

OHMVR Commission Over Snow Vehicle Recreation and Pacific Crest Trail Ad Hoc Committee Charter

The OHMVR Act established the Commission to provide a public body of appointed members having expertise in various areas related to off-highway recreation and environmental protection. The Commission is dedicated to reviewing and commenting on Program implementation, encouraging public input on issues and concerns affecting the OHMVR Program, considering and approving general plans for SVRAs, and providing advice to the OHMVR Division.

An Ad Hoc Committee of the OHMVR Commission is comprised of two Commissioners whose purpose is to conduct research and gather information about a specific topic of interest related to the duties and responsibilities of the OHMVR Commission, make recommendations and report out to the OHMVR Commission at their regularly scheduled meetings.

Members of the Over Snow Vehicle Recreation and Pacific Crest Trail Ad Hoc Committee: Commissioner Patrovsky and Commissioner Ross-Leech

OHV Division Staff Lead: TBD

OSV Staff Lead: TBD

PCT Trail Lead: TBD

USFS Staff Lead: TBD

BLM Staff Lead: TBD

The OHMVR Division serves as the lead agency for the statewide Over Snow Vehicle (OSV) program, a cooperative effort to provide wintertime recreation opportunities throughout California. The OSV program primarily operates under a Cost Share Agreement (CSA) with Region Five of the USFS. Additional support is provided by various program partners, including county government agencies, volunteer groups, and private contractors. Together, everyone offers a comprehensive network of 26 trail systems with over 1,700 miles of groomed trails. These trails are primarily used for motorized recreation; however, they are also popular among cross-country skiers, snowshoers, and dog sledders.

Road and Trail Management Plans (RTMPs) provide specific guidance and direction for implementing the goals and objectives of the park's approved General Plan. It describes a park's existing road and trail conditions, provides direction for their future management, and includes specific actions for individual roads and trails.

A comprehensive management plan ensures that recreational trail opportunities are made available at their fullest potential while conserving and enhancing the protection of cultural and

natural resources. Although planning can be implemented on a single trail basis, park-wide trail system planning remains the preferred and the most effective method. Comprehensive planning also reduces construction and maintenance costs and identifies preferred management actions for balancing resource protection.

Over Snow Vehicle Recreation and Pacific Crest Trail Ad Hoc Charter: Work with OHMVR Division staff, as well as other partner agencies, to develop mitigation approaches and other remedies needed to address conflicts between motorized and non-motorized recreational uses in specifically managed resource areas and facilities.

- Meet prior to each regularly scheduled OHMVR Commission meeting and as needed to review current issues and concerns regarding Over Snow Vehicle Recreation and the Pacific Crest Trail. The Ad Hoc Committee will meet at least twice per year.
- Identify Action Items to be placed on the agenda for OHMVR Commission meetings to ensure timely responses with public input for important issues and concerns.
- Meet regularly with OHMVR Division staff and other federal, state and non-government agency partners to identify current Over Snow Vehicle Recreation and Pacific Crest Trail issues and concerns. The Ad Hoc will meet at least once per year with the multi-agency team.
- Develop an annual work plan with prioritized goals.
- The Ad Hoc will review current inter and intra agency protocols to determine if additional and/or revised guidance is needed on Over Snow Vehicle Recreation and the Pacific Crest Trail.
- Review annual OHMVR Division budget with Over Snow Vehicle Recreation and Pacific Crest Trail needs in mind.
- Ensure partner agencies are aware of the OHMVR Division Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program that provides financial assistance to local, state, federal and non-profit organizations for OHV-related activities.