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As the summer winds down and cooler weather prevails we all look forward to the riding season. We are also approaching a number of key deadlines for planning projects and court decisions that will determine the future of public lands. Forest Service Travel Management has now completed the final phase of NEPA with Records of Decision published for most areas. But Motor Vehicle Use Maps, legal documents that say where we can and cannot ride, have been slow in coming. "Use Maps" tell us which routes are legal, and publication of these maps is also the final step in implementation of Travel Management. Once these maps have been published, the Forest Service action is "ripe", meaning ready for lawsuits filed by any parties that object and have standing to sue. Travel Management lawsuits are more or less expected. Precedent-setting lawsuits have been filed against the El Dorado and Stanislaus National Forests, by environmental groups that contend that the massive trail closures caused by Travel Management simply aren't enough. Others are sure to follow. Combine this with BLM lawsuits such as the WEMO case and you have a classic example of "land management from the bench". We say land management should be done by land managers, not the courts. Sadly, this rarely seems to be the end result.

On a brighter note, many of you have begun to receive information from our new partner the California Outdoor Heritage Alliance (COHA). I find that I have a lot in common with these folks and their material, which although not OHV focused, is certainly pro-access and of high quality. This is the first of the new and much bigger alliances we need to forge in order to be effective. Recreation groups such as hunters, fisherman, horsemen, rock hounds, hounds men, and hikers are beginning to understand that their access to public lands will be affected by coming change. It is no longer about dirt bikes, quads and 4X4's. This will affect everyone who visits America's public lands. The Obama Administration's Great Outdoors Initiative

As many of you have heard, President Obama convened the White House Conference on the Great Outdoors on April 16th as a means to start a national dialogue about conservation issues. In addition to the initial conference led by the President, the Administration has hosted a number of "listening sessions" in locations throughout the country. The Administration stated that "The America's Great Outdoors Initiative aims to reinvigorate the national conversation about the outdoors, and leverage the support of the Federal Government to help these community-driven efforts succeed." Two of those "listening sessions" were recently held in Davis and Southern California. CORVA representatives attended and participated in these sessions, and it seems that the audience did most of the listening and the officials did most of the talking. This is disappointing given that the Great Outdoors Initiative has been billed as an outreach by an administration seeking public input and advocating transparency in government. It is indicative of why there is so much dissatisfaction with the current administration. They seem to be unwilling to "walk the walk" and prefer to mouth campaign style platitudes and fail to address the tough issues with workable solutions. A disturbing development is that the Great Outdoors Initiative blog seems to have been hijacked and the site's ballot boxes stuffed with anti-access votes that have skewed the results. Please visit the web site, cast your vote, and fight back! <http://ideas.usda.gov/ago/ideas.nsf> Don't wait, the final report is due on November 15.

WEMO Lawsuit – Hearing held, judge ponders decision
The WEMO Plaintiffs, Alliance for Responsible Recreation, The Wilderness Society, California Wilderness Coalition, Friends of Juniper Flats, Western San Bernardino Landowners Association, California Native Plant Society, Community ORV Watch, Center for Biological Diversity, Sierra Club, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, and

Desert Survivors filed a motion for "partial vacatur of the Record of Decision and for interim injunctive relief." The hearing on this motion was set for June 18, 2010; however this was postponed until September 3, but at the hearing the judge did not hear oral argument or render a decision. I guess we have to stay tuned? The court held that the BLM's extensive environmental review failed to consider an adequate range of alternatives and was insufficient in its consideration of impacts to soil, cultural resources, certain plant and riparian resources, sensitive animal species, and air quality. This ruling means that the BLM must reconsider environmental impacts of OHVs on public lands in the Western Mojave region. The extent of the additional planning that will be required will be issued as a remedy. Negotiations regarding the lawsuit have been attended by CORVA representatives.

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BLM SEEKS COMMENTS ON PROPOSED MARINE CORPS WITHDRAWAL

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking public comments on a proposal to withdraw for five years 332,000 acres of public land adjacent to the Marine Corps' Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms from settlement, sale, and location of mining claims to preserve the status quo while the Marines complete environmental studies on a long-term proposal to expand the base, which requires legislative approval. BLM Barstow Field Manager Roxie Trost said the lands remain open to public access and recreation use while these studies are underway. She explained that the lands have been segregated or unavailable for settlement, sale, and location of mining claims since September 2008, when the Marines began the legislative withdrawal process to expand the base in San Bernardino County. Today's action provides more time for the

preparation of an environmental impact statement on the base expansion proposal. A draft EIS is expected to be released in January 2011.

