

**CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS OHMVR DIVISION SITE VISIT REPORT  
LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECTS**

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1. **Grantee:** BLM El Centro Field Office
2. **Date(s) of Visit(s):** 9/27/16 **Grant Amount:** \$377,916
3. **Project Number:** G14-01-09-L01 **Grant Cycle:** 2014/2015
4. **Project Performance Period(original): From:** 1/1/16 **To:** 12/31/16
5. **Participants:**

Participants	Agency	Title	Email	Phone
George Masner	BLM	Supervisory Law Enforcement Ranger	gmasner@blm.gov	760.337.4400
Mark Hada	CA State Parks, OHMVR Division	Superintendent III	mark.hada@parks.ca.gov	916.324.4442
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**6. Jurisdiction:**

The El Centro Field Office administers approximately 1.4 million acres of public lands within Imperial and San Diego Counties. The El Centro rangers patrol 2,267 miles of limited use Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) routes and 181,000 acres of open OHV Recreation, of which approximately 95% is within Imperial County.

**7. Primary Patrol Areas:**

Patrol Areas	Sensitive Areas	Notes
<u>Buttercup Area</u>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>All riding areas have contained within their</u>
<u>Glamis Dunes</u>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>boundaries or immediately adjacent to them.</u>
<u>Plaster City</u>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>areas of special concern, critical habitat areas</u>
<u>Superstition Mountains</u>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>and/or Wilderness designated areas.</u>
<u>Yuha Area Critical Environmental Concern</u>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	<u> </u>
<u>West Mesa Area Critical Environmental Concern</u>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	<u> </u>
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8. **Facilities/Inspected Areas:** With Grantee: YES  NO



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TOPIC	YES	NO	BRIEF EXPLANATION: (If Necessary)
Does the Grantee have the appropriate number of LE supervisory staff?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does the Grantee have the appropriate safety gear?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does the Grantee do outreach to the local community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amnesty Day, National Public Lands Event are two such events.
Does the Grantee partner with other agencies for special event coverage?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Partners with Imperial County Sheriff and California State Parks for events like Tierra Del Sol, as well as normal heavy use days/time periods such as the days around Halloween, Thanksgiving and New Year's.
Is the Grantee maintaining statistics (e.g., citations, public contacts, etc.)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Daily and by special event weekend/holidays
Does the Grantee's staff need additional training?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Generally lacks staff, but can use the upcoming Off-Highway Vehicle Law Enforcement course and associated sound training component.
Is the project progressing on schedule?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are the goals attainable this grant period?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the Grantee on schedule to use the whole grant award?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**Additional Notes:**

Supervisory Ranger Masner stated much of the OHV equipment is staged at field locations, not the BLM regional office where we met. We were able to see 6 of the 14 assigned trucks/SUVs. These appeared to be in fair to good condition, but none had OHV stickers, which we provided. We saw 2 of the 4 Law Enforcement ROVs, but of the remaining 2 are being surveyed out. They had 2 sand rails and 5 ATVs which we did not observe. Staffing levels make cooperation with allied agencies vital at this time. OHV funding is what allows other agency staff to deploy for large events and heavy use time periods.

Law Enforcement Staff: M. Hada

Grants Staff: Maria Olmos

Enforcement Supervisor: K. Baker

Grants Manager: Sixto Fernandez

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Patrol Truck at BLM El Centro Parking Facility



ROV in trailer at El Centro Parking Facility