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LEGAL ACTION IS UNDERWAY TO CLOSE ALL OHV ROUTES IN THE ELDORADO NATIONAL FOREST.

The Centers for Sierra Nevada conservation, and Center for Biological Diversity, plaintiffs, are asking the court to order the Eldorado National Forest Service (FS) closed to all OHV use until each route has gone through site specific analysis with public comment to determine its environmental acceptability before designation.

It has taken the FS 15 years to get this far without site specific analysis and it took the FS 15 years to complete the Rock Creek EA & EIS. The forest service doesn't have the funds to undertake site specific analysis. There are provisions in the travel management plan stating that if adequate funds are not available to manage OHV routes they shall be closed.

California Enduro Riders Association (CERA) and myself along with California assoc. of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs are applying to the court for defendant-intervener status. We cannot let the FS be the sole defendants of our interests. Our legal interests in the action are not identical, and on many issues are contrary to the FS defendants' interests, and we anticipate a need to present different information and legal arguments that might be presented by some or all defendants.

We are particularly concerned about the prospect of settlement negotiation and wish to have a role in any possible settlement discussions. In settlement or formal litigation CERA and the OHV community typically presents different issues, arguments, and evidence than that presented by governmental agencies' legal counsel. This reflects the fact that the Forest Service does not share the same ultimate objective in this, or any case, with CERA and the OHV Community. A "loss" for the Forest Service simply changes the manner in which they conduct their never-ending yet ever-changing management duties. These plaintiffs claim they are for the greater good and focus on adverse environmental impacts, claiming to be friends of nature. But their real agenda is to make sure OHV recreation gets eliminated. They use the kitchen sink approach, throwing every conceivable objection and obstacle at the proposed action to see what sticks. The Forest Service procedure always has weaknesses and if a judge agrees, as he has in the past, the FS will have to do it over again. The issue here is will the judge award the plaintiffs their requested relief, as you have seen at Carnegie, they often do.

The major issue here is all existing trails will be closed, and will remain closed until each trail goes through extensive environmental review before it's designated open for use. We have always contended that all trails are open unless environmental review determined they

should be closed either through public process or limited time emergency closure. This is a case of guilty unless proven innocent, verses innocent until proven guilty.

If the plaintiffs prevail this will be a precedent setting case and they will sue the Forest Service to make this the new nationwide policy and then go after BLM. Their friends in congress are now cutting off funds for trail related activities. **NO FUNDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND NO OPEN TRAILS IN ANY NATIONAL FOREST.** We need your help to pay for legal fees, please send much as you can. Blue Ribbon Coalition has taken this on as a project and is providing their attorney Paul A. Turcke. He is the best and has represented us in the past. Sent your tax deductible donation to Blue Ribbon Coalition 4555 Burley Dr, Suite A, Pocatello, Idaho 83202 and make your check to Blue Ribbon Coalition, indicating that it is for the Eldorado legal action.

Thank You, any questions call Rick Guidice
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FOTR: Appointments vs. Elections

I wanted to drop a quick explanation of how FOTR has done business and why we are organized like we are – informally. I was asked about this at our meeting. It's really simple in concept. A group like ours can be either formal or informal. Formal usually means a board of director's type group, with something like Robert's Rules of Order to guide them (motions, etc.). Boards are usually elected by the membership, but not always. The President of a Board is "stuck" with the officers and members of the Board. I say "stuck" because sometimes that is how it works out. It's not the same thing as a "team." The President of an elected Board has no say as to who is on the BOD with him. RTF is an exception because they are a Board

and a Team at the same time. But that is because they are a self-appointing Board (not done by elections). This way they can build a unified "team" at the same time. Our design from the beginning was to make FOTR a team. The Trail Boss is the Team Leader. The Trail Boss is elected by the membership, then he/she APPOINTS team leaders and other leadership positions to fill out the "team." By using the Team concept, the Trail Boss can surround himself/herself with folks who believe in and support the way the TB wants to accomplish the mission of FOTR. In a Board of Directors, sometimes, the President (Trail Boss) can find himself trying to lead folks that flat don't like him, or don't like the way he's trying to accomplish the mission of

the organization. That just plain makes life miserable. This is not always the case; but it sure does happen a lot with some Boards. So the FOTR Team concept is much like when a new Governor is elected to CA. The first thing he does is "appoint" folks who like him and the way he does business to key cabinet positions. Daphne Greene was appointed by the Governor to run the OHV Division of State Parks. J That's how it works. I hope this helps explain how we've done business. We can always make adjustments as we need to – again, a benefit of being informal. On the team, Del

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Clear Creek – Emergency Help Needed.