A 90-day comment period on the proposal closes December 13, 2010. Comments should be sent to Ms. Roxie Trost, BLM Barstow Office Field Manager, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, California 92311. A notice of the proposed withdrawal was published in today's Federal Register, and is available online at

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

In 2008, the Department of the Navy filed an application requesting the Secretary of the Interior to process a proposed withdrawal of public lands for military training and

exercises. Several thousand comments were received generally supporting military operations, but others expressing concerns about loss of public access into Johnson Valley, a popular off-highway vehicle recreation area. Those comments will be addressed in the draft EIS.

For more information, contact Ms. Roxie Trost, BLM Barstow Office Field Manager, 760-252-6000 or Mr. Rusty Lee, BLM Needles Office Field Manager, at 760-326-7000.



Off-Road Motorsports Hall of Fame Silent Auction and Induction Ceremony to be held at 2010 Off Road Expo

RENO, NV OCTOBER 4, 2010 - The Off-Road Motorsports Hall of Fame (ORMHOF) is pleased to announce that the 2010 Induction Ceremony and a very special Silent Auction will be held at the 2010 Off Road Expo on Saturday October 9, 2010 at the Sheraton Fairplex Hotel next to the Pomona Fairgrounds. The Silent Auction is open to the public, with all proceeds helping to maintain the historic Hall of Fame. The Induction Ceremony will be held earlier in the day and is by invitation only. "We were pleased when Family Events approached us with their offer to support us through a silent auction. We are glad to be associated with the Off Road Expo and look forward to working with Family Events," said Bob Bower, Off-Road Motorsports Hall of Fame Executive Director.

The Silent Auction will be Saturday night starting at 7pm in the Vineyard ballroom right off the main lobby at the Sheraton Hotel attached to the Pomona Fairgrounds. Winning bidders at the Off-Road Motorsports Hall of

Fame Silent Auction will take away one-of-a-kind treasures including Walker Evans, Steve Sourapas and Jerry McDonald framed Driving Suits. A Jim O'Neil Jersey, Childress framed jersey, pants and goggles on top of a Jim O'Neil helmet hardly starts the list that also includes multiple pieces of artwork, special label wines autographed by inductees and sets of tires from both BFGoodrich Tires and Goodyear. The auction will be closed and winners announced at 10:30pm Saturday night.

The Induction Ceremony will honor individuals who have maintained a lifelong commitment to the off road industry earlier in the day, by invitation only. This years inductees are: Peter K. Brown in the Pioneer Industry Category, Eugene A. (Gene) Chappie in the Pioneer Advocate Category, Chris Haines in the Pioneer Industry Category, Johnny Johnson in the Competition Off Road

Racing Category and Rick Péwé in the Recreational Four Wheeling Category. A group of 21 voting committee members consisting of previous inductees and representatives from the Off-Road Recreational, Off-Road Racing, and Off Road Industry groups meets annually to vote on the nominations received each year and submits their choices to the Off-Road Motorsports Hall of Fame Board of Trustees for final approval. With approval the nominees are inducted to the very honorable Off Road Hall of Fame.

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Chile Canyon Trails under Attack

The BLM team working on the Trackways National Monument near Las Cruces has released a preliminary set of alternatives and presented them at a workshop for public review. **THEY ARE HORRIBLE!** All of the alternatives eliminate three of the Chile Challenge Trails. This is in spite of repeated promises by the BLM that the 'protection' for the Trackways wouldn't necessarily mean the end of the Chile Canyon Trails system. It is highly important that the motorized community band together and bombard the Las Cruces BLM office with comments telling them how important these nationally famous 4WD routes are to us. The

deadline for comment on these preliminary alternatives is October 15th.

The address is:
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Bipartisan Recreation Land Exchange Bill a Success

REDDING, CA (October 4) — The BlueRibbon Coalition believes the bipartisan land exchange bill that was recently signed into law to improve both motorized and non-motorized opportunities in Northern California is a great success. H.R. 689, authored by Congressman Wally Herger and supported by Senator Diane Feinstein, has resolved long-standing interagency management conflicts at the Chappie-Shasta OHV Area. Historically, this riding area was a mix of Forest Service and BLM lands and was sort of being co-managed by both agencies. Both agencies have similar yet significantly different management rules and regulations when it comes to OHV recreation, including permitted motorized events. This regulatory confusion often detracted from this destination OHV area.

Don Amador, Western Representative for the BlueRibbon

Coalition, states, "On a recent tour with BLM staff, I was impressed by how the land exchange bill has already changed the tone and direction at the Chappie-Shasta OHV Area. I think it allows the BLM to more effectively manage and maintain the OHV trail and road system on the unit."

