

OHV RESTORATION PROGRAM

Repairing California's Public Lands for Future Generations

Vehicle Trespass Damages California Wilderness, Wildlife, and Waterways

As off-road vehicle recreation grows, so do the ever-greater impacts of vehicle incursions into public lands, waterways, and private property. California's public lands now contain thousands of miles of illegal vehicle routes. For example, California's National Forests have more than 11,000 miles of unplanned, user-created trails that cause untold damage to wilderness and to streams, fish, and wildlife that are the State's responsibility. These unplanned trails encourage more trespassing, erode and fragment wildlife habitat, and increase sediment loads in waterways, degrading our fisheries and drinking water supplies. Even the legal use of powerful off-road vehicles in some popular areas has created significant damage in need of repair.



Before Restoration



After Restoration

California's OHV Restoration Program recently funded the removal of illegal off-road vehicle routes in the Jawbone-Butterbrecht Area of Critical Environmental Concern. This area in the Mojave Desert provides important habitat for the desert tortoise and Mohave ground squirrel as well as non-motorized recreation opportunities for local residents.

Restoration Program Helps Clean Up the Mess

Since 2003 the California OHV Grants Program has funded restoration projects to help clean up the damage left by unplanned and illegal off-road vehicle use. The goal of these projects is to restore lands and waters damaged by illicit off-road vehicle use to their natural state. From the Sierra Nevada to the Mojave Desert, the program has restored creeks and critical habitat for endangered species, prevented stream damage, repaired illegal trails and in the bargain, helped clean up the image of off-road vehicle recreation.

Backlog of Restoration Projects Requires Action

California's restoration program is still in its infancy. Public lands throughout the state have a backlog of thousands of miles of illegal routes in need of restoration. Currently, the restoration program consists of a mere 15% of total expenditures for California's OHV Fund. Our state's public forests, deserts, and waterways — and the future viability of off-road vehicle recreation itself — depend upon our ability to clean up the damage caused by illegal vehicle trespassing.

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