

APPENDIX A

PUBLIC WORKSHOP NOTES

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RIVERSIDE WORKSHOP – FEBRUARY 10, 2010

CONCERNS

- Won't go there anymore on holiday weekends (the "popular" weekends) because there are too many people that don't follow rules and ride/behave in reckless manner. Better crowd control is needed.
- Irresponsible riding creates poor perception of OHV community
- Late night noise, parties
- High speed/reckless riding

IMPROVEMENTS

- Maybe more organized groups need to be involved to help with encouraging responsible riding; adopt-a-trail program might also be effective

EL CAJON WORKSHOP – FEBRUARY 11, 2010

ACTIVITIES

- Access to OHV recreation/riding
 - Motorcycles
 - Dune buggies
 - Jeeps
 - Quads
 - Golf carts
 - Side-by-sides
 - ATVs
 - 4 x 4 (non-jeep)
- Camping
 - Tent camping
 - RVs
 - Toy box
 - Ground
 - Back of pick-up
 - Camper shell
 - Camp in north end to get away from crowds
- Terrain
 - Crawling over rocks
 - Obstacles/ jumping
- Aerial Activities
 - Helicopter
 - Motorized hang gliders
 - Paragliders
 - Light aircraft (e.g., parasailing)
 - Kite flying
- Family bonding and socializing with friends, parties
- Event participation
 - Geocaching
 - Poker runs
- Riding challenges
 - Trail riding
 - Overlanding
 - Problem solving
 - Race practice
 - Trial testing (vehicle testing)
- Destination site-seeing, exploration, bird watching, botany, hiking (day), geology field trips, astronomy (stars!), mountain bikes, horseback riding, enjoy flowers and scenery
- Photography, video
- Training youth riders through Police Activities League (CaIPALS)

FAVORITE PLACES AND WHY?

- North of Arroyo Salada for challenging riding in notches, hills, and tight canyons
- Pumpkin Patch
 - Camp here because close to good riding
 - Explore and look for landscape features
 - Walk around
 - Family-oriented destination
 - Unique geological area
 - Opportunity to teach kids something
 - Ride in-and-out (challenging)
- Shell Reef
 - Hill climbs on motorcycles and quads
 - Training: motorcycles and quads
 - Sightseeing
 - Education
 - Good jumping
 - Lots of hills
 - Good meeting point
- Devil's Slide
 - Fun for 4x4 - soft sand makes challenge to get up hill
 - Steep hill
 - 2-foot step at top
 - Education
 - Hill climbs on motorcycle
- The Cove
 - Film sites
 - Technical rock crawling
 - Competitions
- Gas Domes
 - Less traffic
 - Sightseeing
 - Geothermal/oil exploration
 - Domes/bubbling mudpots
- Pole Line Road: good family place
- Artesian Wells
 - Less traffic/crowds;
 - Like to see water
 - Good for wildlife watching
 - Bathroom (full toilet)
 - Ability to access BLM lands
 - Good family area
 - Destination point good for kids because appropriate skill level
 - Terrain
 - Tradition - group/local history – used to camp as boys
- Superstition Mountain
- San Sebastian Marsh
- Blowsand Hill:
 - prefer weekdays, less crowds, dust
- Trails
 - Would be nice to have one north-south route
 - Variety of different experiences and difficulty levels
 - Availability of rough trails (challenge)
 - Variety of vehicles you can use

FAVORITE PLACES AND WHY? (CONTINUED)

- Old Commune
 - Camping
 - Road is graded - easy access
 - Close to playground
 - Centrally located
- Main Street
 - Easy to meet there/easy to find
 - Solar showers
 - Good access
 - Close to services (e.g., food, gas)
 - Roads well maintained
 - Closest to Blow Sand Hill
- Holly Road
 - Good access
 - Close to variety of trails
- Restrooms (need showers)

WHY DO YOU LIKE TO VISIT OCOTILLO WELLS SVRA?

