California Statewide Motorized Recreation Action Plan

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Introduction

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) completed a National Management Strategy for Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use on Public Lands in 2001. This document provided guidance to BLM field offices using input from various interest groups and individuals and provided techniques on how to address motorized recreation use. It also addressed multiple OHV-specific issues, identified subsequent management goals, and established action items to address these emerging issues.

Although BLM still utilizes the 2001 Strategy, trail design, construction, and maintenance techniques have evolved significantly over the past two decades, in reaction to rapidly evolving OHV technology and increasing ridership. The BLM has attempted to keep up with these changes while simultaneously managing for potential impacts and providing high-quality visitor opportunities and experiences. However, when BLM generally relies only on that outdated guidance, it often fails to include experience and outcome-based trail design guidelines for motorized recreation. In response to this, BLM now works more closely with the communities we serve, and our national, state and local partners to establish sustainable motorized recreation management guidelines based on desired visitor experiences, landscapes, trail types, and difficulty levels.

In 2023, the BLM released an updated National Recreation Strategy: The Bureau of Land Management's Blueprint for 21st Century Outdoor Recreation. This document compliments BLM's previous 2020 Strategy - Connecting with Communities. These strategies further develop BLM's successful recreation and visitor services program and provide effective tools for creating and enhancing various partnerships and establishing closer ties with communities.

In 2015, the BLM collaborated with the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) to develop and release a National Motorized Recreation Action Plan. This plan stated that BLM would work to develop Motorized Recreation Action Plans for each state where the agency has significant management responsibilities. Thus far, Action Plans have been completed for Montana, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon/Washington, Colorado, Idaho, and now California.

To accomplish the objectives provided in the National Motorized Recreation Action Plan, the BLM partnered with NOHVCC to create individual, state-by-state action plans through a community driven process, where enthusiasts can participate in an open forum. This unique approach provides a platform for candid discussion allowing the OHV community the ability to share ideas on how the BLM can enhance recreational experiences. The objectives of this process include achieving a greater understanding of existing and potential OHV opportunities, identifying priorities from enthusiasts, discussing methods to accomplish these goals by leveraging resources, and further developing inter-agency and community relationships through communication and action.

Motorized Recreation on Public Lands in California

California ranks highest in the nation when it comes to outdoor recreation expenditures. According to the Outdoor Industry Association (OIA) outdoor recreation contributes an estimated \$54.7 billion (about \$170 per person in the US) annually to California's economy. Outdoor recreation accounts for 517,000 jobs in California with the most jobs found in RVing, boating, and ATV/Motorcycling.

Action Plan for Motorized Recreation on Public Lands in California

Purpose

This BLM California Statewide Motorized Recreation Action Plan will build on, and complement, the direction that was identified in the 2001 BLM National Motorized OHV Strategy, the 2015 BLM National Motorized Recreation Action Plan, the 2020 BLM National Recreation Strategy, and the 2023 Blueprint for 21st Century Outdoor Recreation. It will accomplish this by providing state-level, community-driven, direction to better plan for, and manage, motorized recreation uses on BLM-managed lands in California.

Goals

The goals of the BLM California Motorized Recreation Action Plan are to:

- Strategically leverage partners, community and state/local government resources
- Improve agency capacity and expertise
- Improve communication with the recreating public (provide accurate maps, web information, signs, etc.)

Process

To develop a Motorized Recreation Report for California, this project was divided into several phases:

- Phase I: Interview land managers and recreation planners in each Field Office across the state. Conduct research and compile information regarding current OHV riding areas, facilities, trail infrastructure, and any other relevant information.
- Phase II: Facilitate ten in-person and online public listening sessions across California
 - Engage OHV enthusiasts in an open dialogue to address five specific questions on riding location, types of OHVs used to participate in activity, identify potential/new locations, improvements that need to be made to enhance rider experience. Gather all comments and feedback from participants then have the group prioritize their top three recommendations.
- Phase III: Compile comments and feedback, and develop tables to display acreages, OHV riding areas and current infrastructure.
- Phase IV: Develop final report to convey the priorities as outlined by the enthusiasts that recreate in California, summarize priorities, and make final recommendations for the Action Plan.

