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BLM will NOT Remove the Dumpsters at the Imperial Sand Dunes at this time

In a September 18, 2008 BLM news release, District Manager Steve Borchard said, "With costs rising and available funding declining, trash collection simply became a luxury we could no longer afford for our visitors." He continued, "We want to provide a safe, quality recreation experience, so we're asking our visitors to take home their trash so our available funding can be used elsewhere in the Dunes."

In a January 12, 2009 letter (see page 8 of this newsletter) to the Imperial County Supervisors the ASA suggested that this was a "band aid" solution to a long term funding shortfall at the dunes. Using these funds to bail out BLM only delays the inevitable BLM "Pack it Home" policy. ASA encouraged the agencies to use the funds for litter education and enforcement of litter laws.

On January 13, 2009 the Imperial County Board of Supervisors approved up to $150,000 to extend the ISDRA trash service until the end of the season on May 30, 2009. These funds were made available by the California OHV License Fee program. According to Imperial County Board of Supervisors Chairman Wally Leimgruber this is a one-time fix. Funding for subsequent years must come from BLM resources.

Our best information at this time informs us there may not be dumpsters available next season. The ASA encourages all dune users to get used to packing it home. Enforcement of existing litter laws will continue this season and we all need to adjust our ways of thinking about trash. Start by thinking about where your trash is stored in camp. Keep your trash in secure containers that will not open up during strong winds. If possible keep your trash inside your motor home or trailer. Don't leave trash laying around your campsite. Remember that once it hits the ground it is trash. A clean, trash free campsite shows we care about the environment. It shows we are responsible citizens of the ISDRA.

Why pay twice for trash service, once at home and again as part of your permit fee? Why not use this money to improve access roads in the Wash Road and the Gordon's Well areas.

Be prepared for next season and watch for the latest developments. A great benefit of being an ASA member is having a source of information available to you about what is happening with our sport. Knowledge is power and we all want more power. If you are not a member of the American Sand Association your free membership is now waiting for you at: www.americansandassociation.org

Join today, you will be glad you did.

"Pack It Home"

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President's Report

By Bob Mason

"LET'S GET PREPARED"

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) published a draft of the Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP) for the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA) in May of 2003. Judge Ilston sent the 2003 draft back to BLM with instructions to reassess several aspects of the RAMP. BLM will republish the RAMP in March or April of 2009.

What is the RAMP? It becomes the "Bible", or handbook, used by BLM to manage the ISDRA while fulfilling their assigned responsibilities under various federal laws. This is the document that directs future managers' actions for years, if not decades, to come.

Why is the RAMP important to the ISDRA visitors? The RAMP will determine (1) where you can or cannot ride, (2) where your fees will be spent, (3) what facilities will be developed, i.e.,alternate Wash Road access, (4) the level of law enforcement, (5) may set capacity limits and propose reservation systems, etc.

When the draft RAMP is released in March or April you will have 90 days to provide your comments. Public meetings will be scheduled. Your written comments will be important and will be considered.

How can you prepare? Start now by reviewing the 2003 RAMP and the comments submitted by the ASA and the coalition of OHV organizations. You can view this information at:

http://www.americansandassociation.org/pages.php?pageid=16

2003 Draft RAMP -- ASA Comments -- OHV Coalition Comments

Why do you need to know about this document? Once it is written and placed into effect, further changes to it are all but impossible. We can not get major changes instituted until the next revision which will be years at best.

Those in opposition to our chosen form of family recreation will be prepared and will make a huge effort to influence this document: this consistently happens. Doing nothing allows them to have an unbalanced amount of influence. We must make our voices heard in order for the BLM to produce a balanced document. Your participation is vital to this effort. If there is a single-most important action that we must take, this is it.

We understand that your time is valuable and that you may be waiting for your effort to have the most impact - this is that opportunity.

Please plan to attend one of several ASA RAMP information meetings - you will get all the facts, directions for making useful comments, and be able to ask questions. We will alert you as the meetings are scheduled.

We can't do it without you.

As Always, thanks for your support,

President

Chairman's Message

By Bill Jones

How can you influence the management of the Imperial Sand Dune Recreation Area (Glamis and the South Dunes) for the next ten to fifteen years?

In the coming months the ASA will be mobilizing to respond to the comment period for the new Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP) comment period. This is the most important event for anyone who cares about the ISDRA. The comments received by the BLM will be used in creating the final RAMP. Preparing for this opportunity will be a monumental task. The ASA will be having what we call RAMP Camp to help everyone prepare their comments to be the most effective. These camps will be staged throughout California and Arizona. We need you! The ASA is asking everyone to help volunteer and attend these meetings. We will need help with the logistics of the meetings themselves. Volunteers to help with obtaining meeting locations, printing announcements and distributing the announcements, supplying food and beverages for the meetings, helping with set up and tear down for the meetings. And many more tasks.

