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A junior CORVA member enjoys the rugged hills at CORVA's 13th Annual Truckhaven Challenge event. This year's event was temporarily moved to Ocotillo Wells SVRA. We enjoyed new trails and fun games. See inside for an event recap. (Photo by Terry Work.)



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The California Off Road Vehicle Association (CORVA) is a varied group of outdoor recreationalists who are extremely active in promoting the positive aspects of vehicular access on public lands and protecting that right.

The group is composed of the owners of "Green Sticker" vehicles such as ATV's, motorcycles, 3-wheelers, trials bikes, and dune buggies, as well as "street-legal" 4X4 vehicles, dual sport motorcycles, bajas and desert racers.

The main purpose of CORVA is to work with the land managers for responsible off-highway vehicular access and recreation opportunities. Secondly, we educate our membership on the constantly changing rules and regulations and promote conservation, clean-up and trail maintenance projects.

We participate in lobbying activities in Sacramento and Washington, DC. We work closely with the State Department of Parks and Recreation providing input to the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Program from the users' standpoint. We provide a valuable resource to land managers in the form of dedicated OHV enthusiasts who believe in responsible vehicular access.

A portion of the budgets for California's national forests and the public lands administered by the BLM is funded by grants from the Green Sticker Program. We work with the land managers to formulate the grants and give our input about the grants to the OHMVR Program which administers them. We also review how effectively our Green Sticker money was used in each program.

We are active at all levels of the land management public process with both the BLM and USFS. We do this by commenting on environmental documents on as many issues as possible and maintaining close relationships with personnel in the field as well as the staff.

We coordinate with other multiple use organizations ranging from snow-mobiles to horse enthusiasts to protect multiple-use rights from the environmental extremists. **We are "dedicated to protecting our lands for the people, not from the people."**

If you would like to join the fight to protect our public lands for multiple-use recreation, fill in the application in this issue and send it in! If you would like more information, contact us at 1-800-42-CORVA!



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By Ed Waldheim
President

Why are you important to off roading?

I am always told that every person is important and has a part in our government's decisions. Well, I can tell you that the volunteer work that CORVA members do with our Friends' partners is vital to our sport and every single one of you is very important!

Just imagine if you were not helping the way that you are in your riding areas, would that area even be open today to riding and recreating? Would access be open to public land use even be there? Take a moment and think about this.

Those of you who are working so hard to keep our lands open, by working on trails, tractors, handing out signs, working shows, getting new CORVA members, going to OHV Lobby Day in Sacramento on April 7, 2008 etc., you are among the most important people in the world of off roading.

If you don't have an interest in helping in any of these areas, please think again. Do you go riding and think nothing about why you have the privilege of riding? Oh yes, you paid your \$30 membership (for

which we are grateful) and hope you joined at least 2 or 3 other organizations of your choice, but have you ever thought about actually helping keep our lands open?

Yes, as the song says, "This is your land, this is my land." Yes, the BLM and Forest Service are managers of the land, but they are not owners, you are. This is why CORVA has worked so hard to make it possible for you to participate with all the Friends groups we have started, (Visit the website www.corva.org and go to the Friend's links for a full list of all the Friends groups working in the local riding areas.)

Recently, families headed out for President's Weekend all across the state.

The number counts that I received just for the Mojave Desert areas were: 25,000 recreationists in California City, 35,000 in Jawbone/Dove Springs, Spanglers, and Rands. 15,000 in Dumont Dunes, 5,000 El Mirage and the list goes on.

We have heard that many folks still do not understand that riding off road is a "privilege", it is not a right. What is the difference? A "privilege" is something that can be taken from us if we do not follow the rules. Your driver's license is a "privilege" that you have. As you are aware, it can be taken from you anytime that you do not obey the rules.

Well, we have now found out that there are some people, old and young, who seem to forget that "privilege" portion of their riding opportunity. Fortunately, the 150 folks that I recently stopped and talked to (while I was doing trail maintenance for the BLM), all apologized, or thanked me for letting them know the rules of the land and turned around and went back the legal way.

California City Fees

Fees? To use the desert?

By Wayne Nosala, East Kern Field Representative and Friends of Jawbone Member

As many know, the city of California City has seen an explosion of off highway activity these past few years. The City has roughly 12,000 residents. A weekend like Thanksgiving or New Year's can see up to 60,000 visitors. Now if you can imagine a city of 12,000 managing 50-60k of visitors with only a handful of fire and law enforcement personnel on staff.

