

# California Bureau of Land Management

## Report to the California State OHV Commission

### June 12, 2025

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**No Presentation Planned.**

- **Neil Hamada – BLM OHV / Travel & Transportation Mgt. Lead**

#### BLM ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### **BLM welcomes Joe Stout as the new California State Director**

Veteran land manager Joe Stout is the new BLM California State Director. He oversees 15 million acres of public lands and 42 million acres of minerals and energy resources in California, as well as 1.6 million surface acres in northwestern Nevada. Stout began his new role on August 11, 2024. Stout returns to BLM California, where he previously served for over seven years as the Associate State Director and Acting State Director.

Most recently, Stout has served as the Forest Supervisor of the Eldorado National Forest in the Central Sierras of California, overseeing four ranger districts and managing programs in natural resources, fire and aviation, public services, and engineering. Before his tenure with the United States Forest Service, Stout held leadership positions at all levels of the BLM. At the Bureau's Headquarters, he served as the Acting Chief of Staff for the Director's Office and Division Chief for the Decision Support, Planning, and NEPA programs. At the Regional level, he served as the Acting Associate State Director of BLM Colorado, and at the field level he led a land use plan revision for the Kremmling and Glenwood Springs Field Offices in Colorado.

As BLM California State Director, Stout will lead a team of 1,000 permanent staff who oversee public lands across the rangelands, forests, high mountains, and deserts that make California one of the most diverse states in the nation. The BLM manages an abundance of resources for multiple use in California, supporting generations of families and local communities, and providing important economic benefits to Californians and the nation. Stout holds a master's degree in public administration (Environmental Policy, Management, and Law) from the University of Colorado in Denver, and he completed his undergraduate studies in sociology and environmental studies at the State University of New York at Fredonia. Stout and his family love spending time outdoors, including backpacking, fly fishing and skiing.



### **Gabe Garcia welcomes role as new BLM Central California District Manager**

As the District Manager for the [Central California District](#) Gabriel Garcia is responsible for roughly 2.2 million acres of BLM-managed public lands stretching from the Pacific coast through the Central Valley across the Sierra Nevada to the California-Nevada border.

“I am pleased to welcome Gabe into this new role where his knowledge of public lands, planning, and recreation will be utilized and benefit the communities and stakeholders we serve,” said BLM California State Director Joe Stout.

Garcia brings more than 22 years of experience with the Bureau of Land Management, most recently as the Field Manager of the Bakersfield Field Office, which manages 600,000 acres of public lands spanning eight counties in Central California. Garcia graduated from Chico State University with a Bachelor of Science in biology and holds a master’s degree in business administration from National University. When not in the office, Gabe enjoys family time, traveling, and recreating on public lands.



### **BLM Selects Brandon Anderson as Acting California Desert District Manager and permanent Palm Springs-South Coast Field Manager.**

As the Acting California Desert District manager and permanent Field Manager for the [Palm Springs – South Coast Field Office](#), Brandon Anderson oversees the management of about 1.7-million acres of public lands in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego counties. Anderson started his position on July 15.

Anderson started his career with the BLM in 2009 as a realty specialist intern for the California State Office, while finishing his degree in finance, real estate, and land use at California State University, Sacramento. He recently spent five years as the BLM California Desert District’s Project Support Assistant District Manager, leading the team responsible for managing renewable energy projects across the roughly 11 million acres of public. During his tenure, he and his team permitted more than 2,500 megawatts of renewable energy and pioneered implementation of the first projects covered under the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan.

Anderson and his wife are long term residents of the Coachella Valley. Together, they enjoy exploring public lands, including Anderson’s personal favorite places of Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, Sand to Snow National Monument, and the California Coastal National Monument. In his personal time, Anderson enjoys finding solitude among the ancient oaks in the Beauty Mountain Wilderness or the twisted slot canyons in the Mecca Hills Wilderness. Anderson has two pups, Huckleberry and Finnegan.



#### **Neal Craig embracing new role as BLM Ukiah Field Manager**

Neal Craig, the new Ukiah Field Manager oversees the management of more than 270,000 acres of public lands within Marin, Mendocino, Lake, Sonoma, Napa, Colusa, Glenn, Yolo, and Solano counties.