"I think this bill is a good model or case study of how local users working with their elected officials can impact land-management in an area. Wilderness advocates got almost 5,000 acres added to Forest Service non-motorized units near Weaverville and motorized recreationists are seeing improved BLM opportunities near Redding," Amador stated. "The Chappie-Shasta OHV Area offers a diverse range of motorized opportunities for dirt-bikes, ATVs, and ROVs. There are many scenic outlooks that include views of Shasta Lake, Mount Shasta, and the Trinity Alps Wilderness Area. H.R. 689 has

truly improved this area and is a tribute to those who worked hard to get this bill enacted," Amador concludes.

Congressman Wally Herger said, "I have long been a supporter of ensuring that our federal lands are fully open to recreation and all forms of multiple-use. Particularly as the Forest Service seeks to greatly restrict OHV use on National Forests throughout California, I was very pleased to work with Senator Feinstein to enact this common sense legislation to consolidate management of the Chappie-Shasta Off-Highway Vehicle Area under the Bureau of Land Management. I will continue doing all I can to support this widely-enjoyed and appropriate use of our federal lands."

Link to Chappie-Shasta OHV Area <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/redding/recreationmain/reddingrecreationohvmain.html>



HUNTERS ACCESSING PUBLIC LANDS SHOULD BE AWARE OF RULES

Hunters accessing BLM-administered lands this season are reminded to drive only on established roads and trails. The BLM and Forest Service prohibit "cross-country" travel in order to reduce soil erosion, reduce the chances of wildfire ignition from hot exhaust systems, and reduce impacts to wildlife habitat and vegetation. Hunters and recreationists are also reminded to be certain of land ownership. It is unlawful to travel through private property to access public property without the consent of the property owner. Hunters should obey signs and leave gates as they are found.

Obtain a map of the area you intend to go, and check in with your local Forest Service or BLM office to obtain current road information. BLM maps are available for a fee at each BLM office, and Forest Service travel maps that indicate which roads and trails are open to motorized use are available for free at all Forest Service offices and on each National Forest's website. The BLM manages more land - more than 245 million acres - than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including

Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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Shannon Campbell wins inaugural Ultra 4 Stampede

The Ultra 4 Stampede was held from 8 to 11 Sept in Reno Nevada.

We arrived on Tuesday to get setup and ready for the fun festivities.

We met Del Albright and Don Gilman, owner of Exit 28 Motorsports Park for a tour on Wed. He took us up to Deadwood Canyon to the premier viewing area that we would help escort people into for the race on Sat. Thursday was media day at the park and we met Shannon Campbell for a few minutes. He is a busy man and a lot of people always want to talk to him about racing and the course.

Friday was the vendor show and time trials at the park. Shannon got the number one spot with a blistering run. During the vendor show we passed out UFWDA stickers to drivers for their rigs. Shannon was more than happy to carry a sticker on the left front fender of his car to represent UFWDA and

Land Use.

Saturday was race day, and we arrived at about 8:00 to help escort people up to Deadwood canyon for the premier viewing area along with Del Albright. Deadwood Canyon is a narrow canyon with not a lot of room to pass, and very rough terrain. The canyon also has a very narrow exit, so no passing here, along with some big rocks and very sharp rocks.

Race started at 10:00 and it was not long after that Shannon came through Deadwood canyon and blistered the course. I don't think he slowed down from the trail below all the way through the canyon. The next car was over 5 minutes behind Shannon.

Shannon's next pass through the canyon, had a couple of cars in front of him and he went around them like it was a freeway. We headed back to the start finish line for

pictures there also. We saw Shannon be the first to the finish line. He completed the race in just under four hours. The next competitor was just over four hours to the finish line. Shannon had a flat during the first lap and his pit crew changed that along with another tire before the second lap. He cut down the left front tire on the final lap prior to making the finish line.

The race course was called "Brutal" by every driver at the event. As a spectator, I would concur with their comments.

As of Tuesday, there was still a car stuck in Giants Throne area. Of the 54 cars to start, only 18 finished the race. One word sums up this course; "Brutal".

We are looking forward to next year's race along with King of the Hammers in February.

BRC Supports H.R. 5580

The BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC), a national trail-based recreational advocacy group, has announced its support of the National Monument Designation Transparency and Accountability Act (H.R. 5580).

This legislation would help limit the amount of land that can be designated as a National Monument as well as preventing arbitrary restrictions on various multiple-use activities including vehicle-based recreation and access to public lands. H.R. 5580 has been introduced in the House by Representative Devin Nunes (CA) and in the Senate by Senator Mike Crapo (ID).