At a point in the ongoing process of the BLM creating the DEIS/RMP for the Clear Creek Management Area. Rick Cooper head of the Hollister Field Office for the BLM made a comment that ("this is by far the most complex land management plan that I have ever been involved in") it then took the BLM 18 MONTHS to release the document to the public, and the public was given only 90 days to comment on it. As per our first e-mail request for your help, there is still more to be done. At this time we need to turn up the pressure and get every single person you know to send in a e-mail or fax and demand that the Hollister Field Office grant the public a 90 day extension to the Clear Creek Management Area Draft Resource Management Plan/ Draft Environmental Impact Statement comment period, which is slated to end March 5, 2010.

This will be the most critical land use battle in California History

The Clear Creek Management Area has been

closed since May of 2008, and the BLM released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on December 4, 2009 that plans to virtually close that area permanently to ALL use. The 700+ page document was released right before Christmas, and the BLM employees in the Hollister Field Office went on vacation shortly afterward, and were unavailable for questions and comments. Furthermore, the BLM didn't hold any Public meetings for over 30 days, and just recently February 22, 2010 held a meeting with business owners and land owners affected by the closure. To say the least there were more questions raised than answers given.

For the reasons above, and because of the sheer complexity of the document, we now we need your help to flood the BLM computers and fax machines with e-mails and faxes till they melt down requesting a 90 day extension to the comment period.

This is one of the LARGEST, ERRONEOUS, PUBLIC LAND CLOSURES ever attempted by a

government agency. Please, if you value your freedom, and wish to have the rights and ability to take your kids and grandkids to public lands then PLEASE ACT NOW. Take a moment to send a quick e-mail and fax to the following demanding the BLM grant this 90 day extension.

Rick Cooper, Hollister Field Office Manager, rick_cooper@ca.blm.gov Fax: (831) 630-5055
Kathy Hardy, Central District Manager, Kathryn_Hardy@blm.gov Fax: (916) 978-4657
Jim Abbott, Acting California State Director, Jim_Abbott@blm.gov Fax: (916) 978-4416
Robert Abbey, Head of the Bureau of Land Management, Robert_Abbey@blm.gov Fax: (202) 208-5242

Poison Spyder Customs

Poison Spyder is alive and well.

For your hardcore stuff:
Hardcore Jeep Body
Armor
www.poisonspyder.com
951-849-5911



If you've had your finger on the pulse of the trail-riding world over the last decade then Poison Spyder Customs is a familiar name. Poison Spyder's lineup of hardcore hardware deftly mixed no-nonsense trail function with an unmistakable sense of style. Success bred success and bred more success until one day owner Clifton Slay, found himself in the middle of something so big it had annihilated the fun factor. Determined to simplify his life, Slay reluctantly closed the Spyder web down in late '08. The company was just a memory until Larry and Cheri McRae decided that a living, breathing Poison Spyder was essential to the trail-riding world and that they were going to do something about it. The McRae's met with Slay, exchanged cash and handshakes, and Poison Spyder was back to life.

That same finger on the pulse of the trail-

riding world should tell you that Larry McRae is no newcomer. Larry was one-half of the All-Pro Off-Road rock-crawling team that won the '03 rock-crawling championship, with Jon Bundrant at the wheel and Larry filling the spotter's role. "Although we were surrounded by Toyota rigs with All-Pro, we're longtime Jeep enthusiasts," Larry clarifies. The McRae's moved Poison Spyder's headquarters from Denver, Colorado, to Banning, California. Where's Banning? It's close to Johnson Valley and the Hammer trails: a peerless testing ground.

