



**OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING
Kings Beach, CA 96143**

September 26, 2014

STAFF REPORT: Eastern Kern County Proposed Acquisition
STAFF: Dan Canfield, Planning Manager
SUBJECT: Eastern Kern County Proposed Acquisition Update

Summary

The OHMVR Division is proposing to acquire 50 privately-owned parcels (approximately 25,000 acres) in eastern Kern County, California, from ReNu Resources, LLC. The proposed Eastern Kern County Acquisition (EKCA) lands are due west of Red Rock Canyon State Park and are interspersed in checkerboard fashion amongst land owned primarily by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) (see Attachment 1).

On October 18, 2013, California's Public Works Board approved the EKCA project for site selection. This approval allowed the OHMVR Division to begin property acquisition negotiations. An updated property appraisal for the subject properties was completed in July 2014. Due diligence activities are currently ongoing for the proposed acquisition.

Discussion

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the OHMVR Division circulated a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the EKCA project from February 15, 2013 through April 1, 2013. On October 3, 2013, the OHMVR Division approved the acquisition project and adopted the EIR findings including a statement of overriding considerations. Additionally, the OHMVR Division adopted the Eastern Kern Country Property Acquisition Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Plan. The Final EIR and associated documents can be reviewed at the project website:

www.ohv.parks.ca.gov/kern-county-acq.

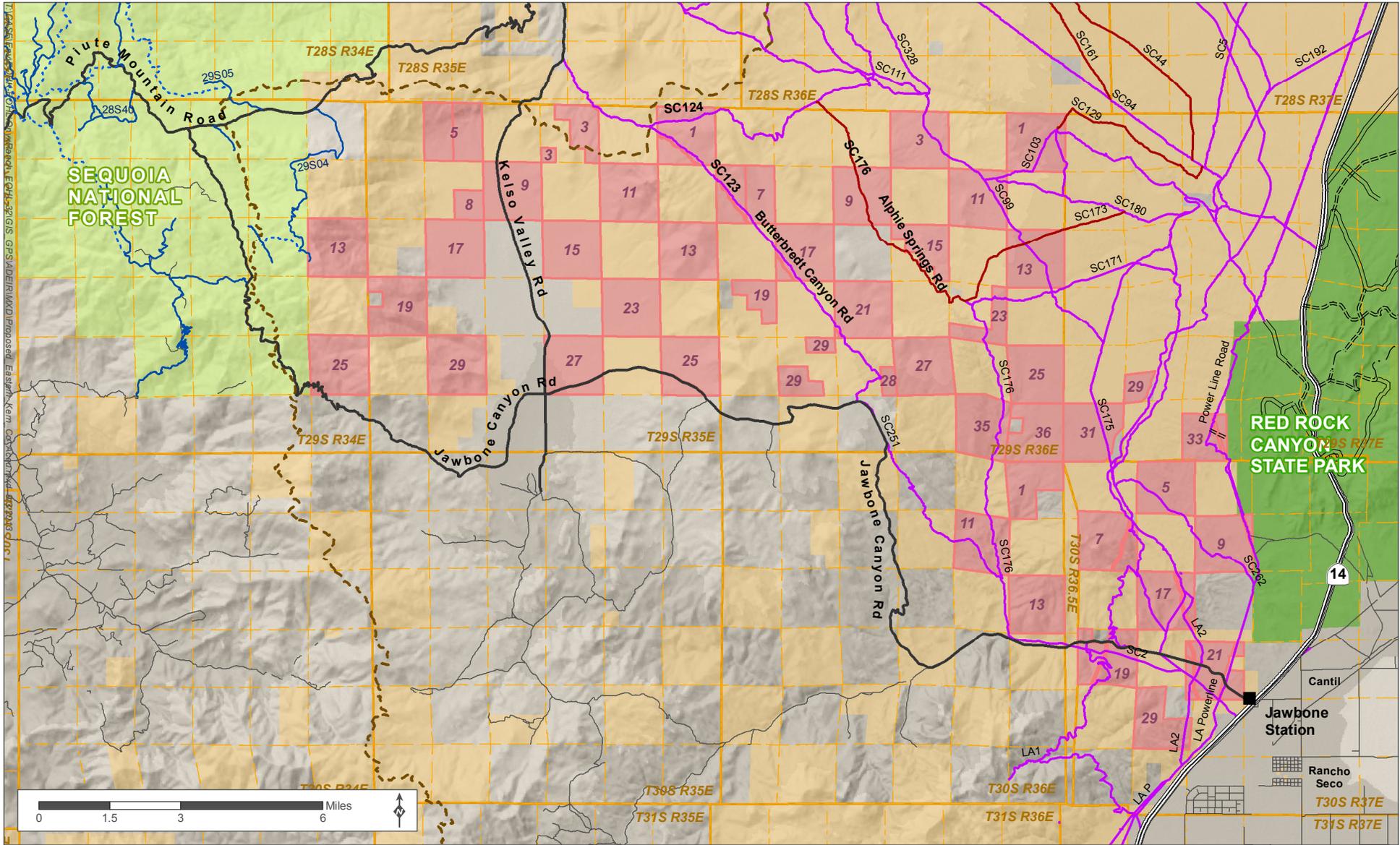
If acquired, the properties will be managed by the OHMVR Division in cooperation with the BLM, Ridgecrest Field Office.

Commission Action

For Information Only

Attachments

Attachment 1: Eastern Kern County Acquisition Parcel Map



Source: Bureau of Land Management, CalTrans, TRA, Kern County, California Department of Parks and Recreation

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Visitor Center ══ State Route — Local Roads — Other Local Roads | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Proposed Parcel Acquisition (Labeled by Section Number) --- Public Land Survey Sections (with Township and Range) ■ Bureau of Land Management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --- National Forest System Motorized Vehicle Trails — National Forest System Roads BLM Designated Routes: — ATV & MC Routes — 4 Wheel Drive Routes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red Rock Canyon State Park Routes — Dirt Road (Primary) === 4-WD Recommended · · · 4-WD |
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