Yes we have been receiving grants from the Green Sticker fund to offset some of the costs **put on the citizens of Cal City**. As we know grants are tough to get and they are not enough to cover city services. The idea of collecting fees has been in the works for almost 10 years. Ed Waldheim and I got involved with this about two years ago.

I will be honest, I am not a big fan of these fees being imposed, but we are faced with the grim reality that the City leaders say that the OHV community must reimburse the city for services or they will be forced to close the entire area. Had this gone un-checked by Ed Waldheim and myself, on behalf of CORVA members, this thing could have gotten way out of hand. Some residents wanted to impose fees well over \$100.00, and certain residents would rather we all just go somewhere else.

Cal City is the ONLY city that I am aware of that actually welcomes the OHV community; try this in Riverside or San Bernardino County. Those counties would "ordinance" us out of the desert as they have done so already for their citizens riding on their own private property.

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NOHVCC Senior Project Coordinator Dana Bell to Retire

A key component of the NOHVCC for over eight years, Bell was instrumental in forming many new state OHV associations

Dana Bell, Senior Project Coordinator for the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) recently announced her retirement beginning April 1, soon after the 2008 NOHVCC Annual Conference in Albuquerque.

Bell, who resides in Long Beach, CA, joined the organization in October 1999 and specialized in the facilitation of the OHV State Association Development and OHV Recreation Management Managers workshop series. She was also instrumental in the development of many of the NOHVCC educational projects such as the Adventure Trail program.

"I have always considered my position with NOHVCC the perfect job, and a job that I had expected to continue with for at least a couple of more years," says Bell. "Unfortunately, my elderly father is requiring more assistance and I am chiefly responsible for overseeing a family business that financially provides for much of his care. Over the past two years I have found it increasingly difficult to juggle my

family responsibilities with my NOHVCC work. "My decision to retire at this time was very difficult, not only because of how much I enjoy my position, but also because of how much I will miss working with all of the incredible OHV folks around the county that I have been so privileged to meet." Prior to her position at the NOHVCC, Bell was the Western States Representative for the AMA beginning in 1992 where she was involved in both on-road and off-highway motorcycling work, with a large percentage of her time spent on political issues. "While I am retiring from my staff position with NOHVCC I am not riding into the sunset," she adds.

"I hope to be able to do more volunteer work, act in an advisory capacity if ever needed and spend some time again actually getting to ride my little Honda XR250L!" Executive Director of the NOHVCC Russ Ehnes commended Bell for a job well done.

"Working with Dana was fantastic," he said. "Her command of current OHV

recreation and land-use issues, and her ability to relay that information to other OHV advocates through the workshop series was incredible. She took our Mission Statement to heart every day she went to work, and the OHV community is stronger now because of that. There will certainly be some big shoes to fill in the NOHVCC on the day she leaves."

President of the Board of Directors Dan Kleen made this statement upon hearing the news. "On behalf of the NOHVCC Board of Directors I would like to thank Dana for her outstanding work as NOHVCC's Senior Project Coordinator for the past 8 years. We appreciate all she has done for the OHV community as well as for NOHVCC. Dana's great passion for promoting responsible family recreation will be felt for many years to come. "On a more personal note, it has been an honor to have the great opportunity to get to know and work with Dana. She has a very special gift of not only seeing the "Big Picture", but the ability to facilitate bringing people together like no one else I have ever known. I have never thought of Dana as an employee, but always as a friend. Due to her work, she has also been a great friend to the hundreds of thousands of recreational OHVs around the country, even those who have never met her. Thank you and good luck, Dana!"

The National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council, as a national body of OHV recreation enthusiasts, develops and provides a wide spectrum of programs, materials and information, or "tools", to individuals, clubs, associations and agencies in order to further a positive future for responsible OHV recreation.

[Note: Dana Bell and I learned the ropes of OHV land use activism together as board members of District 37 AMA Competition. I had the privilege of working land use issues with her then and still work with her to this day. Dana is a fabulous OHV leader and we will greatly miss her work in NOHVCC. – Ed Waldheim, CORVA President.]

addressed. To my delight, below one of my comments the BLM said that the proposal to install windmills in Lark Canyon had been withdrawn!

I have to thank all those who wrote comments to the plan in support of OHV. We actually had a positive result!

