

OHMVR Commission Fire Recovery Ad Hoc Committee Charter

The OHMVR Act established the Commission to provide a public body of appointed members having expertise in various areas related to off-highway recreation and environmental protection. The Commission is dedicated to reviewing and commenting on Program implementation, encouraging public input on issues and concerns affecting the OHMVR Program, considering and approving general plans for SVRAs, and providing advice to the OHMVR Division.

An Ad Hoc Committee of the OHMVR Commission is comprised of two Commissioners whose purpose is to conduct research and gather information about a specific topic of interest related to the duties and responsibilities of the OHMVR Commission, make recommendations and report out to the OHMVR Commission at their regularly scheduled meetings.

Members of the Fire Recovery Ad Hoc Committee: Commissioner Randle and Commissioner Ross-Leech

OHV Division Staff Lead: TBD

CalFire Staff Lead: TBD

USFS Staff Lead: TBD

BLM Staff Lead: TBD

Wildfires in California and their growing impact on California Department of Parks and Recreation State Parks, State Vehicle Recreation Areas, U.S. Forest Service National Forests and U.S. Bureau of Land Management lands are a concern for the OHMVR Division and Commission for public health and safety, access to public lands and recreation facilities, protection of built facilities, destruction of natural resources, and harm to communities.

Rising temperatures, drought conditions and dry vegetation are all contributing causes of wildfires in California, but worsening impacts of climate change are exacerbating and prolonging the fire season in the state. Extreme weather events, marked by dry fuels, lightning storms and strong winds, are also increasingly common and provide essential ingredients for rapid fire growth.

Fire Recovery Ad Hoc Charter: Work with OHMVR Division staff, as well as other partner agencies, to develop mitigation approaches and other remedies needed

to address impacts of fire, fire recovery and restoration processes that affect OHMVR motorized and non-motorized recreation activities and facilities.

- Meet prior to each regularly scheduled OHMVR Commission meeting and as needed to review current issues and concerns regarding fire recovery and restoration processes. The Ad Hoc will meet at least twice per year.
- Identify Action Items to be placed on the agenda for OHMVR Commission meetings to ensure timely responses with public input for important issues and concerns.
- Meet regularly with OHMVR Division staff and other federal and state partner agencies to identify current fire recovery and restoration issues and concerns. The Ad Hoc will meet at once per year with the multi-agency team and get a briefing on the fire season forecast and mitigation plan.
- Develop an annual work plan with prioritized goals including geographic focus areas.
- The Ad Hoc will review current inter and intra agency protocols to determine if additional and/or revised guidance is needed on fire recovery and restoration.
- Review annual OHMVR Division budget with fire recovery and restoration needs in mind.
- Ensure partner agencies and other stakeholders are aware of the OHMVR Division Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program that provides financial assistance to local, state, federal and non-profit organizations for OHV-related activities.