Above all we need <u>each and every person</u> to write and submit comments to the BLM.

Watch for announcements of these meetings and plan to attend one of them. We will let you know how to submit your comments.

There is a lot to do and we need everyone to help. This is no time to sit back and let someone else do the work for you.

It is time for the off road community to stand strong together and make a difference. We can do this! Join us and fight for your rights.

Chairman of the Board

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), American Motorcycle Associaton (AMA District 37) 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 $180,000 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.

Ride The Sand Not The Rails

Safety issues in the Glamis area arise, Union Pacific builds sand fence to address concerns.

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Sand and Off Highway Vehicles (OHVs) may go hand in hand, however those same recreational vehicles if mixed with railroad tracks can be an equation for disaster. Every year, more than 1,800 people in the United States are killed or injured on or near railroad tracks. The recent fatalities in the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area are a sad reminder that tracks are for trains not people.

This season, while families are enjoying the recreation area, Union Pacific is reminding everyone to avoid railroad property for their own safety.

"As sand enthusiast are heading outdoors, we want to remind them that walking or driving on or near railroad tracks is extremely dangerous because you never know when a train will come along," said Dennis Jenson, assistant vice president-chief of police.

"It can take a mile or more to stop a train and by the time a locomotive engineer sees you on the track, it would be too late," said Dale Bray, director – public safety.

"Locomotives and rail cars overhang the tracks by at least three feet on either side of the rail and loose straps hanging from rail cars may extend even further. If you are next to the tracks, you can be hit by the locomotive, a rail car or anything that may be hanging loose from the car," added Bray.

Another safety issue is excessive sand being deposited on the tracks. This has led Union Pacific to build a sand fence on their property.

"Although sand doesn't seem like it should be a big issue, in recent years we have noticed that sand has caused increased track degradation, which can lead to an unstable track, " said David Wickersham, chief engineer – western region.

Union Pacific has worked closely with Bureau of Land Management to make sure that access is not severally impacted for enthusiasts. Also, special attention has been taken to protect the local wildlife. The fence will leave natural gaps for the Desert Tortoise to migrate naturally throughout its habitat.

In an effort to educate the public about pedestrian and grade crossing safety, Union Pacific works closely with Operation Lifesaver.

Operation Lifesaver is a national, nonprofit education and awareness program dedicated to ending tragic collisions, fatalities and injuries at highway-rail grade crossings and on railroad tracks. To accomplish its mission, Operation Lifesaver promotes education, enforcement and engineering. More information about Operation Lifesaver can be found at www.oli.org

Do not become a railroad statistic; stay away from railroad tracks.

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Is Your ASA License Plate Holder Still Legal in AZ?

We have two new AZ laws. One will affect AZ members who proudly display their ASA Supporting Member license plate frame. We have been informed that they may not be legal as of 1/1/09 if they cover up the "ARIZONA" at the top of the plate. Please take a look at your license plate frame and make whatever adjustments are necessary to assure that you meet the new AZ law.

Good

Bad

License Plate Holder Law - State Law* requires that the state name at the top of Arizona license plates must be visible. Any license plate holder or cover that prevents the license plate from being clearly legible, is in violation of this new law.
Effective January 01, 2009 *A.R.S. 28-2354(B.)

During the past few weeks, there has been considerable info published in the media and on several web sites. The following info relating to the Imperial Sand Dunes has been acquired directly from the agencies involved.

The CA Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division has indicated that the following criteria will be in effect at the Imperial Sand Dunes until 7/1/09. All law enforcement agencies at the Imperial Sand Dunes are expected to adhere to the following three criteria. Your vehicle must meet one of the following:

Registered as a highway vehicle (CA or any other state)
Off-Highway registration or identification (CA or any other state)
Vehicle owned by a resident of another state and has a CA non-resident permit