While Poison Spyder's lineup for older Jeeps was well-established, the JK product line was somewhat limited when Clifton closed the doors. This gave Larry and Cheri a chance to pick up where Slay had left off. We crossed paths with Poison Spyder at last October's Off-Road

Expo, and arranged an afternoon on the rocks.

"We bought our JK as a test bed for new products," Larry explained. "Then we fell in love with it. We were going to keep it mild, but that's not what Poison Spyder is all about." As a result, the Spyder flagship includes one-off custom suspension, Currie RockJock Dana 60's, Poison Spyder Crusher front fenders, Crusher rear flares and corners, Poison Spyder Rocker Knockers, and an Atlas II transfer case, among other upgrades. PSC are great supporters of Del, BRC and Access Army. Check out their Access Army sliders. A great addition to any jeep and support Land Use and Access at the same time.

AMA Support: Lead ban on youth bikes.

Appropriations bill debate creates opportunity to influence lead-related ban of youth off-highway vehicles
Contact your Representative Today!

On March 4, the Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee of the U.S. House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2011 Financial Services Appropriations bill. The agenda for the hearing will focus on the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

This hearing will provide an opportunity for Congress to address how the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) of 2008 has created a severe and unwarranted disruption to families who recreate together responsibly, and a deleterious effect on youth amateur racing.

On July 7, 2009, Rep. Denny Rehberg (R-Mont.) attached an amendment to the House fiscal year 2010

Financial Services Appropriations bill which would have prohibited the use of funds by the CPSC for the implementation and/or enforcement of section 101(b) of the CPSIA as it relates to youth-model off-highway motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). To see Rehberg's press release on his amendment, please click [here](#).

The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) applauded the Rehberg amendment, and submitted a letter of support that was placed in the Committee Report on June 23, 2009. To see the AMA's letter of support, please click [here](#). The AMA is hopeful and is working with Rehberg's office to, once again, include similar language to the fiscal year 2011 Financial Services Appropriation bill.

Therefore, the AMA needs your help to let your lawmakers know how you feel about the lead-content ban and its impact on the sale of youth-model off-highway vehicles. The quickest way to reach your Representative is to call them.

You can find contact information for your elected officials by entering your zip code at AmericanMotorcyclist.com > Rights > Issues & Legislation. Additionally, a prewritten e-mail is available for you to immediately send to your lawmakers by following the "Take Action" option and entering your information.

For more information about ways you can help exclude youth-model motorcycles and ATVs from the CPSIA, click [here](#).

Please contact your Representative immediately and urge them to address your concerns with the CPSIA at the hearing!

www.accessarmy.com

Links are clickable in PDF.

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Sierra National Forest Travel Management Plan update

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on where we are with the Travel Management decision and the designation of OHV roads, trails and areas.

As the Forest Supervisor, I will sign the final decision on Monday, March 1st, 2010. The Record of Decision (ROD) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) are then sent off to be printed which usually takes 3-4 weeks. Thanks to all of you who provided a response on how you wanted to receive the final documents, it helps us in knowing how many copies to have printed and how many CD's to make.

During the first week in April, there will be an announcement that the documents are available for public review. For those who requested a printed copy or a CD, it will be mailed to you. We are scheduling public open houses for the week of April 13th, 14th, 15th to discuss and explain the decision. Since this is my final decision, we will not be taking public input. However, there will be a 45-day period in which my decision can be appealed to the Regional Forester.

State of California Grant Application

Each year the State of California makes funding available through the Off-Highway Vehicle Grants Program. The grants program provides financial assistance to eligible agencies and organizations (federal, city, county, nonprofit, etc.) that develop, maintain, operate, expand, support, or contribute to well managed, high-quality, OHV recreation areas, roads, and trails. This year the State has available \$27 million for education, operation and maintenance, law enforcement and restoration projects.