Recommendations

As a result of the information gathered during the listening sessions, NOHVCC provided the following recommendations to better manage public motorized recreation on BLM-managed lands in California:

- 1. Work with clubs, associations, and promoters to streamline and simplify the Special Recreation Permit (SRP) process. Although these discussions are ongoing, there are still public concerns and frustrations. Continue to work on improving the process.
- 2. Improve access and camping opportunities at Cow Mountain. Discussions around this topic have been on-going for many years, but it is still a high priority for enthusiasts. Cow Mountain is a beautiful area with great riding opportunities, but poor access is the greatest limiting factor.
- 3. Provide increased educational and enforcement presence across the State. This concern was stated at each of the listening sessions. Enforcement funds and personnel are limited, and thus BLM should utilize recreational staff and volunteers to increase visibility. Consider additional OHV ambassador programs or incorporate educational programs into existing adopt-a-trail program or Friends Groups.
- 4. Investigate opportunities for additional long-distance trails that connect existing OHV opportunities. Overlanding, dual-sport, and destination riding continue to grow in popularity and these long-distance trails would be well received by the public. Destination rides can also alleviate pressure on local trails.
- 5. Utilize Chappie Shasta and Imperial Sand Dunes as positive examples of how BLM OHV trail systems and areas can be managed. These areas exhibit not only excellent riding opportunities, but also fantastic examples of BLM staff working cooperatively with local recreation enthusiasts. Sky Zaffarano (Redding Field Office) and Neil Hamada (El Centro Field Office) are just two examples out of the many BLM staff members in California that have great working relationships with the user public.

California Priority Motorized Recreation Areas and Action Items

High quality recreational outcomes are dependent on well-planned trail systems, adequate facilities, and the ability to adapt to emerging technologies and information. Through public and agency input, a list of BLM areas in California where motorized recreation is being actively managed was created. These areas and suggested action items are depicted in Table 1 (see below).

Table 1. Action Items for Existing/Priority Motorized Recreation Areas on BLM Managed Lands in California

BLM District/Field Office OHV Area Designations (Acres)	BLM Area Name/Acres Travel Route Designations (Miles)	Allowable OHV Uses	Existing Facilities	Action Plan Items Resource Management Plan (RMP) Conformance Travel Management Plan (TMP) Conformance
Northern California District Eagle Lake Field Office Open: Unknown Limited: 46,813 Closed: Unknown Total Acres: 65,000	Dry Valley OHV Area Open: 0 Limited: 120 miles Closed: 0 miles	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4x4s	Turn of the Road Trailhead 3 tables, 1 BBQ, 1 loading ramp, 1 entrance sign, 1 kiosk Mission Wells Trailhead 5 tables, 1 BBQ and 3 fire rings, 1 loading ramp, 1 double vault toilet, 1 entrance sign, 1 kiosk Flannigan Parking area none	Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): • N/A Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion) • Create friends group • Design and construct connector routes • Explore funding opportunities for development of trail maintenance program • Install 6 fire rings • Install 9 BBQs • Install 9 bBQs • Install 6 picnic tables • Install 4-8 shade structures • Install Safety Obstacle Course • Install signing at the No Shooting Area to prevent target practice/hunting (Mission Wells Trailhead) • Update and refresh route markers/signs as needed • Improve and gravel Dry Valley Road > Do Action Items Conform to RMP? Yes > Do Action Items Conform to TMP? No

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Northern California District Eagle Lake Field Office Open: 0 Limited: 50,100 Closed: 0 Total Acres: 50,100	Fort Sage OHV Area Open: N/A Limited: 120 miles Closed: N/A	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4x4s	Fort Sage Trailhead 8 tables, 8 BBQs and 8 fire rings, 1 loading ramp, 1 single vault toilet, 1 entrance sign Diamondback Trailhead 5 tables, 5 BBQs and 5 fire rings, 1 loading ramp, 1 single vault toilet, 1 kiosk, 1 entrance sign Raptor Trailhead 7 tables, 7 BBQs and 7 fire rings, 1 double vault toilet, 1 kiosk, 1 entrance sign Land of David Parking area 1 kiosk, 1 table, 1 entrance sign Widowmaker Trailhead 6 tables, BBQ's and fire rings; 1 shade structure, 1 loading ramp, 1 kiosk, 1 entrance sign	 Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): Reevaluate the Pinnacles and Wildhorse Trails for potential OHV use Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion) Organize volunteer efforts Add area map to Avena App Design and construct trail connectors Widen the David Parking Area Install Vault Toilet at Widowmaker Trailhead Install 15 shade structures Install loading ramp at Raptor Trailhead Install safety obstacle course at Raptor and Widowmaker Trailhead Install kids track at Raptor and Widowmaker Trailhead Install kids track at Raptor and Widowmaker Trailhead Refresh and update route difficulty markers and signs as needed Continue to educate users about the need to rehab social/non-designated trails Improve Widowmaker Trailhead Road > Do Action Items Conform to RMP? Yes > Do Action Items Conform to TMP? No