- Visit site
 - Pre-historical
 - Geology
 - Paleontology
 - Desert
 - Plants blooming
- Like the weather
 - Quiet
 - Wind
 - Extremes of storm coming through
 - Thunderstorms
- Witnessing naturally occurring events, such as storms
- One of most economical family trips/events
- Increased resource protection is good and should continue
- Easily accessed/centrally located for friends (Yuma, Los Angeles, Riverside, El Centro, San Diego)
- Good management and land use ethic: facilities maintained (showers, trails graded)
- Love coming out for holidays
 - Thanksgiving
 - Halloween
 - Easter
 - New Year's
 - Especially holidays when weather is cooler
- Diversity of terrain: challenging trails

IMPORTANT ISSUES

- Hope the SVRA is available for future generations
 - Balance good resource management and provide quality semi-primitive motorized recreation experience
 - It is one of few places with an open riding area
 - Few riding or jeeping trail restrictions
 - Would like more area to ride in
 - Scenery and views (views from Blow Sand Hill and Devil's Slide)
- Historically an off-road area
 - Management is complying with environmental regulations so it should not be at risk of closure
 - Keep open for families
 - Multiple use areas: quiet areas for botanizing; resource protection; different types of recreation; designated use areas
 - Encourage Land use ethic, "tread lightly"

CONCERNS

- Overcrowding
 - Prefer not to camp on busy weekends - too dangerous for small kids
 - Visitors should be distributed to less visited areas
 - Safety
 - There are a number of accidents
 - Young children are unsupervised and unaware of environmental/desert hazards
 - Lack of communication (especially with children)
 - Don't want another off-highway vehicle area shut down; we need to protect what we have - don't take away access or recreation opportunities; concerned about fences going up - don't close down or restrict riding
- Park management
 - Should have clear boundaries with Anza-Borrego Desert State Park: people follow rules if there are marked trails, signs
 - How will OHMVR division manage the SVRA in the future?
 - Pressure from environmental groups may influence management and operations
 - Facilities: water, sun protection (shade structures)
 - Air quality: dust
 - Overuse in certain areas leads to erosion and other impacts, such as trash, fire
 - Public participation: Want to be involved in the process

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

- Conservation
 - Manage natural resources to ensure that species are not degraded to point of becoming endangered or becoming a species of concern
 - Designate some areas for resource protection and others for recreation
 - Manage land to avoid habitat fragmentation
 - Protect major features
- Important for keeping Ocotillo Wells open for OHV use
 - Balance environmental and recreation concerns: geologic resources should be protected, but riding is priority
 - Prefer open riding
 - Concerned about fencing
- Education
 - Need for more education about natural and cultural resources
 - Need more signs that have more information on them, explaining about different species and why they are important
 - What to watch for and why
 - More family-oriented ranger led walks
 - Educate young people early

IMPROVEMENTS

- Facilities
 - Minimum of three RV dump locations
 - More trail markers
 - Install solar showers at existing restrooms
- Make it bigger → want to expand, we need more room for open riding OHV activity
 - Keep it open for OHV activity for future generations
- How to deal with crowds? It is crowded at campgrounds
- Implement a day use fee to thin out crowds; pay fee in order to have more amenities
- Keep the SVRA the way it is

ONSITE WORKSHOP AT OCOTILLO WELLS SVRA – FEBRUARY 13, 2010

ACTIVITIES

- Camp
 - Sit by campfire
 - BBQ
 - Make U-shaped camp area to create protected area for kids to ride
 - Trailers
- Ride
 - Dirt bikes
 - Quads
 - Offroad trucks
 - Dune buggies
 - Motorcycles
 - 4WD
 - Sandrails
- Events
 - Geocaching
 - Cancer fundraiser
 - Fire Department breakfast
- See wildlife
- Walk
- Other activities
 - Eating
 - Bending
 - Being outdoors
 - Building forts
 - Reading
 - Stargazing
 - Backpacking
 - picnicking
 - Watching people ride
 - Night sky programs
 - Interpretive programs
- Check out wildflowers/botany
- Relax
- Get away from the city, many times a year
- Spend time with family (kids) and friends
- Trail riding and exploration
- Observe habitat restoration efforts, Shell Reef, the springs, geography
 - Checking out nature

WHY DO YOU LIKE TO VISIT OCOTILLO WELLS SVRA?