The [Ukiah Field Office](#) also manages parts of the California Coastal National Monument in the Point Arena-Stornetta area and the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument, managed jointly with the Mendocino National Forest. The field office also administers geothermal leasing at The Geysers, the world's

largest geothermal steam field and the Cow Mountain Recreation Area, which includes the first Congressionally designated OHV area.

Neal brings a broad background in natural resource management, sustainable agriculture, and organizational development in both the government and private sectors. Recently, Neal served as the Assistant Field Manager in the BLM Bishop Field Office where he supervised the multi-resources staff and provided leadership in several program development areas. He previously worked for the U.S. Geologic Survey, serving as a technical expert, project manager, and supervisor in water quality and water quantity projects in Colorado, Michigan, Kentucky, and other states.

Neal graduated from the University of Memphis with a Bachelor of Science in geography. He has also owned and operated a sustainable farm that utilized livestock grazing systems, soil health improvement, and watershed restoration projects. When not in the office, Neal is an avid runner, and small batch coffee roaster Craig succeeds Nick Lavrov, who took a position with another government agency.



#### **BLM welcomes Ron Nuckles as Needles Field Manager**

Ron Nuckles is the new field manager for the [Needles Field Office](#). In his role, Nuckles oversees the management of more than 3.2 million acres of public lands in San Bernardino County. He started his career with the BLM in 2017, where he managed engineering, maintenance, and support services for the Vale District Office in Oregon. He most recently spent two years as the Assistant Field Manager for the Lake Havasu Field Office in Arizona, managing operations for one of the only lake systems in the BLM, commercial leasing, recreation events, and Tribal relations.

Nuckles served in the U.S. Marine Corps and has more than 20 years of federal experience, including eight years at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, and five years with the National Park Service at Joshua Tree National Park and Shenandoah National Park. Nuckles succeeds Michael Ahrens, who retired in December 2023.

Nuckles was born and raised in southern California where he has spent most of his life. In his personal time, Ron enjoys recreating on public lands and waterways with his wife and three kids.



### **BLM Welcomes Philip DeSenze as Ridgecrest Field Manager**

Philip DeSenze is the new Field Manager for the [Ridgecrest Field Office](#). He oversees the management of about 1.8 million acres of public lands in Kern, Inyo, and San Bernardino counties. DeSenze joins the BLM from the U.S. Forest Service where he served as District Ranger on the Inyo National Forest since 2019.

DeSenze started his federal career with the U.S. Forest Service in 2012 as a regional planner and climate coordinator in the Eastern Region. He has held a variety of positions with the U.S. Forest Service, including Deputy District Ranger and acting District Ranger for the Kern River Ranger District, public affairs officer for the Angeles National Forest, and temporary assignments in public affairs and legislative affairs. He also served a special assignment as Deputy Associate Director for Climate Preparedness at the White House Council of Environmental Quality and a congressional fellowship focused on public lands.

DeSenze grew up on a small, family farm in Ohio's Appalachian foothills and earned his degrees at Ohio State University. In his free time, he enjoys many activities, including getting outdoors, travel, cooking, and sports.



### **BLM selects Kay-Leigh Barnitz as new Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument Manager**

Kay-Leigh Barnitz is the new [Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument](#) Manager for the Bureau of Land Management California and the Mendocino National Forest selected. She now embraces the challenge of overseeing the management of 330,780 acres of public lands in a region stretching from Napa County to the mountains of the Mendocino National Forest north of Clear Lake.

Her career in public service and natural resources spans more than 10 years with a strong background in natural resource management at the Monument. Over the last eight years, as the wildlife biologist for the Ukiah Field Office, she was instrumental in restoring and protecting rare ecosystems in the region including those encompassed by the Monument. Kay-Leigh holds a bachelor's degree in wildlife science from New Mexico State University.

Kay-Leigh is a self-proclaimed, "Woman of the West." Originally from New Mexico, she was raised in Oregon and now enjoys life in California. She values the western lifestyle and loves hiking, riding horses, running her dogs, hunting, and snowboarding on public lands.