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Northern California District Eagle Lake Field Office Open: 0 acres Limited: 330,000 acres Closed: 0 Total Acres: 330,000 acres	Eagle Lake Field Office WSA Open: 0 Limited: Unknown Closed: 0	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4X4s	N Rice Canyon 6 tables, 4 BBQs, 1 loading ramp, 1 entrance sign, 3 kiosks, 2 shade structures, kids track, rock obstacles, 1 double vault toilet	Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): N/A Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion) Continue to install boundary signs Prevent development of illegal/social trails and intrusions Maintain cherry stem roads outside of the WSA >Do Action Items Conform to RMP? Yes >Do Action Items Conform to TMP? Yes
Northern California District Eagle Lake Field Office Open: 120 acres Limited: 0 acres Closed: 0 Total Acres: 120 acres	Rice Canyon Open OHV Area Open: N/A Limited: N/A Closed: N/A	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4X4s	N Rice Canyon 6 tables, 4 BBQs, 1 loading ramp, 1 entrance sign, 3 kiosks, 2 shade structures, kids track, rock obstacles, 1 double vault toilet	 <u>Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion):</u> N/A <u>Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion)</u> Construct several connector trails and UTV routes to connect to the rest of the SRMA from the open play area Install 1-2 picnic tables Install 3 shade structures Build a larger adult track and have obstacles, need volunteer/partner for upkeep and maintenance Install signing at the No Shooting Area to prevent target practice. Update and refresh route difficulty markers and signs as needed >Do Action Items Conform to RMP? Yes >Do Action Items Conform to TMP? No

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Northern California District Eagle Lake Field Office Open: Unknown Limited: Unknown Closed: Unknown Total Acres: Unknown	Field Office Open OHV Areas Open: N/A Limited: N/A Closed: N/A	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4X4s	No existing facilities	Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): N/A Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion Continue to manage for open opportunities Explore potential development of areas as use increases >Do Action Items Conform to RMP? Yes >Do Action Items Conform to TMP? Yes
Northern California District Arcata Field Office Open: 200 acres Limited: 0 acres Closed: 0 acres Total Acres: 200	Samoa Dunes Open: N/A Limited: N/A Closed: N/A	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4X4s Open 1 hour after sunrise to 1 hour before sunset, no riding on roads, closed wetlands area, closed special native plant area, nesting area for Western Snowy Clover, historically significant areas around bunkers	3 staging areas, training area, on-site host, loading ramp, 2 kiosks, maps, viewing platform, picnic tables, BBQs, drinking fountain, 2 vault toilets, rock crawl area, tot-lot, beach access	Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): N/A Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion) • Explore possibility of installing hard pack track • Explore possibility of utilizing Little Dann Area for expanded OHV access >Do Action Items Conform to RMP? Yes >Do Action Items Conform to TMP? No

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Northern California District Redding Field Office Open: 0 acres Limited: 50,000 Closed: 0 Total Acres: 50,000 (30,000 BLM, 20,000 Private)	Chappie-Shasta OHV Area Open: 0 Limited: 200 miles Closed: 0	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4X4s	1 campground (27 developed sites), 1 primitive campground, 4 staging areas, 7 vault toilets, 5 shade structures, kiosks, picnic tables, reservation-based group camp,	Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): N/A Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion) Add map to Avenza App Install picnic tables Install loading ramp at group campground Create trail maintenance program Continue to expand 4x4/full size vehicle opportunities >Do Action Items Conform to RMP? Yes >Do Action Items Conform to TMP? Yes
Northern California District Applegate Field Office Open: 80 acres Limited: 260 acres Closed: 0 Total Acres: 340 acres	Alturas (Cinder Cone, Barnes Grade/Crowder Flat) Open: N/A Limited N/A Closed N/A	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4X4s Seasonally Closed 11/15-4/15	1 parking area Kiosk and picnic table	Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): N/A Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion) Add map to Avena App Create Friends Group for Cinder Cone Organize volunteer efforts Update kiosks throughout Field Office Install fiberglass markers at non-designated routes throughout field office >Do Action Items Conform to RMP? Yes >Do Action Items Conform to TMP? Yes