The Sierra National Forest is submitting a grant application to the State for OHV funding. As a part of the grant application, the State requires that the grant be available for public review and input for 30 days. Starting Tuesday, March 2, 2010, you may review the Sierra National Forest's application as well as all grant applications on the State's internet website: <http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/>

The public comment process allows you to electronically submit your input on OHV Division's

website or you send your comments to Sierra National Forest, Attn. Mose Jones-Yellin, 1600 Tollhouse Road, Clovis, CA 93611. Finally, I would like to share with you that after 38 years of public service, I'm retiring from the Forest Service. I have very mixed emotions about leaving when such an important decision is about to be released. However, we need to move forward and see this decision not as the end, but as the beginning of our effort to manage a sustainable system of roads trails and areas for OHV use. The future requires all of us to work together to ensure that we have quality OHV opportunities while protecting our natural resources.

Edward C. Cole
Forest Supervisor

USDA FOREST SERVICE WILL HOST PUBLIC EVENTS ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW PLANNING RULE

WASHINGTON, Feb.24, 2010--USDA Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell today announced a series of events to provide opportunities for public discussion on the development of a new Forest Service Land and Resource Management Planning Rule (planning rule). The Forest Service will host a national science forum, three national roundtables and nine regional roundtables. Providing multiple opportunities for public participation ties directly to President Obama's call for open government that is transparent, participatory and collaborative, and illustrates Forest Service commitment to engage the public in the development of a new planning rule.

"We encourage broad participation in the creation of our new planning rule," said Tidwell. "Through collaboration we will be able to better address the current and future needs of the National Forest System such as restoration, protecting watersheds, addressing climate change, sustaining local economies, improving collaboration, and working across landscapes."

Following the meetings, notes will be posted on the planning rule Web site, <http://www.fs.usda.gov/planningrule>, to allow for further feedback. Summaries of the presentations and

discussions in the science forum and roundtables, along with the individual comments received during the 60-day formal comment period on the Notice of Intent, will be used to develop the proposed rule and a draft environmental impact statement.

The meetings announced today include:

National Science Forum March 29 and 30, 2010, in Washington, DC.

National roundtables April 1 and 2, April 20 and 21, and May 11 and 12, 2010, in Washington, DC.

Nine regional roundtables in the following locations:

* Pacific Northwest Region (Region 6), Portland, OR on April 6, 2010;

* Pacific Southwest Region (Region 5), Sacramento, CA on April 6, 2010;

* Intermountain Region (Region 4), Salt Lake City, UT on April 8, 2010;

* Rocky Mountain Region, (Region 2), Lakewood, CO on April 12, 2010;

* Northern Region (Region 1), Missoula, MT on April 13, 2010;

* Alaska Region (Region 10), Juneau, AK on April 13, 2010;

* Southern Region (Region 8), Atlanta, GA during the week of April 12, 2010 (exact date to be determined);

* Eastern Region (Region 9), Chicago, IL during the week of April 28 (exact date to be determined); and

* Southwestern Region (Region 3), Albuquerque, NM on April 28, 2010.

* Region 2 will host additional meetings on April 14 in Cheyenne, WY and on April 21 meeting in Rapid City, SD.

Webcasting may also be available for selected meetings; please check the planning rule website, at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/planningrule>, for the most up-to-date information.

To encourage widespread participation the Forest Service is using new media tools in conjunction with the public meetings. Please visit

<http://blogs.usda.gov/usdablogs/planningrule> to participate in the Forest Service web-based planning rule blog.

The mission of the USDA Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The agency manages the 193 million acres of National Forest System land, provides stewardship assistance to non-federal forest landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world.

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www.pirate4x4.com/landuse

www.savemytrails.com

www.delalbright.com

www.rltc.biz

www.nohvcc.org

www.ufwda.org

www.ama-cycle.org

www.atvaonline.com

www.sharetrails.org

www.treadlightly.org

www.ih8mud.com

www.off-road.com

www.sema.org

www.fmdac.org

www.sharetrails.org/backcountry

www.tlca.org

www.americansandassociation.org

www.arra-access.com

www.goldprospectors.org

www.nora-usa.com

www.orba.biz

www.poisonspyder.com

www.btlrovers.com

www.muirnet.net

www.cal4wheel.com

www.rushadvertising.com – if you need promotional items made, see Jeff.