- We love the ranger presence - we know we can get help when we need it
- Good enforcement (especially DUIs)
 - Junior Rangers Program
- Like activities for entire family
- Visiting different points of interest
- Roads and trails are well marked
 - Like maintained roads /smooth from highway – especially for trailers
- Love the freedom at Ocotillo Wells SVRA – can do what you want as long as it is safe, adrenaline rush
- Facilities are great (hot showers, restrooms, shade structures, fire rings) and easy access to local services
- Safe environment for family and friends
- Less crowds and daredevils (compared to other OHV areas); friendlier visitors
- Variety of terrain and size of park; good trails, playground for OHV
- Opportunity to expose kids to nature
- Peaceful (even though quads)
- Mountains, scenery
- Warmer in winter (than Barstow)
- Points of interest
 - Minerals at Mica Field
 - Mud Pots
 - Geological diversity
 - Pumpkin Patch (nice trail and round rocks)
 - Military wash
 - Camp - The Cove (protected from wind) or Crossover Trail (become from north)
 - Shell Reef
 - Devil's Slide (challenging to ride up)
 - Gas Domes (can see Salton Sea from there)
 - Tectonic Gorge
 - Blow Sand Hill
 - Morton Road and San Felipe Wash for camping
- Get dirty
- Learn to read maps
- Different environment
- Doesn't cost a lot of money for family and friends outing, low-cost gathering place
- Prefer Ocotillo Wells to Disneyland

CONCERNS

- Facilities
 - Trash (need more receptacles especially during holiday weekends)
 - New restrooms
 - Rusted BBQ grills – people keep trashing them
 - More showers
 - Electric dryers in bathrooms instead of towels, which make a mess
 - Dumpsters at the end of roads
 - Recycling receptacles
 - More shade spread out around the park
 - Sinks in restrooms with hand sanitizers
 - Fire pits
 - Access to water in park
 - Dump station – now that it's closed, people dump in desert
- Preservation of environmental features: if we don't take care of the park, it won't be here tomorrow
 - People throw trash in fire pits instead of taking it out - should increase the fine
 - people need to be accountable for their actions
 - Keep fenced-off areas closed to protect those areas
 - Happy to see dune recovery efforts
 - Same level of attention paid to paleontology as Anza Borrego Desert State Park
- Safety
 - Problems with nail from pallets at camp sites
 - Young kids driving unsafely and too fast, cutting through camp, bikes too big, cutting out in front of you
 - Seeing more jeeps (recent trend) and trucks, they go speeding around and it is becoming very dangerous
 - Ocotillo Wells becoming less of an ideal place. You come around a curve and there can be a truck coming at you. Many don't have a whip/flag
- Enforcement
 - Need better enforcement of high speeds of big trucks and keeping on established trails
 - Better signage for riders to stay on established trails (properly define "established roads")
 - Manage campgrounds to keep noise down at night
 - Need more staff to enforce on busy weekends
- Wind blockers at camp sites

CONCERNS (CONTINUED)

- Crowds
 - Other lands closing down so Ocotillo Wells gets too crowded
- Closure of park
 - Will Gas Domes be closed? Too crowded and the terrain is worn out
 - If closing areas, need to provide additional riding opportunities
 - Closure due to windmills?
 - Will east of Pole Line Road be lost to geothermal developers?
 - Closing of areas creates crowding
- Don't let it become like Glamis where you have to pay, not having fees is good for general public
- Environmental Impacts: dust and air quality, traffic (unlicensed vehicles on State Route 22 a concern for cyclists); resource protection; noise
 - Air quality is at point of being unhealthy
- Destinations are cool for enjoying and exploring and outings, BUT overcrowded and poor organization of drivers → need more traffic control at these areas → "road courtesy" on part of riders needed
 - No one-way trails - they are dangerous!
- Concerns about biology, cultural, and geological resources
- Fencing is a visual disturbance
- Cultural resources should be interpreted and shared with the public
- Aquifer to be used as a water source - all water should be imported from the Imperial Irrigation District

IMPROVEMENTS

- Keep as much open area as possible (as much open riding)
 - Keep it open in 30 years
 - Expand park
 - Need more trails and riding
 - Change east of Pole Line Road from “restricted” to “limited”
- Keep up efforts to keep people safe
 - Better and more road signs
 - Better cell phone coverage
 - Want a camp host with families at Hidden Valley Camp
- Keep it natural: no structures, keep dry camping
- More hiking trails
- No fees, maintain free camping
- Like it as it is
- More tracks are needed (youth track, motocross)
- Emergency response: an emergency medical facility with greater capacity for serious cases to serve Ocotillo Wells SVRA and parts of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
 - Ranger station on north side, so emergency responders are closer
 - Holly Road Expressway – emergency access, easier transition for riders from one end of park to another
 - Call boxes with names/numbers for emergency medical response
- Education
 - Interpretive events are great idea
 - Especially live animals
 - Night animal photos
 - Archaeological programs
 - For cultural resources, let people know what’s here so they appreciate it
 - ATV courses should be expanded to motorcycles and side by side
 - Guided tours for kids with stops and interpretive programs
 - Volunteer desert clean-ups (include kids)
- Coordination with Anza Borrego Desert State Park
- Contract with septic service to empty RVs on busy weekends
- Why doesn’t the state use green sticker money to acquire property on south side of State Route 78?
- Maintain main roads better (graded)
- Website of rules and guidelines for OW visitors; create a blog

