

## **OHMVR DIVISION – AD HOC COMMITTEE NOTES**

**Ad Hoc Committee:** Fire Recovery  
**Date of Meeting:** September 14, 2022  
**Time of Meeting:** 3:00pm to 4:00pm  
**Location:** Virtual Meeting

**Attendees:**

Tommy Randle, OHMVR Commissioner  
Diane Ross-Leech, OHMVR Commissioner  
Alexandra Robertson, OHMVR Division Ranger  
Scott Soares, Sr. Environmental Scientist

**Agenda:**

- I. Introductions
- II. Review Ad Hoc Charter
- III. Discussion Topics
- IV. Next Steps

**Discussion Topic Areas:**

- Damage assessment/threat for OHV/SVRAs from fires – the largest fire impacting OHV areas was in 2019-202 LNU Fire primarily on BLM lands. Several areas were closed from the fire, mud slides, hazards.
- SVRAs at most risk include Hungry Valley, Hollister Hills, Carnegie, and Onyx due to geographic location and natural environment.
- Fire management is a big focus for the CDP&R and OHMVR Division. SVRAs build into their work plans fuel reduction such as prescribed burns, week whacking, tree, and brush thinning, etc.
- SVRAs develop local Operating Agreements with the local CalFire District to coordinate and assist in preparation, first response training, and lessons learned following any incidents to learn and improve.
- Each District or Park Unit has a local Operating Agreement.
- At the State Director level there is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between State Parks and CalFire. This MOU defines “minimum suppression techniques” for CalFire to utilize on all State Parks to ensure protection of sensitive and historic resources. If there is damage to sensitive areas from an incident (such a dozer lines) CalFire is responsible for repair and rehabilitation. This can be challenging for State Parks to get the repair work completed in a timely manner when CalFire has other fire emergencies state-wide.
- State Parks has been hiring more qualified Foresters to assist with forest and fuels management.

**Next Steps:**

- Commissioners Randle and Ross-Leech will follow up with State Park Resources staff to get their input on the Ad Hoc charter, issues, and concerns.