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IH8MUD Rocks the World with March MUDness for Landuse

This is from our friends at IH8MUD.com, Brian "Woody" Swearingen owner. They are rocking us with a huge donation program from the members of the forum. NEW members are welcome. Join up just to support the cause if nothing else. :) Get a forum Silver Star at the same time. thank you Woody and the great folks at IH8MUD.com
Del

March 'MUDness and Blue Ribbon Coalition!!
I've supported Blue Ribbon Coalition for years, and I know many of the members of IH8MUD have as well.
This is your opportunity to upgrade your forum status to Silver Star AND 100% of your subscription goes to Blue Ribbon!!
WHAT?!?!?
Starting TODAY, March 1st, any

CHECK mailed in for a Silver Star will be donated 100% to the Blue Ribbon Coalition!
You can finally get your first star...you can extend your current star for another year...you can donate a star to a friend...or you can simply donate!
ALSO, for 3 days only, March 15-16-17, all Paypal Silver Star Subscriptions will be 100% donated to Blue Ribbon Coalition!!
Simply put...if 250 people mail in checks or renew via Paypal, I will cut a check for \$5000 to the Blue Ribbon Coalition, courtesy of the membership of IH8MUD. The more who Subscribe, the bigger the donation!
Paypal transactions MUST occur on one of those three dates...if your star renewed in February, you can extend for another year. If you have a continuing subscription set up, you can STILL add a

year on during this time. If your membership expires March 12, you can either 'stall' your renewal until the promotion dates OR mail a check in now! FINALLY...Paypal takes a fee from every transaction...while I REALLY prefer everyone does this via check, I know some will prefer the ease of Paypal...IH8MUD will 'absorb' these Paypal fees and 100% of your \$20 subscription will be forwarded to Blue Ribbon.
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Appleton, WI 54915

"America's public lands belong to the people, not to government officials and environmental extremists," Hatch said.

HATCH VOTES FOR AMENDMENT TO BAR USE OF ANTIQUITIES ACT TO CREATE NATIONAL MONUMENTS

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, voted late Thursday for an amendment that would bar the Obama administration from misusing the 1906 Antiquities Act to create large new national monuments in Utah and eight other states.
Introduced by Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., the amendment was defeated by a 58-38 margin. Hatch was disappointed at the outcome.
"America's public lands belong to the people, not to government officials and environmental extremists," Hatch said. "Decisions about Cedar Mesa, the San Rafael and other potential monument sites should be made in consultation with state and local officials in Utah, not

behind closed doors in Washington and without any public input."
President Clinton used the 1906 Antiquities Act to create the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in southern Utah without any public input or consent.
DeMint's amendment would have blocked the Obama administration's plans to use the act to designate over 10 million acres in nine Western states, including Utah, as national monuments without congressional approval.
Hatch has warned several Obama administration officials not to proceed with the monument designations, which became public knowledge after an Interior

Department document was leaked. "Members of the Obama administration have assured me that this won't be a federal land grab, that they will make national monument designation an open process. I will do everything I can to ensure they make good on those assurances, give Utahns living in and around these areas a chance to have their voice heard and to prevent these monument designations."

FOTR Annual Meeting recap

The FOTR Annual meeting went very well. We had a full day with lots of great information from our own membership and from our agency partners.
We began the meeting with introductions and comments from Del and Daphne to kick things into gear.
We then had a recap of workdays on the trail for the year, both the El Dorado side and the Placer side, I recapped the El Dorado and Doug Barr recapped the Placer. We have accomplished a ton last year and have even MORE to do this year.
I introduced a new oil cleaning product, that after two trials on the trail, was

modified to include a detergent free surfactant, an enzyme and a microbe. It took all the best of the two products we used to remove old oil stains from the granite, and added an enzyme for the fast acting breakdown of petroleum, and a microbe that continues to breakdown any oil that gets into the soil over time. The new product is called "S'oil Cleanse" and has now been added to the County's Grant request to be added to the free spill kits that we hand out on the trail, in convenient 8oz squeeze bottles. The product will also be available to the public and can be purchased in larger volume containers.