CARLSBAD WORKSHOP – MARCH 10, 2011

ACTIVITIES

- Camping
- Hanging out with friends
- Exploring
 - Lots of neat things to see
 - History is amazing
- North area has technical off-roading + hill climbs (features are unique in park)
- Motorcycle/ATV
- Spectating/Watching others
- Palms west of county line can only get to in street-legal vehicle
- Can only get to Palms with OHV
- Cross-country trekking across whole park (getting across park in OHV park)
- Socializing (only see certain friends in OW)
- North side is close to Mexican food
- Organized events (TDS, Corva [in North area], clubs)
- Great place for kids
- Geocaching
- Leaving the city
- Star gazing
- Thanksgiving
- Primary draw is off-roading and camping
- Can only enjoy activities by OHV
- OHV use
- Licensed vehicles
- Dirt biking
- Camping (away from crowds)
- Geocaching
- Target shooting
- Exploring
- Sight-seeing
- Geology
- Wheeling
- Notches
- Camping
- Family
- Photography
- Pets
- Socializing
- Teaching kids to ride
- Networking
- Teaching kids to drive
- Kite flying
- Night runs
- Eating
- Geo caching
- Winching
- Sunrises
- Wrenching
- Sunsets
- Restrooms
- Views of Salton Sea
- Memories
- Campfires

ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

- Single track
- Fireworks
- History
- Social fireworks
- Unique terrain
- Riding
- Camping
- Hiking
- Looking at habitat
- Weather → nice
- Experience of place
- Free resource/experience
- Less crowded
- Fundraising
- Education
- Spending time with kids
- Family time
- Events
- Views
- Sunrise/Sunset
- No cell phone service
- Not developed
- Big horn sheep spotting
- Unique plants not found anywhere else
- Native American artifacts
- Geocaching
- New training area

FAVORITE PLACES / WHY

- Exploration
- The whole area is favorite place
- All over (diversity of terrain; vehicle able to regroup)
- Four Palms
 - Unique
 - Vegetation
 - It's an oasis!
- Bluffs
 - Canyons/Technical
 - Camping
 - Great views on the Bluffs
 - Easy access
- Dusty Mountain
 - Gathering point
 - Names change over time; different people call places different names
 - Viewpoint, destination, landmark
 - Technical off-roading, Challenging/Extreme
 - View
 - Spectating
- Street Sign Photos
- Wheeling

FAVORITE PLACES / WHY (CONTINUED)

- Tetherball/Arch
 - Good stopping point/ destination
 - Arch is landmark/neat to see
 - Ride
 - Go fast in washes
 - Rough terrain for obstacles
 - This area has a high density of notches and hill climbs
- Destination Points/Meeting Points are Important
 - Fire hydrant
 - Telephone booth
 - Motorcycle
 - Toilet
- Anza Ditch/Marina Drive
 - Camping
 - RV access
- Camping
- Views
- Mesas
 - Access to other areas
 - Views
 - Desert pavement
- Notches
 - Challenges; technical area
 - Spectating
 - Playing
- North Marina Drive
 - Easy access
 - Crowded
 - Idiocy
 - Noise
- Anza Ditch
 - Camp
 - Accessible with a motorhome
 - Easy to get into town
 - Traditional meet-up spot
 - Can access with 2-WD
- Coral Wash
 - Faster riding
 - Gets you too dusty
- Farther you go, the washes get narrower
- Harder to access

IMPROVEMENTS

- More access
- Keep it open
- Grading roads would give access to too many people
- Place for family and camping
- Roads, ramadas; more people=poor behavior
- More facilities might help keep area clean
- OW North for “tread lightly” people (rugged/outdoors)
- Not interested in designated spots with facilities
- Separate 4x4s from other OHVs
- “You build it, they will come”
- I have kids help clean
- Keep OW North the way it is
- GPS tracking of trails
- What about a designated corridor for OHV through ABDSP? To casino and (for non-street-legal vehicles) mountains?