### **Thomas Friend appointed as BLM CA State Chief Ranger**

Thomas "TJ" Friend, is the new State Chief Ranger for the BLM Central and Northern California Districts. State Chief Ranger Friend brings extensive experience to his new role, having dedicated many years serving as one of BLM's Palm Springs – South Coast Field Office's Law Enforcement Rangers. His expertise in patrolling off-highway vehicles including dirt bikes, has been valuable in high-profile areas such as the Imperial Sand Dunes and during major

events like King of the Hammers. We look forward to his leadership and commitment to ensuring safety on BLM-managed public lands. TJ replaces Salvador “Sal” Nieblas, who retired from the Bureau of Land Management.



**Neil Hamada steps into new role as Off-Highway Vehicle Travel Management Lead for BLM California**

Neil Hamada accepted a new position as the off-highway vehicle (OHV) travel management lead for the BLM California State Office in July 2024. With just under 30 years of experience in the El Centro Field Office, Hamada has held many different positions ranging from: Park Ranger, Outdoor Recreation Planner; Dunes Manager; Recreation Chief; Assistant Field Manager for Recreation; and Assistant Field Manager for Support Services.

During his free time, Neil heads out to the desert and mountains with friends and family to drive his Jeep on BLM-managed lands across the west, hunt, fish, and target shoot.

## RECENT NEWS AND EVENTS

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### BLM OHV Grants

In February 2025, the Bureau of Land Management hosted several in-person and virtual public and stakeholder meetings to gather input to develop off-highway vehicle grant proposals for submission to the [California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division](#). Grants support off-highway vehicle management activities, including visitor services, law enforcement, resource protection, planning and monitoring, and maintenance on BLM-managed public lands.

Comments submitted to the field offices were considered for the development of the grant applications for the G25 grant cycle. Comments and preliminary applications can be viewed on the [OHV Division website](#)

The BLM submitted projects worth a total of \$7 million through 33 preliminary grant applications in the G25 cycle. Most of the BLM Field Office grant applications were in the law enforcement and ground operations categories, but there were also applications for restoration, education/safety, and planning. Comments on the preliminary applications have been received from the public and the OHMVRD and are being addressed in the final applications due on June 2, 2025.

Last year, Bishop and Barstow field offices successfully competed for funding through the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grants. Bishop acquired \$190,478 for maintenance and \$193,800 for safety. Barstow acquired \$276,595 for OHV area and trail maintenance. As new applicants, they are both learning about the RTP program project implementation process and are currently moving through the environmental compliance requirements. Funding for the projects is expected in the fall and the project performance period will last for three years.

In addition to the OHV grants and RTP grants, Barstow Field Office also successfully competed for a \$7,905 Right Rider Access Funds OHV grant. The funds will be used to purchase equipment needed to complete the installation of educational kiosks in OHV areas managed by the office.

The OHMVR Division's staff have scheduled site visits to Redding, Eagle Lake, and Ukiah Field Offices. The BLM and OHMVR Division staff will be working together to review current Habitat Monitoring Plans and Soil Compliance Plans in the field at the OHV recreation areas. The OHMVRD and BLM look forward to working together to analyze where there are successes, and where we can work together to make improvements to project descriptions and monitoring programs.

The BLM would like to thank the Division and Commission for their continued financial support to provide high-quality public OHV recreation opportunities on BLM-managed lands.

For more information, visit: [https://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=1164](https://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1164)

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## BLM BLOG POST

May, 2025

### Trail maintenance on the [Backcountry Discovery Trail](#) improves experience for off-highway vehicle riders

*By Kate Miyamoto,  
California Desert District  
Public Affairs Specialist*

Off-highway vehicle riders flock to the Bureau of Land Management's California Desert District, eager to [explore the largest mass of sand dunes in the United States](#) or ride the miles of trails and open areas in southern California.



*Figure 1 - Superstition Mountain Off-highway Vehicle Area Photo by Jesse Pluim, BLM*

To ensure high-quality, safe, and enjoyable riding experiences on public lands, the BLM manages and maintains off-highway vehicle trails and areas. Every year, the BLM California Desert District [applies for California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation grants](#), which play a crucial role in supporting vital management activities. These grants help support off-highway vehicle management activities including visitor services, law enforcement, resource protection, planning and monitoring, and maintenance on BLM-managed public lands.

Last year, thanks to these grant funds, the El Centro Field Office completed trail maintenance on about 1.5 miles of the 35-mile Backcountry Discovery Trail in the BLM Superstition Mountain Off-Highway Vehicle Open Area. This popular trail is the main connector between the north and south sides of the Superstition Mountain range, making it a favorite among riders eager to explore the diverse terrain.