There were some meaningful highlights, one of them being a Lifetime Achievement Award presented to Mr. Dana Holland. Dana's achievements on the Rubicon go back over 30 years. One of the most notable projects being the Rubicon Springs Bridge, with the most recent being the Wentworth Springs Kiosk, Oil Containment Bldg, and the Wag Bag collection Receptacle. I'll send out some photo's when I get them together.
For the full report from Bebe: <http://www.pirate4x4.com/forum/showthread.php?t=836969&page=2>

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Rubicon Trail Foundation's PRELIMINARY OHV GRANTS 2010/2011 PUBLIC REVIEW/COMMENTS

Rubicon Trail Foundation in partnership with El Dorado County, has proposed our 2010/2011 grants for Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Department. There are significant similarities between the 2009/2010 grant year in progress and the proposed 2010/2011 grants, but that only makes sense considering that 2010/2011 continues many elements of the previous education program and continues support for the County's Department of Transportation (DOT) erosion control and maintenance efforts on the Rubicon Trail. RTF would like to invite you to review and comment on the 2010 applications submitted to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, OHMVR Division. The public review and comment period will be open from Tuesday, March 2, 2010 through Monday, April 5, 2010. You can view and comment on the applications online at OHMVR's website at <http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/>, click the "GRANTS Tab" then click on "OLGA" when the screen appears, then click on the "Public Review Instructions" follow instructions at Step 2 and proceed to the applications. There are two main grant divisions in RTF's 2010/2011 grant proposal:

Ground Operations: three heavy-duty trailers and associated costs to move materials along the trail to support DOT's erosion control and maintenance efforts on the Rubicon Trail.

Education: informational kiosk staff, counting staff, and Mid-Trail Staff, will help inform users of current issues and support County educational campaigns such as WAG-bag distribution, oil spill cleanup, on-the-trail discipline, etc.

The Rubicon Trail Foundation was formed in 2004. We are a federally recognized non-profit organization dedicated to the future health of the Rubicon Trail and our mission is to enhance the future health and use of the Rubicon Trail, while ensuring responsible motorized year-round trail access. The Foundation works with individuals, clubs, organizations, and agencies to maintain and manage the trail. Our Officers and Directors represent a wide variety of Rubicon Trail OHV users, land owners, county representatives, manufacturers, and event organizers. If you would like to help with our efforts, you may send your tax deductible donations to: Rubicon Trail Foundation PO Box 2188 Placerville, CA 95667. Paypal donations or major credit cards by calling 888-

6rubicon or by signing up for a Friends of the Rubicon work party at: www.friendsoftherubicon.com

More information is available at www.RubiconTrailFoundation.org

If you would like more information on this topic, or to schedule an interview with a representative of the Rubicon Trail Foundation, please e-mail

president@RubiconTrailFoundation.org

If you have questions on any of the projects, please feel free to contact:

grant.administrator@rubicontrailfoundation.org

Nominate your Favorite Motorized RTP Project for Award

The Coalition for Recreational Trails (CRT), a federation of national and regional trail-related organizations, is pleased to announce its 2010 achievement awards to recognize outstanding trail projects funded by the national Recreational Trails Program (RTP). The awards will be presented in Washington, D.C. during Great Outdoors Week 2010 (June 7-13), as part of the Coalition's ongoing effort to build awareness and appreciation of this highly successful program, which has greatly enhanced the quantity and quality of trail experiences available to the public. They are planning to hold the awards ceremony on Capitol Hill and encourage Members of Congress to join in honoring the outstanding achievements of their constituents. Award winners will be selected from projects nominated by public agencies, trail administrators or other project sponsors. Projects must be completed in

order to receive an award. In addition, projects completed before 1998 are ineligible. Project award categories will include: construction and design; maintenance and rehabilitation; education and communication initiatives; accessibility enhancement; multiple-use management or "corridor sharing"; environment/wildlife compatibility; and use of youth conservation/service corps. Now is your chance to nominate an outstanding project and to encourage the sponsor(s) of an excellent project in your state to submit a nomination as well. A nomination form can be downloaded at <http://atfiles.org/files/doc/CRTAwardNomination2010.doc>.