Additional info:
Go to http://www.servicearizona.com/ on 1/1/09 to register your OHV and to buy your AZ OHV decal.
Visit http://www.azgfd.gov/outdoor_recreation/ohvFAQ.shtml to learn more about the new AZ OHV law.
Be sure to carry your AZ registration papers in the vehicle as proof of ownership. Also be sure the vehicle has a VIN on it that matches the registration.
AZ titled golf carts with an AZ "MC" plate will meet criteria #1 above and do not need a CA non-resident OHV permit.
AZ sand buggies weighing more than 1,800 lbs. are not eligible to purchase the AZ OHV decal and therefore must have a CA non-resident OHV permit to operate at the Imperial Sand Dunes.
All AZ OHV's weighing less than 1,800 (Buggies, Quads, Side by Sides, two wheel cycles, three wheel ATV's, ect) are eligible to buy an AZ OHV decal for $25 at the AZ Motor Vehicle Division. The AZ OHV decal will be accepted in lieu of purchasing a CA non-resident OHV permit.
AZ will continue to have two OHV plates. "MC" plates for street legal OHV's and "RV" plates for OHV's limited to off-road use.
The OHV decal may be purchased for either of these plates. See http://www.azgfd.gov/outdoor_recreation/ohvFAQ.shtml to learn more. Both AZ laws went into effect on 1/1/09.

Did you know?

The Ted Kipf road to Bordmanville according to the ICSO, as Wheeler and Pane Roads in the Superstitions, are county maintained/improved roads by the Public Works Department of Imperial County. This means that Off Road traffic is permitted to be on the road only when crossing at a 90-degree angle and is not permitted to drive down this road. Any vehicle that is not street-legal navigating this road is subject to a citation from a Deputy/Officer/Ranger.

While much of Gecko Road is designated as 35MPH there is a section near the Cahuilla Ranger Station, that is designated as 15MPH. Law Enforcement have been enforcing this speed limit and tickets have been issued to violators recently.

H & H Trailers Adds to the ASA Annual Give A Way

Thanks to H & H Trailers of Kingman, AZ (www.hhtrailer.com) the lucky winner of the ASA Raffle Car will pull it home on an aluminum tilt bed trailer.

The trailer is 20 feet long and a full 102 inches wide. The trailer's hydraulic tilt system makes it a simple task to load the car. An electric wench has been added to make it easy to load. The H &H crew fabricated an easy to erect, stand for the displaying banner. Look for the car and trailer on display around the dunes and at other sand sports events.

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Friends of Oceano Dunes needs your financial support NOW!

by Jim Suty, President

The Sierra Club recently sent a financial request letter to its members stating "we press onward to remove the vehicles from the beach as our end goal, and mark the first downs at each push forward. I believe we will get there - all the way - but the steps are incremental and the necessity for continual pressure is certain."

The Oceano Dunes are being attacked legally on many fronts. The Sierra Club is currently suing State Parks to take away 1/3 of our riding and camping area. These Anti-OHVers dug up a very old map and claim that over 600 acres of the park should be buffer area - no riding or camping. In addition, another national radical legal organization, Center for Biological Diversity (CBD), with their unlimited funds, have started attacking by filing lawsuits to stop all events at the Oceano Dunes. Each suit has required FoOD to fight it with their attorney. The most recent is that the CBD is suing to overturn the previous FoOD led decision that the riding and camping areas were not Critical Habitat for the Western Snowy Plover. So we have yet another expensive legal battle to stop them!

These are only a few of the critical legal issues that require expensive attorney time to fight. Add to that a new endangered thistle, endangered steel head, red legged frogs, particulate contamination on neighbors, and on and on. Although FoOD has an amazing attorney, our legal costs have become overwhelming - we just can't fight all battles at one time without your help! When we have to start deciding WHICH battles to fight we CAN'T protect for "Access for All". We can't keep "Pismo" open without YOUR HELP NOW! Please make your tax-deductible donation TODAY!

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January 12, 2009

Wally Leimgruber Chairman
Imperial County Board of Supervisors
940 W Main St, Suite 209
El Centro, CA 92243-2871

Dear Chairman Leimgruber,

The American Sand Association appreciates your effort to identify possible ways to continue trash disposal service at the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA) for the remainder of the dune season. The willingness of Imperial County to appropriate funds up to $150,000 from the Off-Highway License Fee restricted account is a "band aid" solution to a long term funding short fall at the ISDRA.

This "eleventh hour" solution may not be in the best interest of all of the stakeholders. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), United Desert Gateway (UDG) and the ASA have embarked on a "Pack it Home" outreach program. Signs have been posted, flyers have been distributed and litter law enforcement has been given a high priority. Responsible ISDRA visitors have responded favorably to the need to deal with ever increasing cost of ISDRA visitor services. With the foregoing in mind, it may be more appropriate to use the OHV License Fee funds to provide additional litter education and law enforcement by the Imperial County Sheriff's Office. Using these funds to bail out BLM and delay the inevitable BLM "Pack it Home" policy may not be the "Right Thing" to do.