Good News, East San Diego BLM Plan update

Ed Stovin, Southern Region Grants Director

In the March ORIA was an article about the BLM releasing the East San Diego Resource Management plan. That plan is important to off-roaders because there is a small OHV area in there called Lark Canyon in McCain Valley. Lark Canyon is a motorcycle area, although some ATVs can get through the narrow trails.

The issue with this area when the proposed plan came out was that the BLM intended to allow the installation of electricity generating windmills in the area. It appeared they were paving the way for this by relaxing the visual rating of the area and widening the maximum trail width from 40 inches to 10 ft.

Lark Canyon is a fun area to ride. Camping is available for \$6 per night and there are wonderful rock faces for observed trials riding. I have ridden many trials events there, including a national event and have to say the terrain is great for that sport. The trails are relatively smooth and twisty with lots of berm turns. The area also boasts several rock climbing sites that people with ropes and harnesses enjoy. This is one of the few areas that can be enjoyed in the summer months without grossly overheating.

I submitted comments on the draft plan last year. While reading the final plan I found some of my comments were

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Truckhaven

A Change of Scenery at the 13th Annual Truckhaven Challenge

By Geoff Teare, Vice President Administration

As most of you know, we had to cancel the 2007 Truckhaven Challenge because of a last minute injunction filed by the Center for Biological Diversity. In order for us to hold the event this year, we had to change the location to Ocotillo Wells SVRA to give State Parks enough time to complete their Environmental Impact Report on the new acquisition area (aka-Truckhaven Hills).

Rick Fisher and I went to Ocotillo Wells in mid-October of last year and GPS'd a course that we felt would be as close as possible to the routes we had put together in years past at Truckhaven. The GPS map we put together was then sent to State Parks for review as part of the permit process.

Unfortunately, State Parks was unable to drive most of the course before we arrived to set up the event in January, so we had to guide them through it the Wednesday before the event. This turned out to be problematic as the State Park Environmental Scientists with us did not like one canyon we had included in the route. This canyon was lightly travelled (and rocky) and they felt there were too many plants in the bottom. This left us just 2 days to re-route and mark the rest of the course. We were able to do this, but had no time left to mark the green "more difficult" routes this year.

The new camp area we set up was off Holly Road just south of State Route S-22. It had easy access and permanent toilets already installed, as well as tons of space for RV's and trailers etc... We also had plenty of room for a vendor row again.

Although the location had changed, our event format was pretty much the same. We set up a Starting Line a few hundred yards from camp for the 8:00am start. At the Starting Line, participants drew the first card of their poker hands and were then released on the course.

And speaking of the course, this year's was the longest ever! At just over 25 miles in length, participants got a pretty good introduction to this little used portion of Ocotillo Wells SVRA.

As in years past, we placed 3 checkpoints out in the hills, where participants got to draw additional cards for their poker hand as well as play certain "games of skill" to earn points for additional prizes.

There were plenty of hills, washes and tight twisty sections to keep participants entertained for a good chunk of the day. By the time they got back to camp it was time for the always-great Trailmasters Four Wheel Drive Club BBQ dinner. The hungry mob descended and gobbled up the burgers and hot dogs with the best fixin's imaginable!

The Trailmaster's then turned around and donated all proceeds to CORVA. Thanks guys!!

After dinner it was time for our awards and raffle. As usual, Faith Work did a stellar job of rounding up

thousands of dollars worth of great raffle prizes, and her hubby Terry kept the crowd entertained and pumped up in his inimitable style as Master of Ceremonies.

We had been keeping one eye on the sky all day as the weather reports said rain was coming. It had held off, fortunately, until just as the last two prizes were being raffled. The drizzle started, and just as we finished the raffle it started to rain. And rain, and rain, and rain.....



It rained hard all night and by Sunday morning the desert had turned into a mud bog. We cancelled the Satellite Safari and Kids Game as people were far more worried about being able to cross the flowing washes to get to the highway. Fortunately, most were able to make it out OK despite the slimy conditions.

Although attendance was down this year (due in no small part to the nasty weather in the L.A. - San Diego areas), we did make a lot of good money for CORVA! In addition, State Parks has said the EIR should be done in time for us to move back into our traditional area for the '09 Truckhaven Challenge, so we are keeping our fingers crossed!

The tentative date for the 14th Annual Truckhaven Challenge is January 24-25, 2009. Hope to see you there!