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Northern California District Applegate Field Office	Cedarville (Wall Canyon, Sheldon Contiguous, Massacre Rim)	Open to motorcycles, ATVS, ROVs, & 4x4s, Motorized travel is limited	None	Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): N/A Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion)
Open: 0 Limited: 1,208,650 Closed: 0 Total Acres: 1,208,650	Open: 46.5 miles Limited: 0 miles Closed: 92 miles	to designated routes		 Add map to Avenza App Organize volunteer efforts Update kiosks throughout field office Install campground at Wall Canyon Install kiosk at Wall Canyon Install 6-10 fire rings at Wall Canyon Install 6 shade structures at Wall Canyon Install 2 trash recepticles at Wall Canyon Install fiberglass markers at non-designated routes >Do Action Items Conform to RMP? Yes >Do Action Items Conform to TMP? No
Central California District Central Coast Field Office Open: 7,000 Limited: 0 Closed: 0 Total Acres: 7,000	Condon Peak Open: 22 miles Limited: N/A Closed: N/A	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4x4s	Campground with 7 sites, pit toilet, day use parking, tables, shade structure, 22 miles of OHV trail	Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): N/A Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion) • Add area to Avenza App • Develop Trail Maintenance Program • Install barriers for non-designated routes • Improve signage to educate users about closures and boundaries > Do Action Items Conform to RMP? Yes > Do Action Items Conform to TMP? Yes

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Central California District Central Coast Field Office Open: 0 Limited: 7,500 Closed: 0 Total Acres: 7,500	Williams Hill Open: 15 miles Limited: N/A Closed: N/A	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4x4s	Campground with seven sites, pit toilet, kiosk with maps and brochure. Dispersed camping also available	Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): N/A Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion) • Develop trail maintenance program • Install barriers for non-designated routes • Improve signage to educate users about closures and boundaries • Improve and update existing routes > Do Action Items Conform to RMP? Yes > Do Action Items Conform to TMP? Yes
Central California District Bishop Field Office Open: 1800 acres Limited: 0 Closed: 0 Total Acres: 1800	Poleta OHV Area Open: N/A Limited: N/A Closed: N/A	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4x4s	1 panel kiosk, 1 portable restroom Adjoins 400 acres of FS managed land that is open to recreation	Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): N/A Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion) Install new kiosk Maintain primitive management setting Organize clean-up days Develop maintenance program with partners including trail brushing for single track. Work with partners to address critical repairs from weather events Work with partners to identify priority route and project needs > Do Action Items Conform to RMP? Yes > Do Action Items Conform to TMP? Yes

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Central California District Bishop Field Office Open: 1800 Limited: 426,700 Closed: 321,700 (Wilderness and WSA) Total Acres: 750,200	District Wide OHV Open: Unknown Limited: 2500 miles of routes (124 miles designated motorized trail) Closed: Unknown	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4x4s	5 campgrounds with staging areas, Fire pits, picnic tables, parking areas, vault toilets, trash services, dispersed camping map including high clearance access camping opportunities	Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): N/A Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion) • Develop maintenance program with partners including brushing single-track trails and primitive routes and roads • Prioritize replacement and additional signage as needed • Update maps and GIS data • Encourage creation of local friends/support group to access additional funding > Do Action Items Conform to RMP? Yes > Do Action Items Conform to TMP? Yes
Central California District Ukiah Field Office Open: 0 Limited: 44,000 Closed: 0 Total Acres: 44,000	Indian Valley Management Area Open: N/A Limited: 22 miles Closed: N/A	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4x4s (currently no OHV designated trails, only main roads are designated for OHV use)	Blue Oak Campground: Vault Toilets: 1, Kiosks: 1 (to be installed CY 2022), Picnic Tables: 6, Fire Rings/BBQs: 6, Parking Areas: 1 Wintun Campground (undeveloped): Fire Rings/BBQs: 1	Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): N/A Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion) • Improve education, including signing, mapping, and travel route information • Foster partnerships with other agencies, cooperating associations, and friends groups • Develop a sustainable multiple use trail network • New trail segments may need to be constructed to connect existing trail segment • Develop new trailhead facilities, including parking area, restrooms, and kiosks • Install barriers to preclude vehicle use within designated closed areas, as applicable > Do Action Items Conform to RMP? Yes > Do Action Items Conform to TMP? No

