another highlight was the presentation by Weekend Warrior as they had secured a Kawasaki Mule to be available to BLM on a loan basis through the Dune Safety and Stewardship Partnership program sponsored by the United Desert Gateway Communities for the Camp Host at Buttercup. **(see page 7)**

All these agencies appreciate what the ASA has done and is doing for the good of the dunes and our future of recreating there. After the meeting, we were all treated to a lunch outside on the grass by the boat docks. Members Bill Beebe and Jim Williams did a wonderful job cooking for all. Many had some great talks while feasting with those that attended.

A very special thanks to Recording Secretary Julie Krogh, sister Jan Haugley and Secretary Bob Gagliano for putting this meeting and the lunch arrangements together.

ASA Board of Directors Officer elections were held during an executive board meeting on July 13, 2007. Bill Jones, current Vice Chairman, was elected by the board to replace Bob Mason as Chairman of the Board. To provide a smooth transition for this vital position, Bill and Bob will be working closely together until Bob's term expires in January 2008. After serving for three years as Chairman, Bob Mason was then elected to serve as President, as Grant George has chosen to vacate this position.

Brian Crain was elected as the new Vice Chairman. Dick Holliday and Bob Gagliano were re-elected to the office of Treasurer and Secretary. Also Bob Gagliano, Dick Holliday, Mike Sommer, and Nick McFayden were each re-elected by the board for another year term.

Thanks to <u>everyone</u> that supports the ASA.

Jim Colln, Newsletter Editor

Kawasaki Joins the Partners in Safety and Stewardship Program

Steve Borchard Louie Baur Nicole Gilles Cathy Kenderson Mike Pool

Late last season Weekend Warrior became aware of the need for on-site transportation for the BLM Camp Host at Buttercup. Discussions with the ASA and Neil Hamada, BLM Dunes Manager indicated that a side by side vehicle such as a Kawasaki Mule would accommodate the needs of the Camp Host. Hamada indicated that the availability of the Mule will allow BLM to utilize our camp host to patrol the area, make positive visitor contacts, pick up trash, and provide assistance when needed. It will also free up a BLM pick up truck for EMT use to provide medical services in the dunes.

Through the efforts of Weekend Warrior the Mule will be available to BLM on a loan basis through the Dune Safety and Stewardship Partnership program sponsored by the United Desert Gateway Communities. (UDG) Louie Baur of Weekend Warrior formally presented the Mule to BLM CA State Director, Mike Pool at the ASA Open Board meeting in San Diego.

The vehicle will be ready for delivery mid September 2007.

Multiple Species Conservation Plan (MSCP) for the ISDRA

For the past eight months, ASA has been engaged in a dialogue with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) on issues pertaining to the future of the ISDRA. During those discussions, it was suggested that ISDRA would benefit from a "multiple species" approach to resource management. After careful consideration, ASA feels this idea warrants further investigation.

Because the Department of Justice has elected to withdraw its appeal of Judge Illston's ruling, BLM and the FWS must embark on a rewrite of the Biological Opinion and the Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP) for ISDRA. The preparation of a MSCP will allow the ASA to explore the options available and will enhance the ASA's ability to participate in the public comment process associated with a revised RAMP.

Therefore, ASA has prepared a Request for Proposals (RFP) regarding development of a viable Multiple Species Conservation Plan (MSCP) for the ISDRA. ASA intends to send the RFP out to 10 or more qualified consulting firms, asking them to respond by August 31, 2007.

It is ASA's hope that the draft MSCP prepared through this process will form the basis for more advanced discussions with BLM, FWS, CBD and PEER regarding recreation and conservation strategies for the ISDRA.

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Why is this Important, having a MSCP?

frustrated attempts to reopen the "temporary" closures. Not surprisingly, the ASA does not want to go down that troubled path with another listed plant or animal. Better to bring that species into an MSCP and see that it doesn't ever need to be listed.

And this brings me to my final point, which is about learning from history so as not to repeat it. It was in the early 1990s that environmental groups first petitioned to have the PMV placed on the federal list of threatened and endangered species. That listing petition languished for about six years. During that period, no one -- not BLM, not FWS, not CBD, not the OHV community -- thought to develop a conservation plan for the species and thereby avoid a listing decision. As a result, in 1998, the FWS ruled that the PMV needed to be put on the list, as there was no adequate regulatory mechanism in place to safeguard the species against known threats. If a conservation plan for the PMV had been developed in the mid-1990s, prior to the listing decision in 1998, it is highly likely that the PMV would not have been listed; and all of the litigation and all of the closures that have taken place since 1998 could have been avoided.

The ASA has decided not to ignore this important lesson from the past. It is getting out in front preventing a repeat of the PMV fiasco. The MSCP approach offers the best avenue for achieving this key objective and improving recreational opportunities in the ISDRA for the future.

