



OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

September 25, 2015

STAFF REPORT: Law Enforcement/Public Safety

STAFF: Mark Hada, Visitor Services Manager

SUBJECT: Access to Law Enforcement Grants Site Visit Reports,
Rubicon Deployment – Labor Day Weekend, and
Pacific Crest Trail Update

Summary

Currently, the law enforcement grants site visit team provides oversight to law enforcement grants by visiting each grantee every other year. In order to provide maximum transparency into the OHV grant process, these reports will be posted on-line in the future.

The OHMVR Division provided two law enforcement teams to assist with the Rubicon Trail patrol over the Labor Day weekend.

Pacific Crest Trail:

- Two new OHV education kiosks will be installed in the eDF, renewable services wind farm.
- Two OHMVR Commissioners and Division staff participated in a collaborative discussion of interests and concerns about the Pacific Crest Trail on U.S. Forest Service lands in California.

Discussion

Access to Law Enforcement Grants Site Visit Reports

Law enforcement entities that receive funds from the Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program are subject to financial and performance audits at least once every five years (Public Resources Code Section 5090.50). The OHMVR Division staff completes the grant site visit (performance audit) while the California State Parks Audits Office administers the financial audits.

As part of the site visit, the OHMVR Division considers whether the law enforcement entity has spent the grant money pursuant to the agreement. In order to address potential issues and make corrections in a more timely manner, site visits are done on a bi-annual basis, instead of once every five years like the financial audit. Copies of the

site visit reports will be posted on the Division’s website beginning January 2016. Additionally, as part of the site visit report process, the grantee will be given a copy of the report upon completion.

Rubicon Deployment

Two teams were deployed to the Rubicon Trail September 3-7, 2015, to assist Placer County, El Dorado County, and the U.S. Forest Service. The teams focused on education and providing assistance to trail users, though there was special attention paid to the “Cantina on the Con” special event near the Loon Lake spillway.

Pacific Crest Trail

Two additional kiosks will be installed at key locations along the Pacific Crest Trail in southern Kern County within the property managed by eDF, renewable services wind farm. Permission has been granted and preferred sites are being examined by the company’s Director of Environmental Strategy. No installation date has been set..

OHMVR Commission Chair Ted Cabral and Commissioner Ed Patrovsky, along with Visitor Services Manager Mark Hada, participated in a meeting initiated by the OHMVR Commission Chair to discuss use conflict on and near the Pacific Crest Trail. Caelan McGee, Sr. from the Center of Collaborative Policy facilitated the meeting that was held at the Wildland Fire Training and Conference Center, U.S. Forest Service Southwest Regional Office. The purpose of the meeting was to “explore common ground around the recreational use of public lands and to promote a sustainable, holistic approach that maximizes diverse recreation experiences.

Representatives from the following agencies or groups attended the meeting:

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| Blue Ribbon Coalition | Pacific Crest Trail Association |
| Bucks Lake Snow Drifters | Recreation Outdoors Coalition |
| Bureau of Land Management | Sierra Access Coalition |
| OHMVR Commission | Sierra Club |
| California State Parks OHMVR Division | Sequoia Forest Keepers |
| California Off-Road Vehicle Association | Stewards of the Sequoia |
| Kern Recreational Land Owners Association | United States Forest Service |

Commission Action

For information only

Attachments

None