*Figure 2- Whoop-de-dos along the trail Photo by BLM*

Prior to the maintenance, whoop-de-dos, washboarding, and signs of erosion were forming on the trail. Blown sand and large dunes also covered part of the trail, which lead to trespassing into adjacent closed areas and/or create a poor riding experience for beginner riders and drivers.

To address this issue, the BLM deployed a bulldozer for route maintenance, reducing whoop-de-dos, while ensuring there were no risks to natural and cultural resources. This upkeep ensures a safe, enjoyable, and high-quality off-highway vehicle recreation experience. Throughout this maintenance work, BLM staff monitored the area for the flat-tail horned lizard, Colorado Desert fringe-toed lizard, and migratory nesting birds to ensure species and resources were protected.



*Figure 3 - Bulldozer evens out whoop-de-dos Photo by BLM*

agencies and organizations that develop, maintain, operate, expand, support, or contribute to high-quality OHV recreation areas, roads, and trails, while ensuring the preservation of wildlife, soil, and habitats for sustainable long-term off-highway vehicle recreation.

This trail work improved accessibility for all skill levels off-highway vehicle recreation, and enhanced rider experiences and safety. Following the trail improvements, the BLM received positive feedback from visitors who noted the improved riding surface.

This initiative reinforces the El Centro Field Office's commitment to enhancing trail maintenance on the Backcountry Discovery Trail, with ongoing plans to further improve rider safety and enjoyment across additional sections of the trail.

The 2025 California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation grants program provides essential financial assistance to



*Figure 4 - BLM natural resource specialist walks in front of the bulldozer and monitors for wildlife and other resources. Photo by BLM*

## FIELD OFFICE REPORTS

### Bishop Field Office

The Bishop Field Office (BIFO) staff assessed 77 miles of green sticker routes and restored over two and a half acres of unauthorized motorized use across 147 restoration sites. They also repaired 600 feet of road in Goodale Campground. About 250 trail signs have been installed and/or replaced and two portal signs in the Tungsten Hills and Volcanic Tableland were replaced. Staff have also been working with key stakeholders and partners to generate solutions to restore motorized access caused by severe storm runoff to several main access points in the South Inyo Management Area.



While not awarded Ground Operations funding during the G24 OHMVR Division grant cycle, BIFO continued to seek motorized funding sources and was recommended for funding for two R24 Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grants for maintenance and safety totaling \$384,278.

Key staffing changes include backfilling the Law Enforcement Officer position and losing an Outdoor Recreation Planner overseeing Special Recreation Permits.

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#### **Ukiah Field Office**

Ukiah Field Office staff are working with the Mendocino National Forest and California State Parks OHV Law Enforcement Division to coordinate patrols to address illegal OHV events (social media “meet ups” ranging from 100-250 people) usually at the Indian Valley Management Area.

They recently lost both heavy equipment operators who maintained OHV trails and access roads, but they are working to develop alternative ways to fill those needs in the upcoming year.

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#### **El Centro Field Office**

As temperatures begin to heat up in the spring and reach triple digits, the visitation begins to dwindle in BLM’s busiest OHV open area, Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area. The El Centro Field Office (ECFO) staff collects visitation data through vehicle counters placed in strategic locations and manually collects the data each week during the high use season. The visitation report from October 1, 2024, through May 12, 2025, is :

- Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA) has received 952,630 visitors,
- Superstition OHV Area has received 90,174 visitors, and
- Plaster City OHV Area has received 32,053 visitors.

The ECFO is the only location in BLM that employs a full-time staff dedicated and certified to provide OHV medical and rescue services with specific equipment tailored to meet the needs of our public land visitors who recreate on OHVs in a sand dune environment. So far this FY they have responded to 251 emergency medical care and rescue service calls related to OHV recreation resulting in:

- 95 patients treated and released in the field,
- 73 patients treated and transported by ground ambulance to local hospitals,
- 39 patients treated transported by helicopter air ambulance to area trauma centers,
- 13 search and rescues,
- 28 calls when no patient contact was made or the call was canceled enroute, and
- 3 OHV recreation fatalities.
- 92% of the incidents occurred in the Glamis area of the ISDRA,
- 6% of calls for service occurred Gordons Well/ Buttercup area of ISDRA, and
- 2% of calls for service occurred in the Superstition and Plaster City OHV Areas combined.