(DIRECTLY ABOVE IS THE MESSAGE THAT THE ASA HANDED OUT DURING THE SAN DIEGO MEETING)

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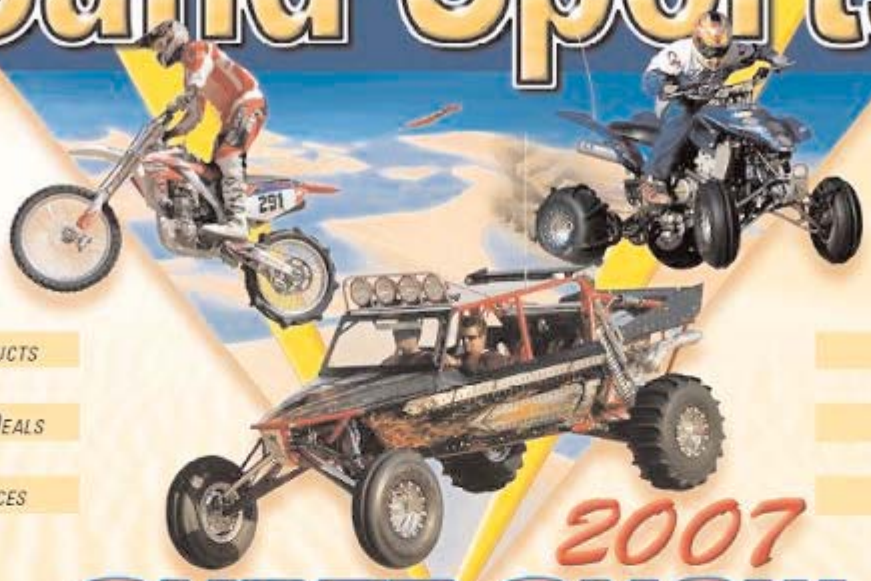

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ASA Meets With BLM and FWS

Representatives of the ASA, BLM (Bureau of Land Management) and the FWS (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) met in Sacramento on May 25, 2007. ASA was represented by Bob Mason, Chairman, Bill Jones, Vice Chairman, and Attorney Dave Hubbard. The ISDRA TRT Chairman Jerry Seaver also attended.

The following topics were discussed:

RAMP, BO and EIS ---------BLM noted that the revised PMV (Peirson's Milk Vetch) Critical Habitat Designation and the associated economic analysis is mandated by the court to be complete by February 2008. BLM also noted that they would consider employing a consulting firm to redraft the RAMP and EIS (Environmental Impact Study). BLM anticipates that the ROD (Record of Decision) will not be final until 2010. Everyone agreed that the redrafted alternatives must be based on empirical data that is legally defensible.

Fee Collection ----------BLM noted that the ICSO (Imperial County Sheriff Office) has indicated that they will continue the fee collection through the 2007-08 season. ICSO has also informally indicated that they may not continue thereafter. The Imperial County CEO has suggested that another county department (Parks) may assume the responsibility. It has also been suggested that the UDG participate in the development of a marketing plan. The possibility of UDG assuming the overall fee collection responsibility at some future time was discussed.

Competition Hill ----------BLM noted that it is not likely that the Comp Hill curfew will be lifted in the near future. They cited the following reasons:

- **The general dynamics of the area in proximity to Hwy. 78**
- **Law enforcement is spread too thin to deal with Comp Hill and Olds simultaneously**
- **BLM does not believe that the overall duning community is greatly concerned with the curfew**

CA Desert District Supplemental Rules Team

BLM indicated that a management Team has initiated a review of supplemental rules through out the District. Developing consistent rules for all Sand Sport recreation areas is of prime importance. The ECFO (BLM El Centro Field Office) manager noted that metal in firewood and dumping holding tanks will be considered. She said that burning of pallets will not be allowed and the "Courtesy Speed Zone" concept will be considered. BLM was asked to provide the OHV (Off Highway Vehicle) organizations an opportunity to review the Teams preliminary findings before submission to the Federal Register for public comment.

ASA JUMP START AWARD

Mike Wallace was presented with the 3rd ASA Jump Start Award in recognition of the initiative spirt he and his volunteers demonstrated in conjunction with the first Annual ASA Golf Tournament. Mike is the owner of Cutting Edge Performance Products and an avid golfer. The tournament was an overwhelming success netting nearly $20,000 that was contributed to the ASA legal fund. Mike has already started the planning for the 2008 event. His goal is to raise $30,000 at next year's event.

Mike & Brenda Wallace and OHVMR Deputy Director Daphne Greene

Mike was presented the award by Daphne Green the OHVMR Deputy Director on behalf of the ASA.

The award was established in 2004 to recognize the initiative of ASA Business Sponsors or members who have set an example for others to follow by recognizing a need and providing the leadership to get the job done. Previous recipients include Melissa and Allan Nimmo owners of Extreme Performance of San Bernardino, California for their support of the ASA sponsored PARTNERS IN DUNE SAFETY billboard dune-safety messages during the 2003-04 season.

The 2006 award went to Tim Gantz in recognition of his efforts in initiating the "Dunes Outreach Team." Tim started this program by using his pickup to distribute trash bags and remove trash from popular duner gathering locations in the north dunes.

BLM by the Numbers: Is yours up at the ISDRA?

by Joya Szalwinski BLM

11. 23. 30. 32. 34. 43. 90

The language of the Imperial Sand Dunes is spoken this way, through the numbers. You all know it; the horsepower of your machine, the price of gas to keep it moving, the perfect all-around tire pressure to keep your 4X4 going - with some wiggle room. Numbers order the world, play the music, keep the stats. They clarify the random and sharpen our perception. For instance, the numbers above give some information about place and time, and the end of time. Like:

11 mph: The wind speed needed to move sand grains along the ground.
30 mph: The wind speed needed to keep sand grains airborne.
32°: The latitude north of the equator where the dunes are located.
34°: The angle sand can hold on a dune before it slips.

43. The number of duners for whom time has ended within the past 4 years.

There is no order within this last number; no one dies in an orderly fashion at the dunes. Can there be a perception other than senselessness?