The use of funds allocated to the County by the California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division (OHMVR) for the ISDRA trash service begs for the answer to additional questions:

• What other Imperial County OHV program will be deprived of these funds?

• What other OHV areas will be shortchanged to bail out the BLM at ISDRA?

The ASA does not object to the use of California OHV funds being used at the ISDRA if the funds are used for the designated purpose. Long term solutions for the ISDRA trash issue should be coordinated with the BLM and ISDRA stakeholders including representatives of the County and local communities. Consideration of a future OHMVR grant for ISDRA trash service is an option. However, funding trash service contracts with state OHMVR funds is not a secure long term funding source. It would be better to pay for visitor services with ISDRA visitor's fees and use OHMVR grant funds for visitor improvements. This way a decrease in the availability of OHMVR funds will not generate a similar future fiscal crisis.

The ASA cannot support the use of the OHV License Fee funds to delay the ISDRA visitors doing the "Right Thing." Packing their trash home. We are particularly concerned that the Board of Supervisors would take this action without seeing a comprehensive revenue and expense statement provided by BLM. Allocating these funds to the BLM simply reinforces the prevailing "Crisis Management" and the lack of advance planning by the BLM El Centro Field Office.

Looking ahead we encourage you to continue your effort to coordinate an ongoing dialog with the BLM and the ISDRA stakeholders and to identify a long term solution that can be embraced by everyone.

Sincerely,

Bill Jones, Chairman

VOLUNTEERS, JON PERGL AND SCOTT SWENKA, APPOINTED TO NEW POSITIONS WITHIN THE ASA

Two longtime volunteers with the American Sand Association (ASA), Jon Pergl and Scott Swenka, have recently been appointed to new positions within the organization. Jon Pergl will now assume the responsibility of Chairman for the ASA Raffle Committee, and Scott Swenka has become the newest member to join the Board of Directors.

Jon Pergl began riding in the sand behind Echo Lodge, at the Colorado River, when he was just 10 years old. It was a very small area but he loved the sand. As he grew up he rode dirt bikes when he wasn't racing BMX. In 1994, Jon's friend brought him to Glamis for the first time. Then, in 1999 the same friend told him about a DAC meeting in Barstow that was a must to attend. That's where he learned of the troubles facing the riding area he had grown to love. It was also where he first learned of the ASA and became involved with the organization.

Through an off-road social club, Jon began helping the ASA in most any way he was asked. In 2005, Jon was snatched up directly by an ASA membership committee member and appointed the position of "Flyer in the Dunes" committee, where he volunteered above and beyond the work he was doing jointly within his social club. One day, The Event's Chair tapped him to head up a booth at the Pomona Off Road Expo. It was the best time he ever had outside the dunes. All the people from the dunes were at the show. There were toys to look at, and great people all around. Jon also headed up the Dirt & Sand Expo at the Ontario Convention Center. In 2007, he accepted the new position of California Events Chair, and he also joined the SSSS Committee in 2008.

Scott Swenka moved to Arizona, from Iowa, in 1996 and has been a avid off-roader since. Scott began duning around 1998, and got heavily involved with the ASA in 2004. He was asked to be the Chairman of the Checkered Flag Program in late 2004. Then, in 2005, he became the webmaster for the ASA. Scott is a key player in the technology and security used by the ASA. In December of 2008, Scott was voted in as the newest member of the ASA Board of Directors . In addition, Scott received nominations for the JRS Award in both 2006 and 2007. He also created and organized each of the annual Orangewood RV Pound Sand shows which take place in Arizona.

Scott is a full time I/T Security Consultant for Banner Health. He holds a degree for both a Masters of Science and Bachelors of Science, and he is a certified NSA-IAM/IEM consultant with a NOMAN certification. Scott has more than 1,000 hours of professional technical training, and 15 years of experience in the information security field. On a part time basis, Scott is a pyrotechnician for Fireworks Productions of Arizona, where he works on various professional fireworks displays around the valley. In his spare time, Scott works on his Tatum Sand Car and Polaris Outlaw ATV. He is also very much into home theaters, car audio systems, and anything electronic related.

Bill Jones, Chairman of the ASA Board of Directors, stated "We are proud to have both of these individuals take on a deeper level of commitment within the ASA. Scott and Jon have both been volunteers with the ASA in different capacities with varying degrees of responsibilities for many years, which range from organizing special events to supporting the organization with fund raising programs. So, we anticipate many benefits for the ASA as a whole by having them more involved with the organization."

