

California OHV Recreation Stakeholder Group

October 2008 Position Statement on Johnson Valley Issue

We the undersigned strongly oppose the withdrawal of the Bureau of Land Management, Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Recreation Area by the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twenty-nine Palms.

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American Motorcyclist Association, American Motorcyclist Association District 36, American Motorcyclist Association District 37 Competition, American Motorcyclist Association District 37 Dual Sport, American Sand Association, Blue Ribbon Coalition, California Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs, California Off Road Vehicle Association, California Trail Users Coalition, Friends of Giant Rock, Friends of Johnson Valley, High Desert Multiple Use Coalition, Off Road Business Association, Partnership For Johnson Valley, and San Diego Off-Road Coalition.