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STAFF REPORT: Planning Program Update
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SUBJECT: Status of Planning Efforts for State Vehicular Recreation Areas

Summary

Several planning efforts are underway within State Vehicular Recreation Areas (SVRAs). Hungry Valley SVRA is in the process of updating its park general plan. The Red Rock Canyon State Park General Plan, which has off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation components, is revising its general plan. This report describes each plan's purpose, process, and current milestone.

Discussion

Following is a summary of recent SVRA/OHV general plan developments.

Hungry Valley SVRA:

California State Parks initiated the General Plan Update process for Hungry Valley SVRA in 2016. This update intends to address changes within the SVRA, keep up with new technologies, and incorporate lands that have been acquired since the existing General Plan was adopted in 1981. The General Plan Update will provide a comprehensive management plan that will guide the future of Hungry Valley SVRA for the next 20 to 30 years. It will serve as the blueprint for future decisions about land use, facilities, recreation opportunities, and management of natural, cultural, and physical resources, among other topics.

The Hungry Valley SVRA General Plan has a project website at www.planhungryvalley.com/ to facilitate public involvement in the planning process. Interested parties should visit the project website and register to receive email notifications regarding project progress.

State Parks developed General Plan Draft Plan Concepts and presented them at two virtual public meetings in February and March 2021, along with an online questionnaire. A summary of the comments from the workshops is available on the project website.

The next steps in the planning process include preparing a draft general plan and draft environmental impact report (EIR) for public review and comment.

Oceano Dunes SVRA and Pismo State Beach Public Works Plan

State Parks has prepared a Draft Public Works Plan (PWP) and associated Draft EIR for Pismo State Beach and Oceano Dunes SVRA for compliance with the California Coastal Act. The PWP describes specific Development Projects requiring approval under the Coastal Act and identifies Other Park Management Programs and Plans.

State Parks prepared the Draft Plan (Volume 1), Existing Conditions (Volume 2), and Draft EIR (Volume 3) and made them available for public review from December 31, 2020, through April 19, 2021. The Draft Plan was presented at a California Coastal Commission meeting on March 18, 2021, and interested parties can view these documents at: www.oceanodunespwp.com/en/documents/draft-eir. State Parks received several thousand comments and appreciated the high involvement and interest from the public, organizations, and state agencies. At this time, State Parks is reviewing draft PWP and EIR comments and collaborating with the Coastal Commission and other agencies.

For more information about the project, view documents, and sign up for updates, go to www.oceanodunespwp.com.

Red Rock Canyon State Park General Plan:

The General Plan has a project website, www.redrockgp.com, and a project email, info@redrockgp.com. Interested parties should visit the project website.

The planning team is developing the draft preliminary general plan and EIR. These documents will be available for public review and comment in fall/winter 2021. A summary of public comments for the October 2019 Revised Plan Concept public meetings is available on the project website at www.redrockgp.com/resources.

Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation and Over Snow Recreation – Demographic and Economic Impact Study (Study)

State Parks and California State University, Fresno, kicked off the Study in February 2021. The proposed study provides information on the characteristics of OHV/OSV users in California. The purpose of this project is to: 1) document the use levels, locations, and duration of visits to OHV/OSV sites; and 2) document economic impacts and benefits, and value of the OHV/OSV system. Phase I of the project will focus on the online survey of registered vehicle owners. Phase II will document users at selected event sites via intercept surveys and an online survey to government and businesses near active event sites. The project product will be a full report and analysis.

Commission Action

For information only.

Attachments -- None

CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS SVRA PLANNING UPDATE

Park Unit	Adopted	Amended	Plan Status & Updates in Progress
Prairie City SVRA	2016 1991		Approved by the OHMVR Commission September 2016
Carnegie SVRA	2016 1981		Approved by the OHMVR Commission October 2016
Clay Pit SVRA	2012		Approved by the OHMVR Commission June 2012.
Heber Dunes SVRA	2011		Approved by the OHMVR Commission December 2011.
Hollister Hills SVRA	1978	2001	Approved by the OHMVR Commission in February 2001
Oceano Dunes SVRA (General Plan)	1975	1994	Approved by the State Park and Recreation Commission in February 1994
Oceano Dunes SVRA (Public Works Plan)			State Parks prepared a Draft Public Works Plan (PWP) and associated Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Pismo State Beach and Oceano Dunes SVRA. The Draft Plan (Volume 1), Existing Conditions (Volume 2), and Draft EIR (Volume 3) are available at: www.oceanodunespwp.com/en/documents/draft-eir .
Hungry Valley SVRA	1981		General Plan update in progress. The team is preparing the draft general plan and EIR for public review.
Ocotillo Wells SVRA	1981		General Plan Revision began in 2015 with a joint planning document with BLM and State Parks and was paused in 2019. The project will start again in 2021-2022.

State Vehicular Recreation Area Road and Trail Management Plans

Park Unit	Plan Status & Updates in Progress
Eastern Kern County, Onyx Ranch SVRA	Road and Trail Management Plan (RTMP) project began May 2018. State Parks completed a trail inventory in 2020 and is working on base maps.
Carnegie SVRA	RTMP began in July 2018. State Parks completed a trail inventory in 2020. Work was paused in 2020 and will resume in 2021.
Prairie City SVRA	RTMP began in April 2017. The trail inventory and base maps were completed in 2019. Work was paused in 2020 and will resume in 2021. The first stakeholder meetings, consultation, and visitor surveys have been conducted.

Regional Planning Efforts

Park Unit	Adopted	Plan Status & Updates in Progress
Red Rock Canyon State Park	January 1982	General Plan Update. The project restarted in January 2018. Environmental Scoping Meetings occurred in October 2018. Plan Concept Meetings were held in March 2019, and the preferred alternative meetings were held in October 2019. Work was paused in 2020 and has resumed. State Parks is preparing a draft general plan and EIR.