Numbers don't lie. 43 fatalities narrate a landscape of complacency. Complacent about turbocharged engines, good times and dangerous terrain. Perceive this:

Duners continue to speed around camps and crowds. Worm tracks (berm tracks) are generally found near camps. Riders hit them at a high rate of speed, seriously injuring or killing themselves. Do the math here; if you're not interested in saving some kid playing in the sand, slow down to save your own. Here's the number you're looking for: **15 mph within 50 ft. of camps or crowds.**

Duners continue to ride while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The sand won't soften this fall. Impaired riders continue to seriously injure or kill themselves, or worse still, others. The number you're looking for here: **0 drinking, 0 drugs.**

Duners continue to ride their OHVs on the roadways. They're **Off-Highway Vehicles!** Look it up. If you want to ride on a road, stay home. The number you're looking for here: **90° - the angle you can legally cross a roadway in California, in a quick and safe manner. Period. No OHVs on the roadways.**

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Dumont Dunes Off-Highway Vehicle Area
Barstow Field Office, BLM

Third in a series on dune areas outside the ISDRA

by Lynnette Elser, Supervisor, Recreation Chief

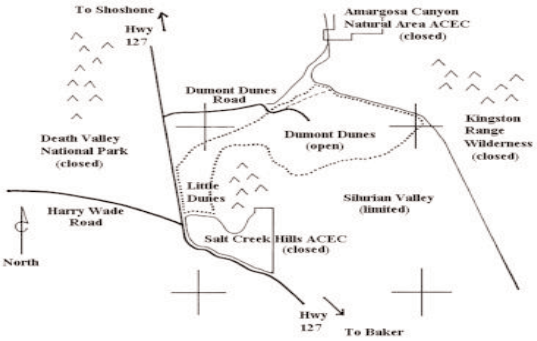
The Dumont Dunes Off-Highway Vehicle Area is a spectacular 10,500 acre sand dune system. The main dunes provide fun for all experience levels including steep, sharp, treacherous dunes for the more experienced riders. The Little Dunes provides smaller dunes for beginners and children. The elevation ranges from 700 feet at the entrance to the OHV area to 1200 feet at the top of the tallest dune, Competition Hill. Most visitors ride motorcycles, ATVs, sand rails, or vehicles with four-wheel-drive.

The Dumont Dunes OHV Area is managed for recreation. One can drive a vehicle anywhere in the OHV Area. It is extremely important to honor the area boundaries. Adjacent to the OHV Area are wilderness areas, and an Area of Critical Environmental Concern, with significant historical value. All areas outside to OHV Area are either closed to vehicles or managed as OHV limited use, which means that vehicles must remain on designated routes. The Kingston Range Wilderness borders the riding area on the north. This area is closed to motor vehicles. Travel outside the riding area to the south and east is permitted only on designated routes and only with street-legal vehicles. So that the OHV Area can remain open to OHV use, riders must stay within the OHV area. Please visit, have a great time, and keep your activities within the OHV Area!

There is open camping at the base of the main dunes and the little dunes. This camping area is first come, with no designated spaces. The camping surface is generally hard-packed, but it can be soft in areas. There are scattered restroom facilities. There is NO running water or hookups for trailers. There is no trash service. A visitor should come fully equipped with all the needed supplies and gear. Please do NOT bring fire wood with nails. Pallets are prohibited. There may be vendors on site: generally vendors will be present during peak use time. The nearest supplies are in the town of Baker.

Access:
The riding area is south of the Amargosa River and east of Highway 127, about 31 miles north of Baker, California. There are two ways of getting to the dunes. The Little Dunes staging and camping area is directly off Highway 127, conveniently located for immediate staging. One mile north of here, just off Highway 127, is Dumont Road, a dirt road which follows and crosses the river, leading to the main field of large dunes.

Rules and Regulations:
All vehicles must have a muffler or spark arrester and have either a street-legal license or be registered as an off-highway vehicle. If you are not a resident of California and your OHV is not registered in your home state, you are required to have a California "Nonresident" OHV permit to legally operate your vehicle.
All OHVs must have a mast and red or orange flag for visibility in the dunes.
Vehicles operated at night must use both headlights and taillights.
Helmets are required to be worn by all riders of ATVs.
Only one person at a time is allowed on an ATV.
Possession or use of any glass container, empty or not, used for carrying any liquid for drinking purposes is prohibited (43 CFR 8361.1-6).
Camping is allowed anywhere within the riding area as long as it does not block travel on a road, and is limited to a 14-day stay.
Shooting is not permitted within this area.
Draining of sewage tanks, littering, or dumping of trash is prohibited.
Do not burn pallets or wood with nails!



BLM is starting to follow the checkered flag program. BLM now has the checkered flag on all of its vehicles at Dumont Dunes. We are fortunate that the American Sand Association allowed us to purchase checkered flags through their supply and will be giving out the flags and pledge to recreational users. The recreational users at Dumont are family orientated and want a safe place for their families to ride. BLM believes that the checkered flag program will encourage the family orientated atmosphere.

The visitation varies greatly. Approximately 125,000 people visit each year. However, most of the visitation is concentrated at major holiday weekends and Fall through Spring weekends. There is very little Summer visitation because it is very hot, often well over 110 degrees. There is also little visitation mid week year round. If you like the excitement of people gathered together, visit during a holiday weekend, but if you like solitude, try a mid-week visit. Night riding in the Summer is becoming more popular, but this visitation remains low.

BLM staffs Dumont Dunes with law enforcement personnel and park ranger/medical services coordination personnel. However, staffing is not 7 days a week nor 24 hours a day. A visitor should call 9-1-1 for emergency services. The County Sherriff's Office and the California Highway Patrol also are present at Dumont Dunes. Visitors should remember that most of the time medical help is at least an hour away. Many medical transports are by helicopter.