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Here are the winners:

POKER RUN

- 1st- Rick Page (4 Aces)
- 2nd- Eddie James (4 Jacks/10)
- 3rd- Dawn Ortiz (4 Jacks/7)

GAMES

- 1st- Dick Moon (230)
- 2nd- Jeremy Robinson (220) tie
- 2nd- Steve Austin (220) tie

CANDY JAR COUNT- 646

- Closest without going over:
Ron Bridges and Mel Barker (642) tie

Volunteers

A big thanks goes out to our great volunteers who once again did a great job making sure this event was a success and ran as smoothly as possible! I apologize in advance if I missed anybody here!

Registration

- Rick & Mary Jane Bates
- Rick & Judy Fisher
- Gary & Sallie Clinard
- Kathy Oldham
- Char Heller
- Scott Smith
- Ryan Bell

Raffle Donations

- Faith Work

Event T-shirts

- Cindy Teare
- Linda McGinnis

BBQ Dinner

- Trailmasters Four Wheel Drive Club

Trail Crew

- Rick Fisher
- Geoff Teare
- Terry Work

Starting Line/Checkpoint 1

- Geoff Teare
- Rick Fisher
- Rick Bates
- Jim Arbogast
- Larry Heller
- Jim (Bud) Ponds
- John Oldham

Checkpoint 2

- RVMD & ROCKCAT RACING aka
"Checkpoint 2 Crew" Kathy, Kris, Ed, Justin,
Jack & Leslie, Nick, Ted & Renee, Todd,
Matt & Lacey

Checkpoint 3

- Vinnie & Kathy Barbarino & the gang

Checkpoint 4

- RIDERDOWN.ORG
(new volunteers....THANKS guys!!!)

Audio

- Joe McGinnis

Trail Sweep

- Rick Fisher
- Jim Arbogast

Course Cleaning

- Vinnie Barbarino & crew
- Geoff Teare

Course Photography

- Terry & Faith Work
- Michael Hutchinson

Our Big Raffle Winners

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Truckhaven



Thanks to all the CORVA members who braved the weather to come out to Truckhaven. In Los Angeles it was raining, in Truckhaven the weather was nice.

Truckhaven



*Thanks to our
photographers who shot
these great photos at
Truckhaven:
Vinnie & Kathy Barbarino
Kathleen Crook
Terry & Faith Work*



Lawsuits Against State OHV Program - By Our Own Community - Hurts Us All

By Wayne Nosala, CORVA East Kern Field Rep.
& Friends of Jawbone member

If anyone has had the opportunity to kick on the TV in the middle of the day, most likely you would run across a personal injury attorney with the pitch, "I am Slick Boy Lawyer, and I will fight for you!" within the first half hour of daytime advertising. Generally most of us chuckle these things off, and ignore them.

The reason I bring this up was a rather odd thing that Deputy Director Daphne Green opened a speech with at a recent meeting I attended. She opened the meeting with the statement, "Please don't

sue me." My first reaction was to look around at the people in the room of recreation enthusiasts and wonder why Daphne would say such a thing among this particular group. There was not one individual I could pin in the room that would invoke such an opening statement. First thing came to my mind is there was yet another lawsuit brought on by an endangered rat, weed or something along those lines.

Daphne then continued to explain there were approximately six deep pocket

lawsuits brought against the State of California Parks Department by injured off highway vehicle users. In one lawsuit in particular, an individual misjudged a water crossing. He unfortunately got in a bit deeper than he anticipated, thereby flooding and destroying his motor. So, now it's the fault of the State of California? Fortunately, the judge saw right through that one and tossed it out.

Guess what? Our Green Sticker fund is the first victim of these lawsuits. The numbers range into many millions. Now I should not have to tell you this, but this can affect our already cash-strapped, highly-competitive grant opportunities — not to mention Daphne herself and her staff have to waste valuable time away from their jobs attending these hearings.

Let me enlighten you, if you do not know this simple fact: off highway recreation can

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Finally, a Starting Point -
Routes to Forest Adventures Will Soon Be Designated
Ramiro Villalvazo, Eldorado National Forest Supervisor
March 12, 2008

Soon I will make a decision that is likely to affect many who enjoy visiting the Eldorado National Forest. Hopefully, you know by now that the Forest Service is in the process of formally designating a system of motorized travel routes in the Eldorado National Forest. Once the decision is implemented, motorized travel will be limited to these designated routes. I plan to make a decision on the Forest's Travel Management Plan on April 2.

The fact that the population in our area continues to grow presents some unique challenges for Forest management. Growth in the area translates into more people in the Forest. I welcome more people from all walks of life to experience the Forest. It is recognized that being outdoors and close to nature is important to us as human beings. It significantly adds to our quality of life. However, more people in the Forest also increases the need for proper management and a shared responsibility among all to care for its resources.