The ISDRA Business Plan to increase fees has been approved by the Desert Advisory Committee. The new fee structure will go into effect October 1, 2025, and prices will be:

- \$55 for off-site weekly permits (purchased from approved off-site vendors such as powersports stores and gas stations in the regional areas surrounding the ISDRA, or purchased on-line from ISDpermits.net),

- \$70 for on-site weekly permits (purchased at Cahuilla and Buttercup Ranger Stations or approved on-site vendor within the ISDRA), and
- \$185 for a season permit (available for purchase on-site, off-site, or online)

The fee increase will help improve revenue streams for the ISDRA, and aid in addressing the rising operational costs. Fee collection revenues allow BLM to provide a high level of customer service including law enforcement, emergency medical services, facility maintenance, and provide capital for future infrastructure improvements such as the construction of a new Cahuilla Ranger Station. The fee program supports the BLM's efforts to provide outstanding OHV recreation opportunities and experiences in the Imperial Sand Dunes.

Volunteer clean up events have occurred with help of OHV partners, Martin Luther King Weekend was the largest clean up event with approximately 700 volunteers and many partners. In addition, staff organized several cleanup efforts targeting illegal dumpsites and target shooting waste in McCain Valley, portions of Mountain Springs, and multiple areas across the Western Yuha Desert. These efforts resulted in the removal of over 25 truck and trailer loads of waste from illegal dumping, target shooting, and camping activities.

Fifty commercial, group, and competitive special recreation permits (SRPs) have been issued, most related to OHV recreation. Twenty-one outreach events have been held to inform the public about OHV recreation opportunities, natural and cultural resources, and desert safety. Law Enforcement conducted DUI OHV Checkpoints in December 2024 in the Imperial Sand Dunes. Staff also hosted a special outreach event on the [Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail](#) commemorating the 250th anniversary of the expedition. The ECFO staff continues to address storm-related damage to access routes in the ISDRA and other recreational sites and completed the Glamis Flats Restrooms Post and Cable Project.

The ECFO is planning several important future projects, including grading more of the Backcountry Discovery Trail, sand removal efforts at Osborne Overlook, Glamis Flats, and Gecko Road, re-routing Walters Camp Road. These projects will enhance public safety, access, and the overall visitor experience across ECFO-managed lands.

## PAST EVENTS

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### Celebrating 250 Years of the Anza Expedition

This year marks the 250th anniversary of the historic Anza Expedition, a journey that transformed trade routes and shaped the culture of Southern California and the American West. To commemorate this milestone, the El Centro Field Office led a public tour on the OHV section of the [Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail](#) highlighting key landmarks such as the De Anza Overlook Historical Marker and the Yuha Well. Participants explored the trail's rich history, learning about the Indigenous Tribes who call the area home, the region's diverse wildlife, and its natural resources.

If you'd like to explore the trail's rich history, check out these free resources:

Download the Yuha Desert audio tour: <https://ow.ly/pvhc50UwbGW>

Get the companion map: <https://ow.ly/Z8qN50Uwb1c>

For more information and pictures, visit:

[#Anza250](https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1007405924746945&id=100064326414065&_rdr)

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### **Northwest California Integrated Resource Management Plan**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announced the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Approved Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Redding and Arcata Field Offices, the Northwest California Integrated RMP. The California State Director signed the ROD on September 18, 2024, which constitutes the decision of the BLM and makes the Approved RMP effective immediately.

The Approved Northwest California Integrated RMP replaces the 1992 Arcata RMP and 1993 Redding RMP. The Northwest California planning area covers approximately 382,200 acres of public land and approximately an additional 295,100 subsurface acres of Federal mineral estate in Mendocino, Humboldt, Del Norte, Siskiyou, Trinity, Shasta, Tehama, and Butte counties. Separate management plans guide BLM management for National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, and similar designations within the planning area.

Other non-BLM-administered lands within the planning area include the Six Rivers, Shasta-Trinity, Klamath, Lassen, Plumas, and Mendocino National Forests; Lassen Volcanic and Redwoods National Parks; the Whiskeytown and Smith River National Recreation Areas; the Sacramento Castle Rock and Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuges; and Black Butte Lake (managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers).