Special Recreation Permits are required for Dumont Dunes OHV Area. BLM is in the process of updating the fees for the permits, so call the BLM Office prior to your trip for an update. It is anticipated that the fees for October 1, 2007 - September 30, 2008 will be $30 for a non-holiday weekly pass, $90 for an annual pass with a black out for the major holiday weeks, $40 for a weekly

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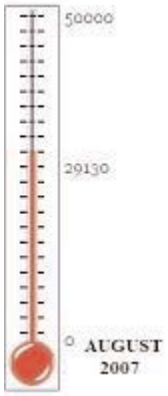
>>> MEMBERSHIP NEWS <<<

Recently we mailed out our Annual Letter to each household on record as of August 1st. We hope that each of you took the time to let us know of any others in your household we don't currently show as members. Our goal is to reach 50,000 members in the ASA but as you know that is still far below the amount of visitors that currently recreate at the dunes.

Please remember that besides our four quarterly newsletters each year we produce a monthly, "What's New in the ASA" email alert, that will provide you with all the latest information regarding our legal, upcoming events, fundraising projects and our biological & lobbying efforts. Our goal is to have everyone at the dunes "Informed" and all on the same page so to speak. So please keep your mailing addresses and email addresses up to date.

Thanks for your support.
Dick Holliday
ASA Membership Director



We would like to welcome all the new and renewing Supporting Members that have signed up or renewed since our last newsletter. Their commitment goes a long way in supporting the fight to keep our riding areas open now and for our future. Thank You!

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Look. We all know you're coming to experience the freedom of the hills. But none of this is free. You are not free to abandon your responsibilities to safety and the laws intended to keep you safe.

Oh, and the number we missed? **23.** That's the average time, in minutes, spent waiting in line to purchase a permit once you've arrived at the dunes. If everything is going well. Do yourself a favor; purchase your permit before you arrive. The number you're looking for here: **800-278-0165.** Or visit the following web pages for links that will free up your time at the dunes:

http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/elcentro.html (this page links to all sites below)
http://www.imperialsanddunes.org (direct link to purchase a permit online)
http://www.imperialsanddunes.org/indxvend.htm (direct link to businesses selling permits)

>>> BIOLOGICAL UPDATE <<<

The US Fish And Wildlife Service (USFWS) is soliciting Public Comments for its Proposed Revision to the Pierson's Milk Vetch (PMV) Critical Habitat Designation.

A discussion of the new proposal along with maps can be found on our website. As directed by Judge Susan Illston, the USFWS has revised their proposal of the designated critical habitat for Astragalus magdalenae var. peirsonii (Peirson's milk-vetch) pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). In total, approximately 16,108 acres in Imperial County, California, fall within the boundaries of the revised proposed critical habitat designation. Lands being proposed as critical habitat are under Federal private and State ownership.

The draft economic analysis is available for public review. The USFWS is soliciting data and comments from the public on all aspects of this revised proposal, including data on the economic and other impacts of the designation. The USFWS will hold public hearings on both the proposed critical habitat rule and the draft economic analysis.

DATES: Comments from all interested parties will be accepted until September 25, 2007. The public hearings will take place on August 23, 2007, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office in Carlsbad, California.

ADDRESSES: Public Hearings. The public hearings will be held at the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, 6010 Hidden Valley Road, Carlsbad, California, 92011.

Comments: If you wish to comment on the proposed rule and/or the draft economic analysis, you may submit your comments and materials, identified by RIN 1018-AU98, by any of the following methods:
(1) You may send comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to: fw8cfwocomments@fws.gov. Include ``RIN 1018-AU98'' in the subject line.
(2) You may fax your comments to Jim Bartel, Field Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office at 760-431-5901.
(3) You may mail or hand-deliver your written comments and information to Jim Bartel, Field Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office at the address above.
(4) You may submit your comments at the Federal eRulemaking Portal at: http://www.regulations.gov Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Comments and materials received, as well as supporting documentation used in the preparation of this proposed rule, will be available for public inspection by appointment, during normal business hours at the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office at the above address (telephone 760-431-9440). Copies of the draft economic analysis are available for downloading from the Internet at http://www.fws.gov/carlsbad/ or by contacting the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office directly at the above phone number or address.

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Dumont Dunes

--- holiday pass and $120 for an annual pass that includes holiday weeks. If a $90 pass is purchased and is presented on a holiday weekend, an upgrade for ONLY that holiday can be purchased for $10. The holidays that have an extra charge are Halloween, Thanksgiving, New Years, President's Day and Easter. The reason for an additional charge for holidays is that the staffing costs are much higher for those periods. BLM is expecting to sell all passes OFF-SITE at gateway communities and through the INTERNET starting in September 07. Please call the BLM office to locate the places to purchase passes on your way to Dumont Dunes.

Also, the Friends of Dumont Dunes sponsors an annual clean up, generally in March. That weekend is FREE! So, please come out and clean up on Saturday morning and stay and play for the weekend. Please call the BLM office for the exact date of the clean up. For more information about Dumont Dunes - call (760) 252-6000

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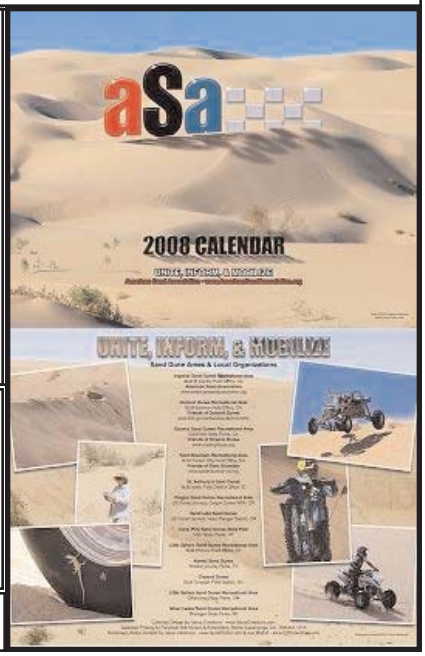

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7th Annual Glamis Poker Run, November 3th, Boardmanville Trading Post, 9am start
Arizona Sand Expo, December 7-9th, Arizona State Fairgrounds, Phoenix, AZ

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Dunes SVRA, and Truckhaven you have probably noticed the OHVEST vehicles already on patrol. There are four important factors to remember when riding in these west desert areas, 1. Keep OHV traffic off county roads and private property, 2. OHV flags or permits are not needed, 3. Off Highway California Vehicle Code rules still apply, 4. Stay out of the marked gun and bombing ranges.