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Central California District Ukiah Field Office	Knoxville Management Area	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4x4s	North Staging Area 1 single vault toilet, Parking Areas: 1	Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): N/A Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion)
Open: 0 Limited: 24,000	Open: 51.46 miles		Hunting Creek Campground Vault Toilets: 1 single vault toilet, Kiosks: 1 Shade	 Continue to create a loop trail system by constructing trails to connect "dead end trails" or
Closed: 0 Total Acres: 24,000	Limited: 0 miles Closed: 11.34 miles		toilet, Kiosks: 1 Shade Structure: 1, Picnic Table: 4, Fire Rings/BBQs: 4, Parking Areas: 1	 "out and backs" Identify and develop new interpretive exhibits and kiosks Develop route numbering system Improve education, including signing, mapping, and travel route information Foster partnerships with other agencies, cooperating associations, and friends groups Develop a sustainable multiple use trail network New trail segments may need to be constructed to connect existing trail segments and/or re-route to avoid highly erosive trail segment Develop new trailhead facilities, including parking area, restrooms, and kiosks Install barriers to preclude vehicle use within designated closed areas, as applicable Do Action Items Conform to RMP? Yes Do Action Items Conform to TMP? No

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Central California District Ukiah Field Office	South Cow Mountain OHV Management Area	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4x4s	Westside Staging Area 1 double vault toilet, Kiosk: 1, Shade Structures 2,	Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): N/A
Open: 0 Limited: 25,000 Closed: 0 Total Acres: 25,000	Open: 93.12 miles Limited: 0 miles Closed: 19.44 miles	Seasonal Wet Weather Vehicle Closure: Initially, no closures will occur until the total rainfall for the season reaches 4 inches. Once 4 inches of precipitation has been exceeded, the following criteria apply: 1/2" in 24 hours = 3-day closure 1" in 72 hours = 3-day closure Reopening of the area to motorized vehicles will occur 3 days (72 hours) after no measurable precipitation is recorded, not after the initial closure of the area.	Loading Ramps: 1, Picnic Table: 3, 3 Fire Rings/BBQs: 2 Parking Areas (including overflow parking area) Oakwood Springs Staging Area 1 single vault toilet, 3 Shade Structures, 1 Loading Ramp (in progress of being rebuilt), 3 Picnic Tables, 3 Fire Rings/BBQs, 1 Parking Area Red Mountain Campground 1 single vault toilet and 1 double vault toilet, 1 Kiosk, 11 Picnic Tables, 11 Fire Rings/BBQs, 1 Parking Area Buckhorn Campground 1 single vault toilet, 4 Picnic Tables, 4 Fire Rings/BBQs, 1 Parking Area, Safety Course and Technical Climbing Wall	 Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion) Improve access road from the Lakeport/Ukiah sides Develop top-notch RV/Toy Hauler campground on both sides of Cow Mountain Install interpretive signs Complete maintenance as needed, including brush removal and general trail maintenance Provide area for truck and trailer parking at Red Mountain and Buckhorn Campgrounds Install metal awnings over picnic tables at all campgrounds Install covered tables at the obstacle area, sediment pond area and at vista points Install satellite campgrounds on remote trails Explore opportunities to build a new west access road off East Side Road or River Road Install gravel on Scott's Creek Road, parking areas, and on campgrounds Widen/reroute Scott's Creek Road on the east side Consider development of new rock crawling trails Consider connecting trails to create long loops
				 Increase obstacles on the obstacle course Enlarge area across from the West Side staging for trailer and event parking > Do Action Items Conform to RMP? Yes > Do Action Items Conform to TMP? No

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Central California District Bakersfield Field Office	Temblor SRMA	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4x4s	No existing structures	Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): N/A
Open: 0 Limited: 24,250 Closed: 0 Total Acres: 24,250	Open: 200 miles Limited: 4.5 miles Closed: 18.5 miles			Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion) Organize Volunteer efforts Create sign plan, install comprehensive signing Create friends' group for area Delineate parking areas Install 2-3 kiosks at future parking areas Install vault toilets Install picnic tables Install loading ramps Install barriers for non-designated routes >> Do Action Items Conform to RMP? Yes > Do Action Items Conform to TMP? No

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Central California District Bakersfield Field Office	Keysville SRMA	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4x4s	2 staging areas, 5 vault toilets, 7 kiosks,	Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): N/A
Open: 0	Open: 71 miles			Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion) • Add map to Avenza App
Limited: 11,000	Limited: 9.3 miles			 Create sign plan, install comprehensive signing Develop trail maintenance program
Closed: 0	Closed: 3.2 miles			 Delineate parking areas Install campground
Total Acres: 11,000				 Install Campground Install 2-3 kiosks Install fire rings Install 3 vault toilets Install 2 picnic tables at each campsite Install 2 loading ramps Install barriers for non-designated trails > Do Action Items Conform to RMP? Yes > Do Action Items Conform to TMP? No