Greg Mumm, BRC's Executive Director said, "We applaud the recent effort of Senator Crapo and Rep. Nunez to establish some common sense guidelines

for use of White House powers under the Antiquities Act. We hope to see a day when all elected officials see the value of including citizens in a process which fundamentally impacts their ability to use or connect with public lands."

The President should not have unchecked authority to designate new National Monuments. The Antiquities Act of 1906 was never envisioned by its authors to be used as a tool to set aside millions of acres where historic multiple-use activities and recreation occur.

Don Amador, BRC's Western Representative said, "H.R. 5580 would encourage local stakeholder involvement and create a public process. BRC believes land-use legislation should be developed from the ground up rather than being crafted behind closed doors in Washington D.C." Amador noted that many

of these National Monument proposals could impact designated OHV areas on federal lands throughout the West including the Stonyford OHV Area on the Mendocino National Forest in Northern California and the San Rafael Swell in Utah.

Access Army Links

www.pirate4x4.com/landuse

www.savemytrails.com

www.delalbright.com

www.rltc.biz

www.nohvcc.org

www.ufwda.org

www.ama-cycle.org

www.atvaonline.com

www.sharetrails.org

www.treadlightly.org

www.ih8mud.com

www.off-road.com

www.sema.org

www.fmdac.org

www.sharetrails.org/backcountry

www.tlca.org

www.americansandassociation.org

www.arra-access.com

www.goldprospectors.org

www.nora-usa.com

www.orba.biz

www.poisonspyder.com

www.btlrovers.com

www.muirnet.net

www.cal4wheel.com

www.justgoodtrails.com

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Off Road Innovations Club Challenge Winner at Reno Stampede!

Reno4x4.com takes home the honors

Reno, NV (September 11, 2010). Off Road Innovations (ORI, Reno) announces the winner of the Reno Stampede ORI Club Challenge for the best prepared trail rig. Reno4x4.com, a famous Nevada website, won the challenge! "Reno4x4.com pulled together a team of contestants that was just hard to beat," said Del Albright, emcee of the Challenge. "These folks knew their rig and found stuff the fastest of any team out there," Del added. Contestants were randomly drawn last month at the premier showing of the famous King of the Hammers movie, Anarchy. The five clubs included the Motherlode Rockcrawlers of Jackson, CA; Reno4x4.com of Reno, NV; the Arkansas Crawlers of Arkansas; the Friends of the Rubicon (FOTR) of Rubicon Trail fame; and the Trailbusters 4x4 Club of Solano County. The action was on for nearly an hour as over 30 items were called out in the Challenge.

The team that found the correct item and raced it up to their judge the fastest won that item. At the end of 30 items, the final score told the tale of who was best prepared and who knew all the hidey-holes in their vehicle. Don Gilman, owner of ORI, Reno, and sponsor of the Challenge was very pleased with the contest. "This was like a treasure hunt for goodies in some very well prepared rigs," Don said, "and the whole crowd laughed and cheered the contestants as the race to retrieve each item was on!" Reno4x4.com won a free weekend of camping and four-wheeling at the famous Exit 28 Motorsports, with serious obstacles, wild horses, and tremendous sightseeing on 100,000 acres as donated by ORI, Reno. Hosted at the Grand Sierra Resort,

Reno, Nevada, the Challenge was just part of the overall fun to be had at this event. Part of the near week-long Ultra4 Stampede race, the Club Challenge was held Friday night right after the Rock Zombie Bikini Car Wash. The Ultra4 race was held at Exit 28 Motorsports where the new ORI, Reno shop is now located. All activities were part of the King of the Hammers, Hammering Productions, with Pirate4x4 TV there as well. It is an event not to be missed next year. Learn more and visit Off Road Innovations at <http://www.orireno.com> Get your copy of the DVD Anarchy and learn more about King of the Hammers at <http://www.kingofthehammers.com>



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Tell him to propose the Sandlick/Big Bend Area an official OHV Trail System since it's been open to OHV use for decades and is listed as open on the motor vehicle use map.

Ottawa NF open house

The Ottawa National Forest will be hosting an informal open house to answer any questions you may have about the alternatives addressed in the EA on October 5, 2010, beginning at 6:00 p.m. (CST) until 7:30 p.m. The open house will be held at the Watersmeet & Iron River District offices located on the corner of US 2 and Hwy 45 in Watersmeet, MI (access east of the intersection on US 2). The OHV Connector Routes EA analyzes several alternatives to provide an OHV connector route between 2 State of Michigan Multi-Use Trails and local connectors on Forest System Roads and Trails.