Below are a few of the focus laws for the 2007-08 season. Please take the time to review them and have a safe Off Road Season.

Sgt. Ed Preciado
Imperial County Sheriff's Office
Off Highway Vehicle Enforcement Safety Team

Safety Training Course Requirements: **38503 CVC; 38504 CVC and 38504.1. (a) California Vehicle Codes** (CVC)

OHV Equipment Requirements: **NOISE LIMITS;** **not more than 96 dBA if manufactured on or after January 1, 1986, and not more than 101 dBA if manufactured prior to January 1, 1986**

OHV Operation Requirements: **SPEED, TURNING, RECKLESS DRIVING; PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT; DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE ALCHOHOL OR DRUGS**

(For the complete text of the above laws please see page 20 of our Online edition of this newsletter.)

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What's New in the ASA Store? It's a great time to ask!

NEW SHIRTS!

ASA will be introducing several new styles of shirts to our Limited Edition Collection at the Sand Sports Super Show! (SSSS) We are proud to bring to you the Billet Design LE Series and the Tribal Design LE Series. Both are printed on high quality cotton shirts and will make a great addition to your collection!

Just as exciting and due to the overwhelming popularity of the 2006 LE Action Shirts, ASA is pleased to announce that they have been moved over to our regular line and will continue to be available for purchase in both long and short sleeve. Kid's sizes available in short sleeve only.

NEW HATS!

We are introducing two new hat styles as well to help you protect yourself from the sun - in real ASA Style!!!

2008 CALENDAR IS HERE!

Yes, the new calendar is here! And for a limited time, you can order it for ONLY $5.00.
That's right, but only through September 13th. Then it's back to the regular price.

ISDRA PERMITS ON SALE NOW!

Get your permit BEFORE you go, and help the ASA too! Your insured purchase will arrive just days after your order and will not only speed you past the lines waiting to buy the old fashioned way, but help out the ASA too. It's a win-win for us all!

FOR KIDS ONLY

Have you heard about Club Leo? We are proud to introduce the first piece of our Club Leo Collection! A white shirt adorned with our friendly Gecko on his quad showing the true spirit of the Duner Kids. "Club Leo Kids keep it Safe, Clean and Green!". These amazing new shirts are in kids sizes only. Make sure you watch for future Club Leo items.

And of course, because kids play in the sand too, our new Sand Toy Set and Beach Balls will also be making its debut at the SSSS.

HOW YOUR PURCHASE HELPS

Proceeds from merchandise sales go directly to the fund to help fight the fight to keep our dunes open for generations to come!

THE ASA WOULD LIKE TO THANK THESE MAGAZINES FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN HELPING US INFORM!

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New BLM Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area Supervisor and Outdoor Recreation Planner

Jamie Neilans (right) recently accepted the position of Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area Supervisor for the El Centro Field Office. In this position she is responsible for a staff of five permanent employees and ten seasonal park rangers.

After graduating from college with a degree in biology, Jamie accepted her first job with the Bureau of Land Management El Centro Field Office assisting in plant and lizard surveys in the dunes. What was originally to be a 5 month internship turned into a 6 year BLM career. After hiking across the dunes counting lizards, Jamie decided that riding the dunes would be much more fun and took a job as a park ranger for the dunes. From there she became the assistant dunes manager, the primary rescue buggy driver, and resident EMS ranger. About a year and half ago, she took a job in Northern California for BLM only to find she missed the sand, the sun, but especially the ride.

Marisa Williams pictured on the left, recently accepted the position of Outdoor Recreation Planner for the El Centro Field Office. In this position she is responsible for the vendor program for the entire El Centro field office.

Marisa graduated from CSUC in May of 2005 with a bachelor degree in Recreation Administration: Parks and Natural Resources. She then became a seasonal maintenance employee in Susanville, California. In October 2006, she was hired as a Permanent Park Ranger for the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA). In February 2007, Marisa became a Recreation Planner and now handles the El Centro Field Office's Vendor Program. She loves working with people and looks forward to the upcoming season and the challenges ahead of her. She enjoys outdoor activities such as snowboarding, horseback riding, dirt bike riding, boating and camping.

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New Safety Information Link

Now found on our website homepage is this easy to use Safety Info button. A direct link to all of our safety information like our *Dune Smart* brochure and other related information. As part of the CA DMV Insert program, this univeral button will soon be found on other OHV websites that will direct users to their organizations safety information.

We would like to thank member Doug Adair for his time and expertise in designing this button and everything else he does for the OHV groups.