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California Desert District Ridgecrest Field Office Open: 3935 Limited: 0 Closed: 0 Total Acres: 3935	Dove Springs Open OHV Area Open: N/A Limited: N/A Closed: N/A	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4x4s	3 restroom facilities, 5 kiosks at entrances/within open area	Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): N/A Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion) • Finalize Route/Trail System • Develop Trail Maintenance Program • Install vehicle width restrictions • Work with partners to identify ideal dirt bike trails • Develop comprehensive sign plan • Install route difficulty markers on main access routes > Do Action Items Conform to RMP Yes > Do Action Items Conform to TMP? Yes
California Desert District Ridgecrest Field Office Open: 5138 Limited: 0 Closed: 0 Total Acres: 5138	Jawbone Canyon Open OHV Area Open: 0 miles Limited: 0 miles Closed: 0 miles	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4x4s	3 vault toilets, Facilities, 4 kiosks	Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): N/A Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion) Install vehicle width restrictors Work with partners to identify ideal dirt bike trails Develop comprehensive sign plan Install route difficulty markers on main access routes > Do Action Items Conform to RMP? Yes > Do Action Items Conform to TMP? Yes

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California Desert District Ridgecrest Field Office Open: Unknown Limited: Unknown Closed: Unknown Total Acres: Unknown	Field Office Wide Limited Use Areas Open: 0 Limited: 2670 miles Closed: 0	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4X4s Robber's Roost has a seasonal closure (Feb- July) to protect birds of prey nest sites	Approx 100 kiosks Some campsites delineated with bollards or post and cable fences as vehicle width restrictors Campground at Fossil Falls with 12 sites	Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): N/A Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion) • A comprehensive sign plan needs to be developed for the various TMAs • Install vehicle width restrictors • Work with partners to identify ideal dirt bike trails > Do Action Items Conform to RMP? Yes > Do Action Items Conform to TMP? Yes
California Desert District Ridgecrest Field Office Open: 408 Limited: 0 Closed: 0 Total Acres: 408	Olancha Dunes Open OHV Area Open: 0 miles Limited: 0 miles Closed: 0 miles	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4X4s	1 kiosk, 1 site ID sign, 1 open area sign	Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): N/A Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion) • Develop comprehensive sign plan > Do Action Items Conform to RMP? Yes > Do Action Items Conform to TMP? Yes
California Desert District Ridgecrest Field Office Open: 95,219 Limited: 0 Closed: 0 Total Acres: 95,219	Spangler Hills Open OHV Area Open: N/A Limited: N/A Closed: N/A	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4X4s	4 vault toilets, 8-12 kiosks, fence along southern boundary	Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): N/A Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion) Develop comprehensive sign plan Install route difficulty markers on main access routes > Do Action Items Conform to RMP? Yes > Do Action Items Conform to TMP? Yes

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California Desert District El Centro Field Office Open: Unknown Limited:1,300,000 Closed: Unknown Total Acres: 1,300,000	El Centro Field Office Open: N/A Limited: 2,300 miles Closed: N/A	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4X4s limited to trails only, seasonal restrictions, street legal, or special permits. Check California State laws for non-CARB compliant OHV restrictions	42 kiosks, 14 wayside panels, 6 campgrounds, 2 picnic tables, 5 overlooks	Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): N/A Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion) N/A > Do Action Items Conform to RMP? N/A > Do Action Items Conform to TMP? N/A
California Desert District El Centro Field Office Open: 123,345 Limited: 0 Closed: 35,248 Total Acres: 158,593 26,202 acres closed for the North Algodones Dunes Wilderness. 9,046 acres closed for Peirson's Milk- vetch critical habitat.	Imperial Sand Dunes Open: N/A Limited: N/A Closed: N/A	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4X4s Check California State laws for non-CARB compliant OHV restrictions	2 ranger stations, 4 main access roads, 1 scenic overlook, 1 historical site, 5 short-term free parking areas, 7 kiosks, 72 vault toilets	Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): N/A Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion) N/A > Do Action Items Conform to RMP? N/A > Do Action Items Conform to TMP? N/A

