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

Further updates on the following subjects will be provided at the next OHV Commission meeting:

Ukiah Field Office Fire Recovery Presentation

BLM Invites Public to Provide Input for OHV Grant Proposals

In preparation for the upcoming California Department of Parks and Recreation's OHMVR division's upcoming grant cycle, the Bureau of Land Management has announced meetings to seek input from the public on proposed grant applications.

The meetings will be held at the locations, dates, and times listed below:

Thursday, January 21, 2016, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Barstow Field Office
2601 Barstow Road
Barstow, CA 92311

Wednesday, January 27, 2016, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Needles Field Office
1303 S. Highway 95
Needles, CA 92363

Wednesday, January 27, 2016, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
El Centro Field Office
1661 South 4th Street
El Centro, CA 92243

Thursday, January 28, 2016, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Ridgecrest Field Office
300 South Richmond Road
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Friday, January 29, 2016, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Palm Springs Field Office
1201 Bird Center Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92262



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BLM California Welcomes New State Director Jerry Perez

New State Director Jerry Perez is now on board for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in California. Perez started in his new position on Jan. 11, succeeding California State Director Jim Kenna who recently retired in October 2015.



New BLM-CA State Director Jerry Perez.

Perez brings significant experience to his new position. He comes to California from Oregon, where he has served as State Director for the BLM Oregon/Washington Office since 2012. Prior to coming on board with the BLM, Perez worked for the U.S. Forest Service in a number of positions that include Deputy Regional Forester for the Intermountain Region in Utah; Forest Supervisor on the Daniel Boone National Forest in Kentucky; Deputy Forest Supervisor for the Stanislaus National Forest in California; and National Litigation Coordinator in the U.S. Forest Service Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

“It’s a great honor to return to California as State Director during this exciting time for the BLM,” Perez said. “I look forward to building upon the good work the Bureau has accomplished here and continuing to further our partnerships with the communities we serve, a critical element to successfully managing public lands.”

As the California State Director, Perez will oversee the management of 15.2 million acres of public lands, nearly 15 percent of the state’s land area, and 1.6 million acres in northwestern Nevada. BLM California also administers 47 million acres of subsurface mineral estate underlying federal surface land, 2.5 million acres underlying privately owned land, and 592,000 acres of Native American tribal land where BLM has trust responsibility for mineral operations.

Upon naming him State Director in September, BLM Director Neil Kornze said, “Jerry has broad experience in natural resource management both with the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service. He has a deep understanding of what it takes to balance public land uses like recreation, energy development and the protection of wildlife habitat. I look forward to having him in this critical leadership position.”



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Perez graduated from West Virginia University with a bachelor's degree in Forest Resource Management. He received his law degree from The Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law. Perez also served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ghana, Africa, where he met his wife Rita.

300 Riders Participate in Chappie-Shasta OHV Event

Nearly 300 riders rang in the new year by riding the trails in the Chappie-Shasta Off Highway Vehicle Area in an annual poker run sponsored by the Redding Dirt Riders.



Dirt bike riders traverse a trail in the Chappie-Shasta OHV area north of Redding during the annual Redding Dirt Riders poker run. (BLM photo)

Riders braved the winter chill for the New Year's Day event, with most participants riding dirt bikes. Some riders used all-terrain vehicles for the event and some drove side-by-side utility vehicles.



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Poker run participants had this spectacular view of Shasta Dam from a high point on the ride. (BLM photo)

Most of the trails used in the ride are managed by the BLM Redding Field Office, which issued a special recreation use permit for the event.

The Chappie Shasta Off-Highway vehicle area offers 200 miles of roads and trails for off-road enthusiasts, and spectacular views of Shasta Dam, Shasta Lake, and Mount Shasta. Camping is available near the staging area below Shasta Dam. More information on the area is available at www.blm.gov/ca/redding



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14th Annual Dumont Dunes Cleanup

The Friends of Dumont Dunes and the BLM's Barstow Field Office invite you to join us in our 14th Annual Dumont Dunes Cleanup.

We are looking for 125 volunteers to participate in the cleanup.

Volunteers will receive a Friend of Dumont Dunes (FODD) wrist band that will entitle them to:

- Free Lunch
- Serve as a pass from March 11-13, 2016
- Eligible for quickdraws

Volunteers must show their FODD clean-up wrist band in order to leave without purchasing a pass unless you are a season pass holder.

Saturday, March 12, 2016

**CHECK-IN—8:00 a.m.
Dumont Dunes Visitor Center**

Look for The Friends of Dumont Dunes Banner!

What To Bring:

- Sunglasses, wide brimmed hat, sturdy footwear, suntan lotion, and work gloves.
- Pick-up trucks for hauling trash to central location points.
- Lots of camping friends to help!



For more information and to RSVP by Friday, March 4, 2016, please contact:

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