How we care for the land and provide for quality of life is always dynamic, like the Forest itself. I anticipate that this decision will begin the process to improve management of motorized travel routes and overall access in the Forest. Based on yearly evaluations and public involvement, we will consider what changes are needed to protect resources and provide recreation opportunities.

The current Forest transportation system already includes paved Forest roads and all the routes within the Rock Creek Recreational Trails Area near Georgetown. My decision is focused on considering native surface roads and trails. My rationale for the decision will be documented in a Record of Decision and will be supported by the analysis in the Final Environmental Impact Statement. Both documents will be available on the web and on CD.

Once my decision is made, the direction in the 1989 Eldorado National Forest Land and Resource Plan to keep motorized vehicles on designated routes will be realized and enforceable. You may be asking, "What took you so long?" There is no easy way to answer this question. The lawsuit surrounding the 1990 Off Highway Vehicle and Trail Management Plan was not resolved until 2005. Since 2005 my staff and I have been working to comply with the 2005 U.S. District Court Order and the National Travel Management Rule. It has been very challenging trying to address both; however, my decision will fulfill the court order and implement the Travel Management Rule.

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It is important for me to consider many different criteria when making my decision. For example, I want to ensure that having non-licensed vehicles on the same routes with SUVs, station wagons, and the like are safe and appropriate. I want to assure that we have easements to cross private land, and to minimize conflicts between different types of Forest uses. I want to ensure that my decision is within our financial ability to implement.

After hearing from more than 6,000 people in writing, and more than 1,200 in public meetings, two tough questions emerged: "Will I have access to my favorite places?" and "Will sensitive resources be protected and quiet recreation be available?"

I believe we have done a good job of listening. Our goal has been to be responsive by doing our best to provide access where it is important to Forest visitors and to protect resources. I really appreciate that you took the time to share your insights. While you may not have your interests met 100%, I can assure you we are much closer to meeting them than if you had not participated.

There is a very important point I want to share with you. My decision about the Forest's Travel Management Plan is only the beginning, and in no way ends this process. I know that getting it exactly right the first time is not possible. You will find routes that are closed that you want open. You will find routes that you believe should be closed that are open. One key to implementing the plan is the opportunity to make changes!

Implementation of the plan will include features intentionally designed to allow you to help us. For example, we will welcome volunteers who want to help us make resource protection improvements that will allow us to open up a trail or route. We will also welcome learning about where resource sensitivities exist, and perhaps where routes should be modified, closed temporarily, or closed. You will have a voice.

The Eldorado National Forest is important to the quality of our lives. Even in today's technologically advanced world, we still crave the beauty and naturalness of the Forest. It allows us to recreate and refresh ourselves during our visits. The Forest provides us with clean air by replenishing oxygen and by removing carbon from the atmosphere. It serves as a "water factory" by collecting and storing the water we need to live. The benefits to our daily lives are so many.

My hope is that even though my decision will not satisfy everyone, we will move forward together. My optimistic way of thinking causes me to believe that we all desire to both enjoy and care for the Forest and that our diverse Forest users can come together to work through differences. There's a lot to be done, but I think we are up to it.

For more information about Travel Management please visit our website: www.fs.fed.us/r5/eldorado.

// Ramiro Villalvazo

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Recreation News

Recreation Groups Review California Roadless Lawsuit

By Don Amador, BRC Western Representative

OAKLEY, CA (March 2008) A national trail-based recreation group is reviewing the recent "roadless" lawsuit filed by the State of California against the USDA Forest Service. Recreation interests are concerned about the litigation's potential impact to the designation of historic public travelways and trails under the Forest Service's Travel Management Rule.

Paul Turcke, chief counsel for the BlueRibbon Coalition Legal Defense Team, said, "In the ongoing litigation over Forest Service 'roadless' area management, the State of California and its anti-access partners have stridently argued that neither the 2001 Roadless Rule nor sound policy prevent the continuation of historical mechanized access in 'roadless' areas via properly designated roads or trails."

"Recreationists intend to make sure they hold to this position. The access community will not support an effort by the State of California to play politics on the Roadless issue," Turcke concludes.

Don Amador, Western Representative for the BlueRibbon Coalition, states, "It has been my impression that off-highway vehicle recreationists and the Schwarzenegger administration shared an equal commitment to preserving the rugged backcountry nature of our roadless areas while still allowing historic public access to important motorized roads and trails. This lawsuit does not appear to reflect that understanding or shared commitment."