Johnson Valley

This is the area that the Marines are proposing to acquire for the expansion of the 29 Palms Marine base. Currently Johnson Valley OHV Area is 189,000 acres and a major destination recreation area for motorized use. It is also the largest open OHV area in the country.

The next Desert Advisory Council (DAC) meeting will be held in Barstow CA on March 20th and 21st, 2009. This meeting will include a tour of Johnson Valley on Friday the 20th. This tour is intended to acquaint the DAC members with the recreation opportunities that are available in the Johnson Valley area.

The public is invited to attend this tour but should be prepared to provide their own transportation and lunch for the tour.

Details of where the tour will start and the Saturday meeting will be held are available on the DAC informational web site at:

http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/rac/dac.html

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Polaris Ranger used in Botched Attempt to Smuggle Drugs

Monday, December 22, 2008

Yuma, Ariz. - Yuma Sector agents arrested drug smugglers posing as off-road enthusiasts, Sunday afternoon. About 3 p.m., Border Patrol agents patrolling the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area noticed two individuals on the Mexican side of the international boundary fence scouting out the immediate area. Later agents observed a Polaris Ranger off-road vehicle, on the U.S. side of the fence, drive to meet up with the two scouts. The scouts threw four bundles of marijuana over the fence to the driver of the vehicle; the driver placed the bundles into the back of the Polaris Ranger.

Agents maintained constant surveillance of the vehicle as it drove north to the Midway Campground and stopped at a motor home parked at the campsite. The driver exited the vehicle, entered the motor home briefly, then exited and resumed driving the Polaris Ranger – at this point Border Patrol agents stopped the driver, arrested him and seized the marijuana.

Border Patrol agents and a detection K-9 searched the motor home for other illicit narcotics but were unable to locate any. Agents discovered a male and female occupant with extensive criminal history involving narcotics in the motor home; Jonathan Berry and Jeannine Landreneaux. Landreneaux's records checks also revealed an active warrant for her arrest for narcotics originating from California. The driver of the vehicle, Russell Carter, also had extensive criminal history involving narcotics. The marijuana weighed 93 pounds with an estimated value of $74,000 and was turned over to the Imperial County Sheriff's Office. Carter and Landreneaux were taken into custody by ICSO. The Polaris Ranger was seized by ICSO. The general public is reminded to observe a 100-foot enforcement zone from the international boundary fence in order to avoid hazardous and sometimes violent illegal cross-border activity, and to allow to Border Patrol to conduct operations within the area. U.S. Customs and Border Protection is the unified border agency within the Department of Homeland Security charged with the management, control and protection of our nation's borders at and between the official ports of entry. CBP is charged with keeping terrorists and terrorist weapons out of the country while enforcing hundreds of U.S. laws.

Story from www.utvguide.net

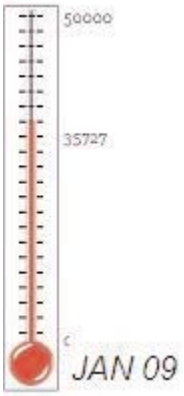
Border Fence Update

Many people visiting the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreational Area (ISDRA) this year will be surprised to find a new structure designed to enhance their safety and to address the illegal smuggling and crossings so prevalent in the past: the International Boundary fence.

Designed to minimize and deter illegal cross-border activity, the fence will provide an unprecedented amount of safety not previously available when there was no physical delineation of the boundary. In addition, off-road enthusiasts will be highly unlikely to make any inadvertent unauthorized and illegal incursions into Mexico and back into the U.S.

To address the problem of the ever shifting dunes, fencing in the ISDRA area has been designed to "float" thereby allowing the Border Patrol to adjust its height in accordance with the dunes. Fencing in this area will be completed in December 2008. Enthusiasts are reminded to stay at least 100 feet away from the fence to allow the Border Patrol to conduct enforcement operations in the area and to minimize members of the public from susceptible to cross-border violence.

>>> MEMBERSHIP NEWS <<<



With the ISDRA RAMP Comments information coming soon, please make sure we have your current contact information and your email address. Please look at the back page and if you see a "#" in front of your first name then WE DON'T HAVE A VALID EMAIL ADDRESS FOR YOU. This is a very simple correction on your part, just send an email to: membership@asasand.org and provide your name and mailing address and we will take care of the rest.

Again I would like to thank all those that support the ASA each and every year. A Supporting Membership is the next step in your commitment to helping the all volunteer organization each year. Please consider joining those names below in the fight.

Thanks again 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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