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## Bureau of Land Management Report to the California State OHV Commission

**Presentations will be given by:**

**State Office – Danielle Chi – Deputy State Director  
Natural Resources, Planning, and Fire**

**Field Office – Brian Novosak - Eagle Lake Field Office Manager  
Marisa William - Recreation Planner**

### **Update Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan**

On February 02, 2018, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) initiated the public scoping process for the potential plan amendments for the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP), which amended the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan, Bishop Resource Management Plan (RMP), and the Bakersfield RMP in the Mojave and Colorado/Sonoran Desert regions of southern California.

The Bureau of Land Management has received more than 25,000 public comments on the notice of intent to consider amending three land use plans that underlie the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan.

The BLM welcomed comments from the public on how land designations identified as part of the DRECP process might affect renewable energy and multiple uses. This information will be used to help the BLM set the parameters and scope of the review of the land use plans.

A scoping report summarizing public comments is expected later this year.



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### Eagle Lake Field Office Manager



SUSANVILLE, Calif. – Brian Novosak, an experienced natural resource administrator with a broad background, has been named manager of the Bureau of Land Management Eagle Lake Field Office in Susanville.

“Brian has worked across the nation in posts for three federal agencies and two state natural resources agencies. This experience has prepared him well for the diversity of topics and issues he will address with our team in BLM California,” said BLM

California State Director Jerry Perez. “We are happy to welcome him to our leadership team.”

Novosak most recently completed an assignment as manager of the BLM’s Glenallen, Alaska Field Office. He has also held positions at the BLM headquarters in Washington, D. C.; in the El Centro, California Field Office; the Utah State Office; and the Pecos District Office in Roswell, New Mexico. Outside of the BLM, he has worked for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and the Missouri Department of Conservation. Novosak holds a Masters of Science degree in zoology and a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

“Throughout his career, Brian has distinguished himself as a coalition builder, working closely with communities, private industry and interest groups in managing public lands and natural resources,” said BLM Northern California District Manager Alan Bittner. “He exemplifies the BLM’s commitment to partnerships and inclusion as vital tools to managing sustainable, working public lands.”

In Susanville Novosak will oversee about a million acres of public lands in northeast California and northwest Nevada, and a staff of about 40 permanent and seasonal employees. The field office manages a regional wild horse and burro corral and is a key partner in the Susanville Interagency Fire Center.

Novosak reports to Susanville in early November. He replaces former field manager Ken Collum, who transferred to the BLM Carson City District.



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### Shasta Dam Grand Prix

485 dirt bike racers and family members converged on the Chappie-Shasta Off-Highway Vehicle Area to participate in the 2018 Shasta Dam Grand Prix. The Grand Prix is an annual event put on by the Redding Dirt Riders motorcycle club held in mid-April. The event starts and finishes at the popular



Chappie-Shasta Staging Area located just south of Bureau of Reclamation's Shasta Dam. Riders in several skill level and age specific classes race from 1 to 4 hours completing multiple laps. Race courses range from 5 to 40 mile loops and cover a wide range of trail and road difficulty levels and elevations ranging from 1,000 to 4,000 feet. ([BLM California Facebook](#))



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### **MAKING A DIFFERENCE: MENDOCINO 4X4 CLUB VOLUNTEERS WITH BLM UKIAH FIELD OFFICE.**

The Mendocino 4x4 Club has been close partners with the BLM-California's Ukiah Field Office for over 40 years. They have been strong supporters of BLM's mission by always helping BLM staff improve the safety, education and accessibility to OHV recreational areas. Any time BLM staff needed support or an extra pair of hands, the Mendocino 4x4 Club has always been there and answered the call.



At these events and volunteer workdays, they communicate and contribute to the areas recreational and natural resources. Over the past year, the Mendocino 4x4 Club has contributed over 350 hours of volunteer work and labor and donated over \$6,000 in labor, mileage, fuel, and materials. Their volunteer work has been fundamental in the Ukiah Field Office maintaining our recreation opportunities in our OHV areas. The Club has been a fundamental building block in helping create a safer, more educational, exciting and diverse recreation program in the Ukiah area.

During #NationalVolunteerMonth, we celebrate the selfless work of our volunteers. The BLM values the thousands of volunteers who offer their time, skills and service to help care for the nation's natural and cultural resources. Volunteers contribute to many BLM program areas, including recreation, wild horses and burros, cultural and historical resources and environmental education and interpretation. Our volunteers work with us to be good neighbors in the communities we serve.