The form and any supporting materials, including pictures, should be returned by April 16, 2010 to the Chair of the Coalition's Awards Committee: Duane Taylor, Director of Federal Affairs

Motorcycle Industry Council
1235 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, Virginia 22202

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call him at (703) 416-0444 or send him an e-mail at dtaylor@mic.org. Winners should be notified no later than April 30, 2010.

We hope you will join us in this important effort to recognize the significant contributions to trail-related recreation that the Recreational Trails Program is supporting all across the country.

For more information, and to view past award winners, check out the American Trails Awards Page at <http://www.americantrails.org/awards/CRTowards.html>.

HELP ENSURE THAT QUALITY OHV PROJECTS GET RECOGNIZED



KOH Wrap-up to the Race-A-thon

One of the things KOH did for us this year was to bring an awesome awareness to land use. Besides all the total fun and incredible carnage (smile, we like broken junk), it blew me away how much attention we got in our land use causes. I'm guessing 20,000 to 22,000 folks were there. The Hammer trails (canyons and gullies) were FULL of spectators. Check out Casey Currie's roll over footage in Sledge

(facebook) if you get a chance to see how crazy it got at times. But most importantly for the land use crew there, our cause(s) were highlighted like never before. Organizations were treated like champs by the KOH and Pirate TV staff. Our land use seminar was a blast as well.

I suspect next year land use we'll get an even bigger audience and presence.

KOH ROCKS.

Del

From Kurt

We managed to raise just under \$19,000 in the race-a-thon to various land-use orgs.

THANK YOU EVERYONE!!

<http://www.pirate4x4.com/forum/showthread.php?t=850717&page=5>

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Who we are, What we do.

More on our Purpose and Battle Plan of Action:

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www.accessarmy.com

To stop the closures, restrictions and theft of our freedoms.
To engage the troops in the fight for access and freedom.
To motivate folks to do more, more often, and better.
To out maneuver the opposition and be proactive in helping to engage the troops in battle.
To help the troops educate and engage our elected officials.
To outfit the troops (provide the tools and links) to help folks get engaged effectively.
To make the fight fun.
To ambush the opposition at every opportunity.
To encourage membership in access organizations.
To shed light on issues by directing folks to the right place with confidence and trust.
To facilitate outreach, organization and better coordination in access efforts.
To train more leaders and soldiers.
To breakdown the organizational and turf walls that prevent any one organization from doing it all.
To find saviors in our own ranks.
To inspire leadership and provide examples for others.

Signed,

Multi-organizational grassroots coalition

The Joint Chiefs of Staff, The Access Army



Upcoming events

CCMA DEIS comments due – Mar 2010
Molina – Apr 30th – May 2nd
TDS – March 5th – 7th
WFTW on the Rubicon – Sept 17 - 19

NAME	SCREENAME	MAIN ORGANIZATION	TAA TITLE	NOTES
Kurt Schneider	kurtuleas	OV Rocksports; Pirate4x4	Warrior	Pirate Board
Don Amador	cutenkid	BlueRibbon Coalition; ThumperTalk	Warrior King	Western States
Todd Ockert	navy-jeepster	Access Army Times Editor/FOTR	Air Warrior	Access Army
Brian Richardson	sincity	Sin City; JustGoodTrails.com	Pending	CO
Del Albright	jeepndel	BlueRibbon Coalition; Cal4	Grand Poobah	Founder
Dale Robins	fermentor	Rubicon Rockheads	Surgeon General	Dispenser of Elixirs
Jacquelyne Theisen	Bebe	Friends of the Rubicon, Trail Boss	Grand Poobette	Hummer
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