BLM District/Field Office OHV Area Designations (Acres)	BLM Name/Acres Travel Route Designations (Miles)	Allowable OHV Uses	Existing Facilities	Action Plan Items Resource Management Plan (RMP) Conformance Travel Management Plan (TMP) Conformance
California Desert District El Centro Field Office Open: 0 Limited: 1,300 Closed: 0 Total Acres: 1,300	Lark Canyon Open: 0 Limited: 38 miles Closed: 0	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4x4s Designated routes limited to vehicles 40 inches wide and less Check California State laws for non-CARB compliant OHV restrictions	2 campgrounds, 1 day use staging area, 1 vault toilet, picnic tables, campfire rings	Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): N/A Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion) N/A > Do Action Items Conform to RMP? N/A > Do Action Items Conform to TMP? N/A
California Desert District El Centro Field Office Open: 27,405 Limited: 0 Closed: 0 Total Acres: 27,405	Plaster City Open: N/A Limited: N/A Closed: N/A	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4X4s Check California State laws for non-CARB compliant OHV restrictions	1 kiosk, 2 staging areas, approved OHV race route network	Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): N/A Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion) N/A > Do Action Items Conform to RMP? N/A > Do Action Items Conform to TMP? N/A

California Desert District El Centro Field Office	Superstition SRMA	Open to motorcycles, ATVs, ROVs, & 4X4s	1 kiosk. 5 OHV event staging areas. Approved OHV race route network.	Action Items (Prior to RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion): N/A
Open: 13,228	Open: N/A	Check California State laws for non-CARB	Superstition open area	Action Items (Post RMP/TMP/RAMP Plan Completion) N/A
Limited: 0	Limited: N/A	compliant OHV restrictions	presents an array of challenging OHV riding	> Do Action Items Conform to RMP? N/A
Closed: 0 Total Acres: 13,228	Closed: N/A		opportunities from sand dunes to mud hills. Cross- country OHV use is	> Do Action Items Conform to TMP? N/A
10tal Acres. 15,220			permitted in this area.	

Successful Implementation

Through national, state, and local partnerships, there is a unique opportunity to provide outstanding OHV recreation opportunities and experiences in California by implementing the action items described in Table 1. To successfully apply these items, and the guidelines listed below, visitor needs and desires should first be considered to assure they are tailored to each local situation. It is important to identify who the potential visitors are, and will be, and how land managers can best serve them. Existing and potential visitors should be engaged early and often to help land managers understand what recreational opportunities and experiences are desired, as well as what facilities may be needed. Each of the following guidelines are essential to the successful development and management of outstanding and sustainable motorized recreation solutions for California enthusiasts.

Engineering

- Design trails to meet/exceed the desired recreation experience, provide enjoyment, and control behavior
- Prepare professional designs and standards for quality and safety
- Limit impacts to resources that could be impacted through sustainable design (Vegetation loss user created trails, Soil erosion, Air Quality, Water Quality, Wildlife Habitat)

Education - Visitor's need to know/have:

- What to expect during their visit
- Vehicle restrictions
- Unique information about the area
- Behaviors that are appropriate
- What the rules and safety guidelines are and why they are in place
- How to get more information
- Maps (paper and electronic)
- Signs & Information kiosks
- Occasional staff or volunteer contact

Enforcement

- Regular, positive staff presence leads to good management and improved safety
- Enforce local, State, and Federal rules and regulations
- Use enforcement as an education tool when necessary

Evaluation

- Identify and address problems early
- Identify risks and accident conditions, then find solutions or change the facility
- Monitor conditions and changes in visitation and resource impacts
- Identify trail management objectives for proper maintenance
- Ask visitors what they do and do not like
- Ask if the area is being properly managed per City, State and Federal laws
- Adaptively manage to correct problems and improve visitor experiences and safety

Leveraging

The BLM California Motorized Recreation Action Plan project is a great example of how the leveraging of resources (funding and labor) can be maximized through partnerships. Through BLM's partnership with NOHVCC, it is expected that, for every \$1.00 the BLM expends on the action items listed for this project, an estimated return of \$2.50 will be obtained. As local relationships between the BLM and members of the public continue to grow and improve, and local users become more involved in helping BLM implement specific action items, this number is expected to multiply significantly. As an example, the Pipestone project in Montana (the model for this type of motorized recreation partnership leveraging), is seeing a 500% return on its original investment. As the project becomes more focused and continues to gain momentum, this number is expected to increase.

Conclusion

The motorized recreation community recognizes that some high-quality opportunities and experiences are currently available on BLM-managed lands in California. However, increasing demand for sustainable, high-quality recreation opportunities already exceeds the capacity of the public land managers to adequately provide and manage for. This BLM California Motorized Recreation Action Plan draws on the expertise and enthusiasm of many local users and stakeholders in nearby communities who are willing to partner with land managers to increase both the quality, and quantity, of motorized recreation opportunities and experiences on BLM-managed lands in California.

