



**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
Ocotillo Wells District  
Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area and Heber Dunes  
State Vehicular Recreation Area**

**ORDER # 555-16-01  
February 10, 2016**

Effective this 25th day of January, 2016 for the safety and welfare of the public, and under the authority of the California Code of Regulations, Title 14 Sections 4326 and 4301(i), the following regulations regarding Drone/UAS use shall apply to all lands owned or operated as part of Ocotillo Wells and Heber Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Areas:

No person shall launch, land or operate a powered unmanned aircraft or unmanned aerial system (UAS) within Ocotillo Wells or Heber Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Areas.

Exceptions to this order, at the discretion of the District Superintendent, **may** include:

1. Commercial filming with applicable FAA Certificate of Authorization (COA), appropriate park unit permits and California Film Commission approval.
2. Non-commercial use upon completion of the park unit's special use permit application and applicable FAA registration.
3. Use by law enforcement under exigent circumstances.
4. Scientific research with appropriate FAA registration and park unit permits.

If any exception is granted, as described above, all UAS/Drone equipment must be made available for inspection of safety compliance at the time of application.

Exceptions to this order may only be granted in writing by the District Superintendent of Ocotillo Wells District at 5172 Hwy 78 #10, Borrego Springs, CA 92004

Nothing herein shall be construed in derogation of other provisions of law.

Original Signed by:



Garratt Aitchison  
District Superintendent  
Ocotillo Wells District

Authority: State of California Public Resources Code, Section 5003; California Code of Regulation Title 14, Sections 4326 & 4301(i)

Copies of this order have been filed with: California State Parks, Off Highway Motor Vehicle Division, 1725 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, California 95816



Declaration of Posting  
District Superintendent's Order  
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Ocotillo Wells District  
Ocotillo Wells/Heber Dunes SVRA

I hereby declare that on January 25, 2016 the Department of Parks and Recreation, Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division, Ocotillo Wells District posted order number 555-16-03, attached hereto, was posted at the Ocotillo Wells District Office at 5172 Highway 78, Box 10, Borrego Springs, California 92004. .

I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing to be true and correct.

Signed:   
Garratt Aitchison, District Superintendent

Date: 2/10/2016