To view our safety information go to our homepage or go to this link:

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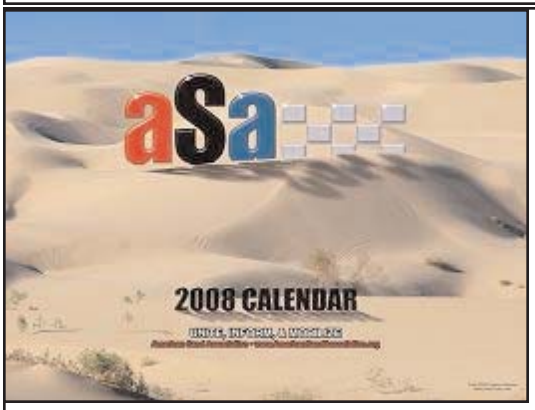

GET YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

We are very excited to announce the **2008 ASA Calendar** is available for purchase! Purchase your calendar by September 13th and take advantage of our "Presale" value of **only $5.00 per calendar**!

It's an awesome calendar which is made possible by the dedication of our volunteers and the generosity of the 12 sponsors in the calendar. These sponsors pay for the printing of the calendar which makes it then possible for every dime to go towards the fight to **Keep Our Dunes Open**!

We have added new personal picture pages and feel this is the best calendar ever produced. We highly recommend you purchase one! (or more) Our Calendar is one of our biggest fundraisers for the year.

Please visit our website store and purchase your 2008 calendar today!

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Holiday Printing donated for our printed version of this September issue the full COLOR on all pages as they have done the previous 2 years. Thanks!

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Safety Training Course Requirements

38503 CVC No person under the age of 18 years shall operate an all-terrain vehicle on public lands of this state unless the person satisfies one of the following conditions:

- **(a) The person is taking a prescribed safety training course under the direct supervision of a certified all-terrain vehicle safety instructor.**
- **(b) The person is under the direct supervision of an adult who has in their possession an appropriate safety certificate issued by this state, or issued under the authority of another state.**
- **(c) The person has in possession an appropriate safety certificate issued by this state or issued under the authority of another state.**

38504 CVC No person under 14 years of age shall operate an all-terrain vehicle on public lands of this state unless the person satisfies one of the conditions set forth in Section 38503 and, in addition, is accompanied by and under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian or is accompanied by and under the direct supervision of an adult who is authorized by the parent or guardian (CVC 38504).

38504.1. (a) CVC Neither a parent or guardian of a child who is under 14 years of age, nor an adult who is authorized by the parent or guardian to supervise that child shall grant permission to, or knowingly allow, that child to operate an all-terrain vehicle in a manner that violates Section 38504.

OHV Equipment Requirements

NOISE LIMITS

Noise emissions of off-highway vehicles shall be limited to not more than 96 dBA if manufactured on or after January 1, 1986, and not more than 101 dBA if manufactured prior to January 1, 1986, when measured from a distance of 20 inches using test procedures established by the Society of Automotive Engineers under Standard J-1287, as applicable [CVC 38370 (h) (1)].

OHV Operation Requirements

SPEED, TURNING, RECKLESS DRIVING

You may not drive a motor vehicle in a manner that endangers the safety of other persons or their property (CVC 38305, 38314, 38316a, 38317).

PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT

No motor vehicle shall exceed 15 mph within 50 feet of any campground, campsite, or concentration of people or animals (CVC 38310).

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE ALCHOHOL OR DRUGS

It is unlawful for any person who is under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or drug or under the combined influence of any alcoholic beverage and drug, to drive a vehicle [CVC 23152 (a)].

It is unlawful for any person who has 0.08 percent or more, by weight, of alcohol in his or her blood to drive a vehicle [CVC 23152 (b)]

ALL AMERICAN CANAL LINING PROJECT

Sponsors: Imperial Irrigation District and Bureau of Reclamation Imperial, California

The All American Canal Lining Project is a 23-mile-long water delivery project that will replace the unlined All American Canal with concretelined sides and bottom to increase water delivery to the cities of southern California. About 3.1 million acre-feet of Colorado River water is delivered annually through the All American Canal to 9 cities and 500,000 acres of agricultural lands throughout the Imperial Valley. Considered an engineering marvel, the 82-mile, gravity-flow canalbegins at Imperial Dam on the Colorado River 20 miles northeast of Yuma. The canal runs south and west, following the Mexican border much of the way. Crossing 14 miles of the Imperial Sand Dunes, the All American Canal ends in the southwest corner of the Imperial Irrigation District's delivery area. See other side for project area overview.

Construction Period

Active construction will last nearly 3 years, commencing in June 2007.

When Does Construction Start?

Active construction begins June 2007 with grading activities.

Construction Phases

The project will involve several phases of construction that will

- **Excavate and concrete-line a new channel**
- **Construct a new off-channel storage reservoir**
- **Tie the new channel into existing hydroelectric drop structures**
- **Restore the area after construction**

Goals for Public land Use

- **No loss of recreation area access**
- **No loss of authorized recreation uses**
- **No loss of existing recreational facilities**

Plans to Minimize Access and Use Issues

To facilitate construction and recreation during the project, a combination of construction scheduling, traffic management, and temporary changes in recreational access will be used. Visitors will be directed to locations where information and schedules are available. Because holiday visitation numbers are particularly high, the contractor will make provisions to provide full access to adjacent recreational areas during the 4-day Thanksgiving holiday, the Christmas to New Year's week (holidays inclusive), the Martin Luther King Day weekend, President's Day weekend, and from Good Friday through Easter Sunday. Construction traffic on the Herman Schneider, Jr. Memorial Bridge will be heavy and continuous during the project. The bridge and access through the construction area will be open to the public during weekends and holidays. During the workweek, the bridge will be closed. Buttercup Valley will be accessible using other access points along Gray's Well Road. Construction in the vicinity of the Coachella Canal will last 8 months. If work here occurs during the high visitation period, the contractor will maintain public access at this location. Throughout the project area, traffic control measures, including flagmen and temporary signs, may be used at these sites during high recreation visitation periods.