Tribal lands and reservations for 31 federally recognized Native American Tribes fall within the planning area and the BLM-administered lands include ancestral territories, sacred sites, gathering areas, and other places important to Tribes. The Bureau of Reclamation manages numerous land holdings and facilities within the planning area, including six hydroelectric dams and lands that are co-managed with the BLM under a memorandum of agreement with the Redding Field Office near the Shasta Dam and Keswick Reservoir. In addition to federally managed lands, there are an extensive number of State of California-managed beaches, parks, wildlife areas, and recreation areas in the planning area. The Arcata and Redding Field Offices have taken these non-BLM-administered lands into account in this planning effort.

The Approved RMP balances resource use among competing human interests, land uses, and the conservation of natural and cultural resource values, while sustaining and enhancing ecological integrity across the landscape with an emphasis on local community visions for the future of public lands.

Through a collaborative planning effort, the Approved RMP describes the actions to guide future management and meet desired resource conditions. The preferred alternative for the Proposed RMP was carried forward into the Approved RMP with minor modifications. Notably, the management direction for the Sacramento River Bend Area of Critical Environmental Concern was updated, eliminating the need for BLM Authorized Officer approval for wildfire suppression actions related to life or private property. Additionally, the plan now recognizes recent changes in a community wildfire protection plan and emphasizes the importance of considering municipal plans during implementation.

The BLM provided the Proposed RMP/Final EIS for a 30-day public protest starting on June 21, 2024, and received six protest letters. The BLM Director resolved all protests. Responses to protest issues were compiled and documented in a Protest Resolution Report. No changes to the Northwest California Integrated Resource Management Plan Proposed RMP/EIS were necessary as a result of protests.

The BLM provided the Proposed RMP/Final EIS to the Governor of California for a 60-day Governor's consistency review on June 21, 2024. No inconsistencies with state or local plans, policies or programs were identified during the Governor's consistency review of the Proposed RMP/Final EIS. No changes to the Northwest California Integrated Resource Management Plan Proposed RMP/EIS were necessary as a result of the Governor's consistency review.

### **Northern California District Resource Advisory Council**

The Bureau of Land Management Northern California District Resource Advisory Council advises the BLM's field offices in Susanville, Alturas, Arcata, and Redding. They virtually met on May 15, 2025. Agenda items included an update on the Executive / Secretary Orders, the Recreation Enhancement Act, USFS Fee Proposals, Wild Horse and Burrows, Land Tenure, and reports from the BLM state director and northern California field managers. Mr. Casey Bokavich is the current RAC appointee who represents OHV Interests through 03/6/2027 and Mr. Jeff Blewett represents Commercial Recreation through 9/21/2026.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/california/northern-california-rac-members>

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### **Central California District Resource Advisory Council**

The Bureau of Land Management Central California District Resource Advisory Council (RAC) advises BLM officials for the Bakersfield, Bishop, Central Coast, Mother Lode and Ukiah field offices. They virtually met on May 8, 2025 and agenda items included reports from the District Manager and Central California Field Managers, USFS Christmas Tree Permits and Winter Recreation, Executive and Secretarial Orders. Mr. Michael Lueders and Mr. Reb Monaco are the current RAC appointees who represent OHV Interests through 2/9/2026.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/rac/california/central-california-rac>

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### **California Desert Conservation Area Advisory Committee**

The California Desert Advisory Committee (DAC) met on December 7, 2024 in Pahrump, NV. The agenda included reports from the BLM State Director and Field Managers, a proposal to increase fees at Imperial Sand Dunes, and a USFS fee proposal. The DAC advises BLM officials for the Barstow, El Centro, Needles, Palm Springs, and Ridgecrest field offices and consists of 10 to 15 members who represent stakeholder interests in public land management, such as conservationists, outdoor recreationists, ranchers, industry officials, tribal leaders, state and local government officers, academics, and others. Mr. Ed Stovin is the current DAC appointee who represents OHV interests through 8/31/2026. The next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2025 in El Centro, CA.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.blm.gov/site-page/get-involved-resource-advisory-council-california-california-desert-district-rac-members>

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