



Bureau of Land Management California

Report to the California State OHV Commission

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Field Office Reports

BLM OHV Grants

Thirteen of the BLM CA Field Offices are preparing to compete in the G26 OHV grant cycle. The OHMVRD did a great job conducting the January OHV grant workshop where they reviewed all the grant types and how applicants can avoid making common mistakes. They also reviewed all the changes in the On Line Grant Application (OLGA) to improve efficiencies and to provide more clarity to the process.

During the last quarter, the BLM CA State Office staff spent over a week supporting the Friends of El Mirage (FOEM) OHV Education Grant project. The FOEM acquired a grant to update OHV access maps in the CA Desert District and needed support to review the map data and the supporting interpretive text. The BLM was also able to engage National Park Service staff at the Mojave National Preserve to add additional street legal 4x4 off road routes that cross in and out of the Preserve onto public lands managed by the BLM.

OHV race and event applicants will see a change to the Special Recreation Permit application process beginning February 2, 2026 as the BLM begins the transition into the on-line Recreation and Permit Tracking Online Reporting ([RAPTOR](#)) system and begins implementing the Expanding Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Experiences ([EXPLORE](#)) Act. The Act provides the BLM an opportunity to:

- Modernize SRP categories, types, and procedures,
- Increase flexibility and transparency in recreation fee management,
- Support outfitters, guides, and event organizers, and
- Improve consistency and interagency alignment

Redding Field Office

The Redding Field Office has been diligently clearing fallen trees and completing minor repairs on roads and trails within the Chappie-Shasta OHV Area following the recent storms. They have cleared approximately 150 trees from roads and trails so far. They are also in the process of updating the Chappie-Shasta OHV Area map / guide to include about 15 miles of new OHV trails. The new map will be georeferenced and available on our website. Extensive trail signing is underway to reflect the new trails on the map.

The Annual Redding Dirt Riders held their New Years Day Poker Run. Attendance was approximately 300 vehicles, split evenly between dirt bikes and side-by-sides.

Eagle Lake Field Office

Ground Operations OHV Grant Work



Figure 1 - Before and after SWECO trail work comparison.



Figure 3 -Ft Sage restrooms provided by the Eagle Lake Field Office are top notch!

Approximately three miles of trail maintenance was completed at the Fort Sage OHV Area during early winter 2025. The hand crews consisted of fire program seasonal staff providing meaningful project work while firefighting workloads are not at its peak. Transitioning the fire staff into trails crews creates financial efficiencies while improving OHV recreation opportunities on public lands.

The fire staff used rakes, shovels, Pulaskis, and chainsaws to clear trails of vegetation and debris. They also used these tools to remove rocks, ruts, and whoop-de-dos, and clean drainages to ensure proper trail width and safe passage for OHV visitors. Additionally, they repaired and reshaped trail surfaces, restored drainage features, stabilized eroded areas to prevent water accumulation and protect natural resources.

BLM staff also used a SWECO Trail Tractor to complete about eight miles of trail maintenance during November and December 2025 after flash flooding rains.

The BLM continues to maintain the facilities at Ft. Sage and Rice Cyn. OHV Areas since the areas remained busy through the winter. The accomplishments included trash clean up, trailhead maintenance, vault toilet cleaning, sign maintenance, and visitor contacts while performing the work.

Restoration OHV Grant Work

BLM continues to work at restoration sites at the Fort Sage OHV area using hand tools, chainsaws, rakes, and shovels. Since November 2025, they restored two miles

of unauthorized trail segments impacted by storm damage, and heavy OHV use. Crews used UTVs to access remote trail segments and restored trails to minimize sediment runoff into surrounding habitats, improved drainage, and enhanced public safety while supporting responsible OHV use.



Figure 2 - Hand crew restores off-route OHV incursions.

Bakersfield Field Office

The Bakersfield Field Office remains busy in the Keysville Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) and has recently updated all kiosk posters. They include improved maps at staging areas and QR codes to download them digitally. They also hosted two volunteer trash clean up events removing approximately four cubic yards of trash and patrolled 12 miles of OHV designated routes, making educational visitor contacts.

In the Temblor Range SRMA, they completed two large trash cleanups removing more than four tons of trash from illegal dumpsites and patrolled eight miles of OHV designated routes. During those patrols they identified severe trail damage and scheduled these sites for repair this spring to improve public safety.

Ridgecrest Field Office

During October through December 2025, the Ridgecrest Field Office utilized OHV grant funds to employ youth crews to complete nearly five miles of restoration fencing. BLM staff used OHV grant funds to educate visitors on the purpose of the fence and encourage responsible recreation by staying on designated trails. BLM staff also continued to do field contacts to educate OHV riders throughout public lands on regulations, best safety practices, and how to ride responsibly and preserve natural resources in the area.

Needles Field Office

Since November 2025, the Needles Field Office has completed a significant outreach initiative to support responsible OHV recreation. They designed, printed, and purchased 2,000 educational brochures focused on OHV best practices, safety, and resource protection. The brochures emphasized responsible OHV use (including designated route compliance and minimizing resource impacts), safety guidelines (proper gear, speed limits, and emergency preparedness tips), and stewardship messaging (Leave No Trace principles and habitat preservation). They are being distributed at visitor centers, local events, and through partnerships with OHV groups to maximize reach and effectiveness. In addition, they continue to staff and operate the Desert Information Center, which provides free services and educational materials to OHV visitors, ensuring they have the resources needed for safe and sustainable OHV recreation.

Arcata Field Office

In early fall 2025, the Arcata Field Office hosted a National Public Lands Day "Poker Run" at Samoa Dunes Recreation Area. The BLM Poker Run was completed through a partnership with Emerald Triangle Off-Road and emphasized the refreshed 4X4 Rock Crawl Area, new OHV interpretive panels, volunteerism, and responsible resource stewardship while recreating with OHVs. In addition, the staff patrolled the boundary of 80,000+ acres of wilderness area for OHV trespass and groomed five miles of trail and track at Samoa Dunes Recreation Area.

Past Events

Northern California District Resource Advisory Council

The Bureau of Land Management Northern California District Resource Advisory Council advises the BLM's field offices in Susanville, Alturas, Arcata, and Redding. They met on September 18, 2025, and the meeting minutes are available at the link below.

Mr. Casey Bokavich is the current RAC appointee who represents OHV Interests through 03/6/2027 and Mr. Jeff Blewett represents Commercial Recreation through 9/21/2026.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/rac/california/northern-california-rac>

Central California District Resource Advisory Council

The Bureau of Land Management Central California District Resource Advisory Council (RAC) advises BLM officials for the Bakersfield, Bishop, Central Coast, Mother Lode and Ukiah field offices. They held a virtual meeting on May 8, 2025 and meeting minutes are available at the link below.

Mr. Michael Lueders and Mr. Reb Monaco are the current RAC appointees who represent OHV Interests through 2/9/2026.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/rac/california/central-california-rac>

California Desert Conservation Area Advisory Committee

The California Desert Advisory Committee (DAC) met virtually on July 12, 2025. The DAC advises BLM officials for the Barstow, El Centro, Needles, Palm Springs, and Ridgecrest field offices and consists of 10 to 15 members who represent stakeholder interests in public land

management, such as conservationists, outdoor recreationists, ranchers, industry officials, tribal leaders, state and local government officers, academics, and others. Meeting minutes are available at the link below.

Mr. Ed Stovin is the current DAC appointee who represents OHV interests through 8/31/2026.

For more information, visit: <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/rac/california/california-desert-district>

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