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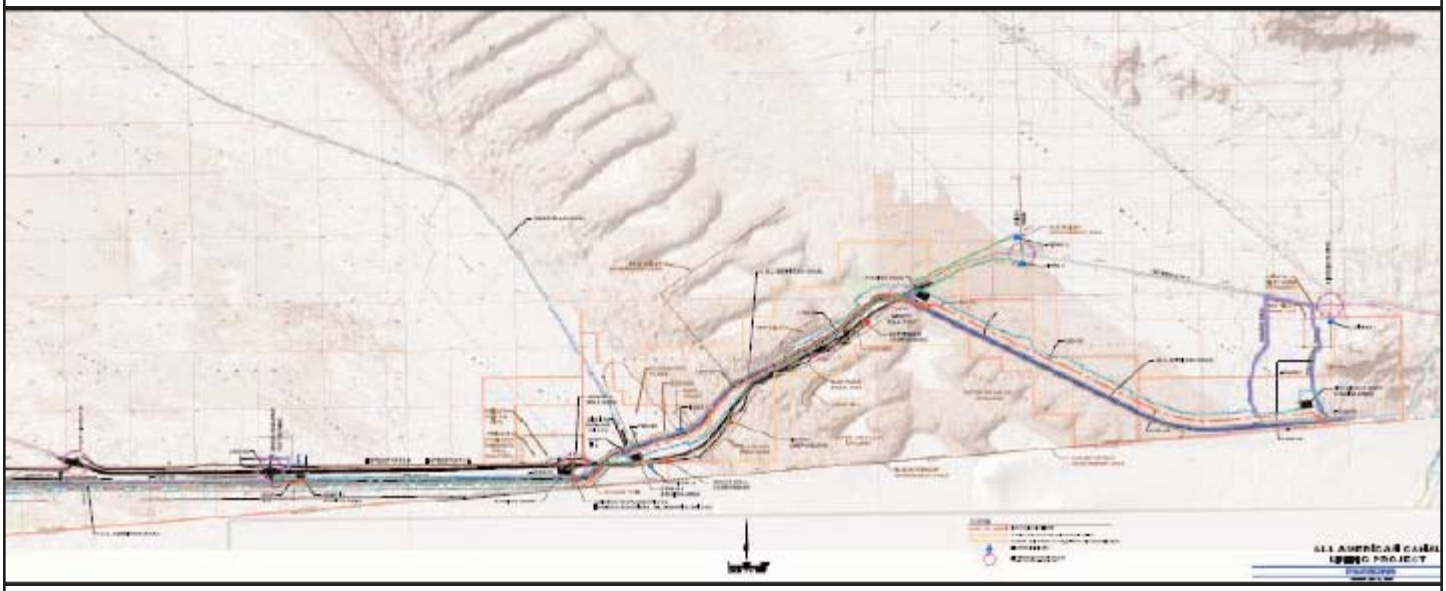
All American Canal Lining Project Area



What is Planned for Key Recreation Locations?

Management of construction activities will require coordination between the construction team and the public. Anticipated construction periods at popular recreation areas include:

- **Dune Buggy Flats East to Gray's Well Road, August 2008 to March 2010**
- **Test Hill, April 2008 to March 2010**
- **Coachella Canal Bridge, August 2008 to March 2010**
- **Gray's Well Road Interchange East to Sidewinder Road, April 2008 to February 2009**
- **Herman Schneider Bridge, June 2007 to April 2009**
- **South Sidewinder Road, June 2007 to March 2010**
- **Drop 1 West, June 2007 to April 2009**
- **Gray's Well Road South of I-8, no change**

Onsite Information Centers

Construction activities at the most popular areas such as Dune Buggy Flats, Test Hill, and other areas north of I-8 and the All American Canal and east of the Coachella Canal begin in the spring of 2008. Five self-serve kiosks will be installed and supplied with current project information, such as on-going construction activities, temporary road relocations, and contact information for additional details. These locations include (see map):

- **Sidewinder Road south of I-8 (Kiosk 1)**
- **Ogilby Road north and south I-8 (Kiosks 2 and 3)**
- **Eastside access to Herman Schneider Bridge (kiosk 4)**
- **Dune Buggy Flats area (Kiosk 5)**

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The Wilderness Train

Size Does Matter & Beware of Turtles

By Del & Stacie Albright, BlueRibbon Coalition

Imagine a huge diesel powered locomotive lumbering steadily down the railroad tracks with that big headlight beam pointed right in your eyes as you watch it coming closer and closer.You can feel the ground shaking from the sheer weight of this behemoth. This monster is the Wilderness train and it's coming to a town near you.

The designation of unnecessary and inappropriate Wilderness (by Congress [1]) is one of our biggest issues facing motorized and mechanized recreation in the next several years. This "train" is coming if we don't take some steps to stop it and it's a big one!

The Wilderness Train is rolling and we have to ask, are we getting on board? Are we jumping off? Are we stuck on the tracks waiting to get run over? Are we getting out of the way? Did we even buy a ticket for this ride? And hey, how do we divert this train to some other tracks?

Stacie and I attended a BlueRibbon staff meeting and this concept came up. Our attorney and proud BRC member, Paul Turcke coined the term in the meeting – Wilderness Train. After Paul described this train, Stacie said she felt like the damsel in distress, tied to the tracks, watching the monster bear down on her. But then again, she knew that BlueRibbon and several other great recreational organizations were fighting to stop this locomotive and that she would be saved!

Metaphors aside, we DO need to do some saving – and stopping of this train. If you don't want to get run over or "railroaded," then you'd best be doing some specific things to help stop this train.