The benefits of this project will continue to multiply for public land managers and the motorized enthusiasts who enjoy recreating on public land. BLM intends to utilize this same approach in additional states around the country (where such an approach is desired and/or needed). NOHVCC has also expressed their commitment to continue assisting the BLM in connecting with communities and moving forward in implementing BLM's goals and objectives for motorized recreation management, in the most fiscally responsible manner possible.

By utilizing the community-driven process described in this Action Plan, including the implementation of specific action items through strategic approaches, land managers can continue to leverage resources through partnerships. This will also help to engage stakeholders to help identify volunteer, in-kind, and financial resources, which will improve high priority motorized recreation areas throughout California.

As BLM Resource Management Plans, Travel Management Plans, and Recreation Area Management Plans are completed around the country, and new or current recreation management areas (both Special and Extensive) are created or enhanced, these same strategies could be incorporated to assist in achieving BLM's ultimate goal of providing users with high quality motorized recreation opportunities and experiences on BLM-managed lands.

Important Note

The "Action Items" listed in table 1 are simply recommendations to BLM land managers and recreation planners that manage motorized recreation opportunities in California. This plan encourages specific actions to provide quality motorized recreation opportunities and experiences but does not require it. Many of the items listed are simple in nature and can be completed through partnerships with NOHVCC and their group of local partners at little or no cost to the respective BLM office. Larger action items will require a significant financial investment, including professional engineering, development, and maintenance to be successful. Before specific projects begin, or facilities are installed at these areas, appropriate level National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis must be completed, where applicable, and a maintenance plan should be developed to ensure long-term success.

Appendix A – Reference Documents

- BLM Blueprint for 21st Century Outdoor Recreation (2023): intended to guide investments, partnerships, outreach, and program development to respond to current demand and chart a course to meet future needs. Through this Blueprint, BLM is establishing a new vision to proactively manage for exceptional and unique recreational experiences that invite all to share in the enjoyment and stewardship of their public lands.
- BLM National Management Strategy for Motorized Off-Highway Vehicle Use on Public Lands (2001): This plan provided guidance to BLM field offices, using input from various interest groups and individuals with techniques on how to address motorized OHV use on public lands. The strategy addressed multiple OHV-specific issues, identified subsequent management goals, and established action items to address these emerging issues.
- *BLM 1626 Travel and Transportation Manual (2016):* This manual provides detailed policy, direction, and guidance to establish a comprehensive program for travel and transportation planning within the Bureau of Land Management's land use planning process.
- BLM 8342-1 Travel and Transportation Handbook (2012): This Handbook provides specific guidance for preparing, revising, maintaining, implementing, monitoring, evaluating BLM land use and travel management plans. It provides further guidance related to the objectives, authorities, responsibilities, and policy considerations outlined in the Manual Section 1626, Travel and Transportation Management. The material in this Handbook will replace the previous guidance issued in Appendix C, section II. D of the Land use Planning Handbook (H-1601-1).
- Off-Highway Motorcycle & ATV Trails Guidelines for Design, Construction, Maintenance and User Satisfaction by Joe Wernex (1994): This resource is a second edition to the original, A Guide to Off-Road Motorcycle Trail Design and Construction by Joe Wernex (1984), and includes updated information on motorcycle trail design, and added information for All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) and User Satisfaction. This resource is still heavily utilized today by many land management agencies and recreation service providers.
- Management Guidelines for OHV Recreation by Tom Crimmins in Association with the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (2006): This resource provides a comprehensive approach to OHV recreation, including: how to incorporate users' needs and desires; the 4 E's of OHV management (Engineering, Education, Enforcement, and Evaluation); developing a trail vision; system and route planning; trail design; and, active management techniques.
- Great Trails: A Guide to Providing Quality OHV Trail Experiences (2015): This resource will provide a practical and detailed guide for land managers to help plan, design, construct, maintain, and manage OHV recreation trails. The guide will include best management practices for OHV recreation, including the latest in OHV technology, and will give practical guidance on creating trails that are not only sustainable, but also fun to ride.
- Motorized Recreation Report for BLM Lands in Oregon and Washington by the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC – 2018): This report provides essential baseline information obtained from local motorized recreation users on existing and potential motorized recreation opportunities on BLM lands in Oregon and Washington. It aims to assist BLM in creating a strategic, community-driven approach to providing the public with sustainable, high quality motorized recreation opportunities and experiences on BLM lands in Oregon and Washington.