BlueRibbon's legal staff is reviewing the complaint, coordinating with recreational access partners and

evaluating appropriate actions to preserve and protect historic public access to federal forest lands.

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July 19-20	Fouts Spring, Stoneyford	
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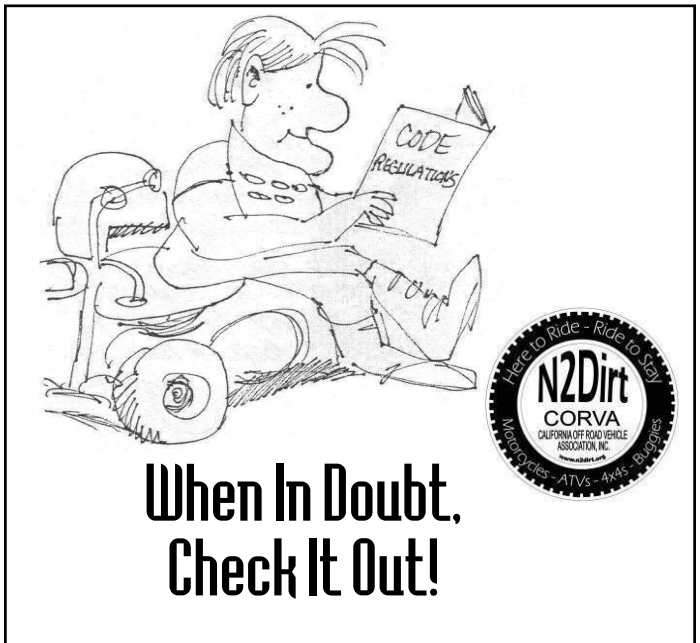
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-Fees - continued from page 4 -

Answers to a couple of questions that I have received on this:

(Q) Does the \$\$\$ collected go directly into city bank account?

(A) No, there is a separate account controlled by the Cal City Police Department DIRT team

(Q) What do we get out of this?

(A) Emergency services, access to trash receptacles, showers, water and additional RV dump station improvements, education, signage and trail maintenance.

(PS, please don't tell me we don't need these services. The Cal City website posts an incident log every day. You should see the amount of OHV responses on heavy weekends.)

(Q) We dump money into that town every time we pass though, Why not use that?

(A) The city sees revenue from sales tax = about \$1 per \$100 spent on gas, food, what not.

(Q) How will this be enforced and collected?

(A) As of date of this article, Fees will be collected at the DIRT (Desert Incident Response Team) substation located at Borax Bill Park. On line purchase via PayPal will be available through <http://www.californiacity.com> In the near future.

Fee structure as follows:

- \$20.00 for single vehicle pass
- \$40.00 for family pack (family pack includes pass for tow vehicle, 4 stickers for OHVs and access to water and dump services)
- \$8.00 for each additional OHV vehicle.
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-In Overdrive - cont'd. from page 4 -

The question that I have is "How did they get all the way out in the middle of *nowhere* without knowing what they were doing?" There was no one reading signs, no reading of rules, and no maps... nothing. They were just doing whatever they wanted. In the JAWBONE/ DOVE SPRINGS area the entire area is **closed unless you are on a signed trail, aqueduct, or power line road.** In the RANDES everything is **closed unless you are on a signed trail.**

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Call or e-mail CORVA if you want to volunteer or help in any way. *We will find a job for you.*

I hope to see you on the trail.

-Fees - cont'd. from page 20 -

Personally I have had pretty good response to this program while talking to people in the field here. I am sure there is some hard feelings, but it's still cheaper and more fun than taking your family to Disneyland or a ball game.

All I can say is try this anywhere else in California, we would be locked out before something like this would ever see the light of day.

No city that I am aware of welcomes off highway vehicle visitors in the west like California City. Please stop in on your way though and show the city we support the people and the businesses.

Regards,
Wayne Nosala

- Lawsuits - cont'd. from page 11 -

be dangerous. It is your responsibility to be prepared and have adequate safety training and proper gear if you are to operate any type of vehicle off the beaten path. I almost feel awkward having to put that statement in print in a respectable publication like CORVA "Off Roaders in Action". Unfortunately, I guess it needs to be said if I hear about multi- million dollar lawsuits filed against the State of California as a result of injury or loss of life due to an unfortunate OHV accident.

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