Realize that the anti-access radical preservationists are trying to conjure up Wilderness designations where ever they can get them, from the oceans to the highest mountains. They could care less about the original 1964 Wilderness Act that made some sense.

Congress worded the 1964 Act to include some common sense and a real sense of wilderness. It talked about huge expanses of land (5000 acres or more), untrammeled by man, where the imprint of man's work is unnoticeable. That is not the case now.

Today's eco-wackos are talking about Wilderness in your town, in your backyard, and in your recreation area for sure. If you look at such things as The Wildlands Project [2] (explained here at: www.delalbright.com/Articles/wildlands.htm), you will read how they want to set aside half our country as Wilderness. They even go so far as to call this Turtle Island based on ancient Native American folklore and the great turtle or serpent-of-eternity[3] (Snyder, 1969, Turtle Island).

Many Wilderness advocates and supporters of the Wildlands Project are using the turtle as their symbol of choice. So beware of bumper stickers showing turtles with our entire continent emblazoned on their shell. This represents a return to the concept of Turtle Island. These people are funded with millions of dollars from anti-access Foundations and all they want to do is to lay claim to earth for its animals and not its people. And now the turtles are riding on trains. ?

This train is huge and moving fast – and with this big train and its inertia, size does matter because this one isn't easy to stop. So what do we do?

First, get in the right organizations that are doing something for land use and access like the BlueRibbon Coalition and your favorite sport-specific group, like the American Sand Association. Don't waste your money on groups or politicians that aren't helping us stop this train. Remember that "quacking like a duck ain't the same thing as flying like one" (says Del). So join up and get in the game. Start with BRC. Join everything you can afford to join after that (as long as they are helping us in the access struggles). Use the Internet or your trusted friends for advice on which clubs/groups to join.

Second, buy from businesses that are helping us. Skip the guys that are just out to make a buck off our recreation while not supporting the access battles. Ask them before you buy if they are members or supporters of land use/access organizations and trails. Check the web sites of your favorite club/group to see what businesses are helping out. Then buy.

Third, learn more about the access fight so you can be better prepared to help stop the train. Take a training course from Tread Lightly or NOHVCC or Del's RLTC course (www.delalbright.com/RLTC/rltc.htm). Read web sites that offer information to help you better understand just how serious are the turtles and trains (such as www.muirnet.net and www.sharetrails.org/public_Lands/).

Finally, if you are not in a position to attend meetings and get involved with clubs and organizations, then realize you can do your part by donating to the cause – donate to someone who has the time. Give to an organization that can fight for you. Large trains do not stop on a dime, so we need to start doing everything we can, now, to eventually stop this Wilderness Train!

[1] Only Congress can designate Wilderness.
[2] The Wildlands Project is a well-funded plan to return 50 percent of the North American continent to wild land or wilderness for the preservation of biological diversity.
[3] Turtle Island, by Gary Snyder, 1969; published in book form, 1974, A New Directions book.

The BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC) is a national recreation group that champions responsible use of public and private lands, and encourages individual environmental stewardship. It represents over 10,000 individual members and 1,100 organization and business members, for a combined total of over 600,000 recreationists nationwide. Call 1-800-258-3742 and visit BRC online at www.sharetrails.org

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Reno, NV – May 23, 2007: On Tuesday, April 24th, 2007, the voting committee for the Off-Road Motorsports Hall of Fame (ORMHOF) gathered to consider 2007 nominations for inductees into the Off-Road Motorsports Hall of Fame. ORMHOF is located in Gallery Four at the National Automobile Museum (The Harrah Collection) in Reno, Nevada. A group of 15 voting committee members consisting of previous inductees and representatives from the Four-Wheeling Community, Off-Road Racing Organizations, Rally Racing Sanctioning groups, Motorcycle Manufacturing and Off-Road Aftermarket Industries met for the entire day and voted to induct eight (8) new members to ORMHOF's Class of 2007.

Gilmon (Gil) George

This year's inductee to the Pioneer: Industry category is Rialto, California resident, Gil George. In 1967, Gil George began fabricating tube framed buggy chassis for the fledgling sport of off-road racing. He called his company Funco, short for "Fun Company". Over the course of the next 15 years, George's Funco chassis became the dominant force in desert racing, winning the coveted title of SCORE Chassis Manufacturer of the Year five times. Along the way Funco introduced innovations for buggies such as long travel rear suspensions, the first independent rear suspension, the first disc brake systems and the development of the "Char-Lynn' power steering system for buggies. In the early 90's Gil partnered with son Grant to create the "Big 5" Buggy, which is one of the best handling vehicles in the sand car market, today. A true family business, there are three generations of the George family in the shop every day working with Gil on what has become the entire family passion. For Gil, it has never been about the money. Whether he is in the shop welding, at home with a scratch pad designing a new steering box or chassis, or out playing in the dunes with the family, he is always thinking about how to make off-road machines faster, better or safer.

Other inductee's were:

Advocate category, Edo Ansaloni, Recreation (Four Wheeling) category, Bill Bryan, Competition: Off-Road Racing category, Dick Landfield, Competition: Off-Road Racing category, Walt Lott, Pioneer: Journalism Category, Sue Meadand, Competition: Off-Road Racing Category, Frank Vessels, and Competition: Off-Road Racing Category Mickey Thompson.

Read about all these inductee's on the Off Road Hall of Fame website: www.ormhof.org

The ASA would like to congradulate Gil George and all the other inductee's into the Off Road Hall of Fame. Funco Motorsports presented the ASA with its first giveaway raffle car back in 2001 and continues to help today in our mission to protect our family recreation.

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