



OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING Costa Mesa, CA

September 20, 2013

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

Summary

Since the March 23, 2013, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Commission meeting, the Eastern Kern County Acquisition (EKCA) Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) public comment period ended on April 1, 2013.

The total properties offered for sale has decreased from 59 parcels, approximately 28,000 acres, to 50 parcels, approximately 25,000 acres. A map of the parcels remaining for sale is provided as an attachment to this report (see Attachment 1).

As part of the property acquisition process, the OHMVR Division has requested a property appraisal be conducted by the Department of General Services (DGS). The results of the DGS appraisal will serve as basis for property acquisition negotiations.

Discussion

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 acquisition 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.

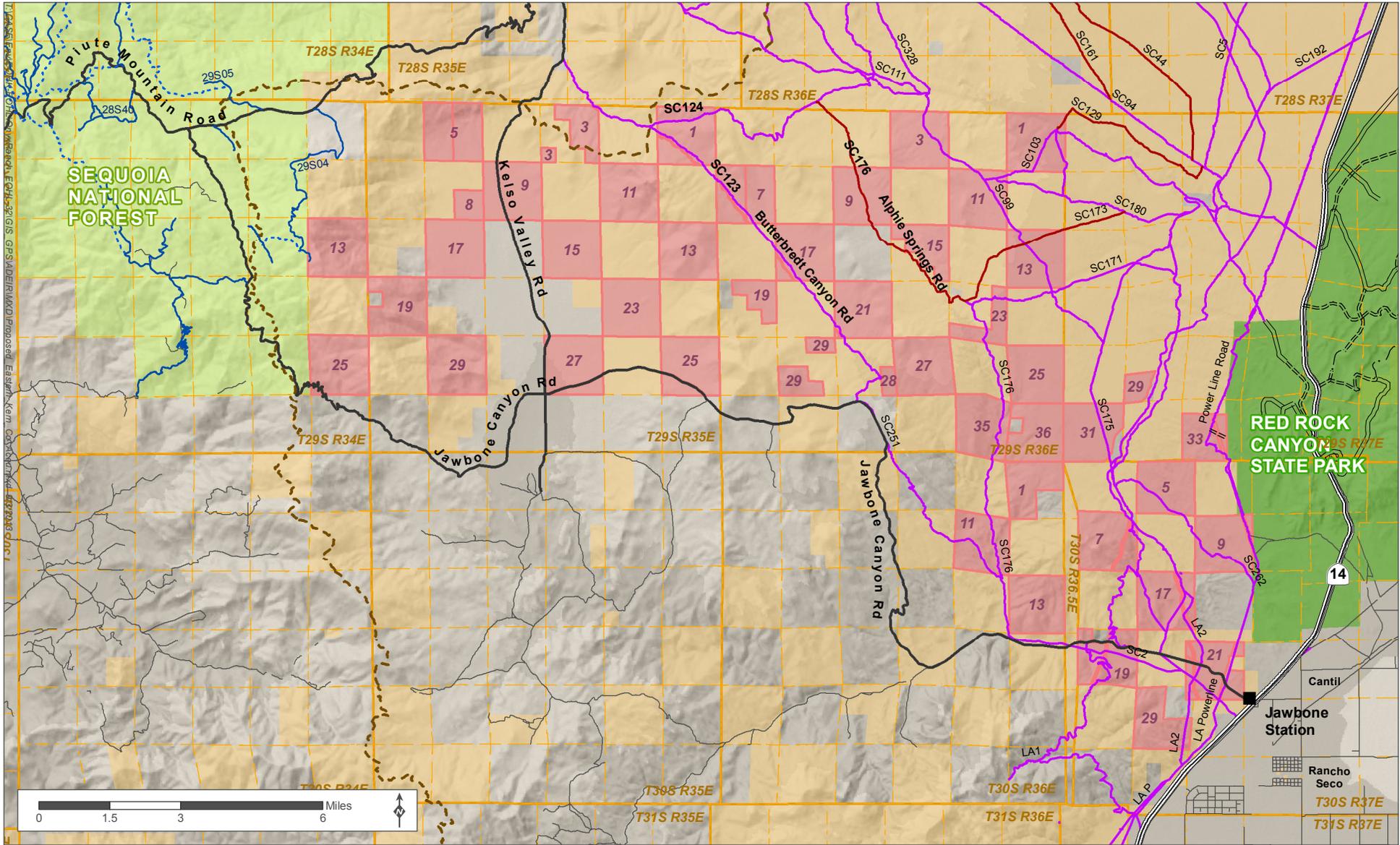
In accordance with CEQA, the OHMVR Division circulated a Draft EIR for the EKCA project from February 15, 2013 through April 1, 2013. Thirty-one comment letters were received from various agencies, organizations and individuals. Additionally, oral comments were received from three individuals at the public hearing held March 16, 2013, in Tehachapi, California. OHMVR Division responses to the comments will be included in the Final EIR scheduled for release in Fall 2013. It is important to note that the EIR encompasses the original 59 parcel offering to accommodate future acquisition efforts should the properties come available.

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

- Visitor Center
- ══ State Route
- Local Roads
- Other Local Roads
- Proposed Parcel Acquisition (Labeled by Section Number)
- Public Land Survey Sections (with Township and Range)
- Bureau of Land Management
- National Forest System Motorized Vehicle Trails
- National Forest System Roads
- BLM Designated Routes:**
- ATV & MC Routes
- 4 Wheel Drive Routes
- Red Rock Canyon State Park Routes**
- Dirt Road (Primary)
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