The purpose of this project is to respond to requests from the public and to implement the 2006 Forest Plan through

the designation of routes for OHVs to connect to existing trails/roads on and near the Ottawa National Forest. The priority connections being considered include access between the two State of Michigan multi-use trails which cross the Ottawa from east to west, roughly paralleling Highway M-28 and US Highway 2 to provide a usable system for OHV travel. Also included in this proposal are local connectors to other existing designated trails, county roads, and communities, to better serve the public's needs. It is important to note that this is not intended to be a finalization of the Forest's transportation system. Further refinements to the system will occur over time. Forest Service employees will be on

hand during the evening to answer questions regarding the EA, go over alternatives addressed, and review maps associated with the proposed routes. Written comments will be accepted.

If you have any questions regarding the open house or the OHV Connector Route EA, please contact Bill Baer at 906-932-1330, ext. 342.

Piping Hot video about the Outer Banks

As some of you may have seen, this video has been floating around the Internet for a while. It has been posted on forums, facebook, etc. by a variety of people to a number of places. UFWDA has been asked to also do the same and help keep it going so that people would get a different look at the situation occurring in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation Area. Here are 3 different links to the video: You can help by passing it along and posting it where you see fit.

<http://vimeo.com/14696293>

Or here, if that link doesn't work:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B_mFzqchC_8

Or yet again here:

[http://www.facebook.com/video/video.php](http://www.facebook.com/video/video.php?v=593797982139&ref=mf)

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The Outer Banks Preservation Association has been accumulating various legal fees during the fight against "critical habitat" for the Piping Plover. Rob Schonk, an Avon NC resident and executor of "Schonk Family Charitable Trust", was preparing to donate the remaining balance to the OBPA. Kim Mosher, seen in the video, convinced Rob to use the value of the trust in producing a PR piece about what is going on in Hatteras instead.

The video has had a huge local impact and has not gone unnoticed on the Internet. It has been described as "going viral" on it's own and has been picked up by several east coast blogs/websites. A

full length version of this video is due out this fall.

Anything you can do to promote this would be greatly appreciated. Thanks in advance and have a great day, Chris Saunders
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Who we are, what we do.

More on our Purpose and Battle Plan of Action:

- To stop the closures, restrictions and theft of our freedoms.
- To engage the troops in the fight for access and freedom.
- To motivate folks to do more, more often, and better.
- To outmaneuver the opposition and be proactive in helping to engage the troops in battle.
- To help the troops educate and engage our elected officials.
- To outfit the troops (provide the tools and links) to help folks get engaged effectively.
- To make the fight fun.
- To ambush the opposition at every opportunity.
- To encourage membership in access organizations.
- To shed light on issues by directing folks to the right place with confidence and trust.
- To facilitate outreach, organization and better coordination in access efforts.
- To train more leaders and soldiers.
- To breakdown the organizational and turf walls that prevent any one organization from doing it all.
- To find saviors in our own ranks.
- To inspire leadership and provide examples for others.



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Signed,

The Joint Chiefs of Staff, The Access Army

Keep your friends close and your enemies even closer!



Upcoming events & Staff

- Rubicon work weekends - Oct. 23-24
- PVD, 12 – 14 Nov
- SEMA, 2 – 5 Nov
- NAMRC meeting, 1 Nov
- Hump-n-Bump, 5 – 7 Nov



NAME	SCREENNAME	MAIN ORGANIZATION	TAA TITLE	NOTES
Kurt Schneider	kurtuleas	OV Rocksports; Pirate4x4	Warrior	Pirate Board
Don Amador	cутtenkid	BlueRibbon Coalition; ThumperTalk	Warrior King	Western States
Todd Ockert	Navy-Jeepster	Access Army, FOTR, Cal4	Air Warrior	Access Army
Brian Richardson	sincity	Sin City; JustGoodTrails.com	Pending	CO
Del Albright	jeepndel	BlueRibbon Coalition; Cal4	Grand Poobah	Founder
Dale Robins	fermentor	Rubicon Rockheads	Surgeon General	Dispenser of Elixirs
Jacquelyne Theisen	Bebe	Friends of the Rubicon	Grand Poobette	Hummer
Stacie Albright	LadyRed	Various; Social Networks	Warrior Queen	MWIC
Kevin Carey	Uget-it	Land Use Pirate4x4; FOTR	Warrior King	VLLS Graduate
John Stewart	kf6zpl	Muirnet.net; CA4WDC; TDS	Warrior King	www.4x4wire.com