WHY DO YOU LIKE TO VISIT OCOTILLO WELLS SVRA?

- Camping + Off-Roading
- Terrain
- Open access; no designated trails; designed for exploring
- Lack of facilities; like less people
- Get away, relax
- OW North less populated
- Unique terrain and geography
- Diversity of challenges
- Feeling of safety; easy to get assistance and get out
- Minimal regulations
- Ability to leave crowds
- Camp security (not as much theft)
- Would like to have shooting available
- It's our property
- Get out of the city
- Like being away from the highway
- Good place to practice 4-WD
- Good camping areas
- Underdeveloped/Not over-used terrain is slower and turning so you don't “whoop out”
- You can't go fast enough to change the terrain to bottom out
- It's not OW South
 - Lower speeds/better touring
 - Pre-Historic features and unique resources

WHAT DO YOU VALUE AND CARE ABOUT IN OCOTILLO WELLS NORTH?

- Terrain/area
- Looks like the moon
- Close to Mariscos
- Human-made landmarks
- Lots of open space
- Unique
- Wildlife
- Remoteness
- Like the way it is
- Diversity
- Law enforcement more relaxed; response to type of people who use area
- Camping without crowds (concern)
- Preserving landmarks and monuments

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

- Palms
- Give shade
- Font's Point explains geology
- Winds
- Area changes with the weather
- Protect landmarks (fire hydrant, etc.)
- Allow natural erosion to occur
- Palm trees being burned? (4 Palms)
- Oasis
- Fish traps
- 4 Palms Spring sensitive area
- Sleeping circles
- Arrow heads
- Sandstone concretions
- Calcite deposits
- Lizards
- Mouse-type critters
- Tarantulas
- Scorpions (South)
- Birds/Buzzards
- Bats at sunset
- Big Horn Sheep scat
- Petrified wood
- Paleontological resources
- Flat-tailed horned lizards
- Three endemic plant species
- Ocotillo plant
- Mesquite
- Training facilities preserve resources

CONCERNS

- Concerned about closures
- Fences/restricted access
- Shame to close it down so future generations don't get to enjoy
- Concern that it will be trail-specific access/specified routes
- Don't want trails only
- Concerned that money used to support the area will be taken away
- We've seen areas closed; no reason why
- Overdevelopment
- Need clear reference points/signage for boundary; GPS tracks
- Concerns over people who do not obey signs
- GIS layer for hand-held GPS devices
- Concerned that target shooting won't come back
- Facilities will bring crowds (undesirable crowds)/parties
- Facilities south of S-22 only!
- Don't make OW North like OW South
- If Ranger Station, a paved road may make it easier for people to come in
- Need to find a way to communicate an accurate boundary to OW North so people can avoid going out of bounds
- Need to know what is being done now
- Signs have been placed at access points: only foot traffic
- Bathrooms/facilities
- Management both long term and immediate
- Overuse
- Law enforcement
- Overstretched resources/public safety
- Clean up from pre-acquisition (trash)
- Checkerboard of parcels
- Dust/Air quality/PM10, 25
- Shrinking riding area
- Politics
- OHV access through ABDSP

SALTON CITY WORKSHOP – MARCH 10, 2011

ACTIVITIES

- Off-Roading
- Quads
- Jeeps
- Dune buggies
- Motorcycles
- Toy trailers
- Rails (sand)
- Climbing
- Camping
- Hiking
 - Hiking
- Desert plant viewing
- Landforms
- Adventures
- Family time
- Hanging out with friends
- Drive sand rails as much as we can
- More challenging areas – trails, notches
- Freedom to go where you want; open area
- Several large events, need land available
- Exploring wide-open, unrestricted
- Unique
 - Phone booth
 - Fire hydrant
- Jeeps, quads, bikes, side-by-side, ATVs, street vehicles
- Climbing, in designated areas
- Camping/RVs
- Don't need controlled road
- Family atmosphere, no charge to use park, has events
- Events – includes kids
- Relax
- Photography
- Pulling mustard weed
- Treasure trail
- Hiking
- Like to use sand-rail in OW-N, unrestricted
 - "snow-birds"
- Off-roading
- Camping
- Picnic
- Sight-seeing
- Wildlife
- Photography
- Family activities
- Family friends
- Hiking
- Geocaching
- Stargazing
- Off Roding
- Drinking Beer
- Camping
- Bird Watching

ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

- Hiking
- Let Kids Run Free
- Photography
- Geocaching
- Picnicking
- Hang Gliding/Ultralights
- Wildlife Observation – Species Identification
- Star Gazing
- Treasure Trails Events
- Scenery/Open Space

FAVORITE PLACES / WHY

- Washes
 - Arroyo
 - Tule
 - signs are overkill
 - Palm
 - Look for reptiles
 - Easy access to all areas
 - Safe
 - Able to cross under 86
 - Scenic
 - Great for quads
 - Grave
 - Different terrain
 - Different colors
 - Wonderstone
 - Travertine (need to protect)
 - Coral
 - Same as Palm
 - Very few people who live nearby have trailers provides access
 - Gravel
 - Big
 - Unnamed
 - Off-roading
- Good birding Anza Ditch
 - Mesa for viewing
- Bicycle
- Undeveloped Phone booth
- Want to go all over
- Whole park
- N. Marina Drive
 - Camping areas
- ALL!
 - Mud hills
- Landmark destinations
 - Challenging to get to
 - People watching

IMPROVEMENTS

- Keep special events
- Need ability to add trails between grave and big wash
- Need perimeter trail from end to end of entire park
- Keep it like it is now, no signs, no trails
- Toilets by palm trees
- Leave it as it is
- Like/need access from N. Marina Drive
 - Main access
 - Closed road probably more impact to residents
- Imperial County is slowest in CA
- No ramadas turn into fire pits
- Shelter by toilets
- Put Kirk in-charge
- Trash areas
- Organized cleanups
- No fees
- Nice being close to community
- Keep the government out
- Keep politicians away
 - Fence by Fresno to keep politicians up north
- More law enforcement
- Bathrooms
- Trash disposal areas – dumpsters
- Clear more trails
- No fees for users/no entry fees
- Less restrictions, within reason
- No Glamis! – don't squeeze or charge
- Don't close areas
- Shallow well at dump is a concern – natural spring ½ mile
- Perimeter trail
- Connect washes
- To keep it as it is today
- Trails open – keep the same
- GPS trails – weather
- Ability to make new trails
- Special events

WHY DO YOU LIKE TO VISIT OCOTILLO WELLS SVRA?

- Camping and off-roading
- Terrain
- Open access; no designated trails; designed for exploring
- Lack of facilities; less people
- Get away, relax
- OW North less populated
- Unique terrain and geography

WHY DO YOU LIKE TO VISIT OCOTILLO WELLS SVRA? (CONTINUED)

- Diversity of challenges
- Feeling of safety; easy to get assistance and get out
- Minimal regulations
- Ability to leave crowds
- Camp security (not as much theft)
- Would like to have shooting available
- It's our property
- Get out of the city
- Like being away from the highway
- Good place to practice 4-WD
- Good camping areas
- Underdeveloped/Not over-used
 - Terrain is slower and turning so you don't "whoop out"
 - You can't go fast enough to change the terrain to bottom out
- It's not OW South
 - Lower speeds/better touring
 - Pre-Historic features and unique resources [highlighted]
- Can get lost and always find your way back
- Huge, accessible – great off-roading
- Close to home
- Away from home – get away
- Lots of free camping sites
- Close to amenities (gas, beer, ice, etc.)
- Valuable desert habitat
- Variety of activities
- Nice weather
- Close to paramedics
- Sense of community
- It is undeveloped
- Unique terrain
- Dynamic terrain – always changing
- Surrounded by mountain and Salton Sea – protects it from mobs of people
- Fewer people than SVRA
- Easily accessible
- The area is self-monitored by users.
- The climate
- Geocache
- Special group of users with same values, responsible and friendly
- Does its own habitat recovery – restores itself – due to water cycles and wind
- Multiple use area
- Supports multiple skill levels
- No usage fees
- Can take my dog and let him run around
- It is a place where you can bond with your family – no distractions like T.V.
- Variety of wheeling – very forgiving – variety (Huge) (Unique)(Pretty Wheeling)
- Have fun all day long/weekend
- Solitude
- Beautiful
- Accessible
- BO's Bowl
- Nice weather

WHY DO YOU LIKE TO VISIT OCOTILLO WELLS SVRA? (CONTINUED)

- Fee charges other places
- Closure of other places
- “Don’t Mess It Up”
- No fees
- More jeep friendly
- Unexplored
- Quad friendly
- Unspoiled
- Mud riding
- Primitive – not a lot of campsites + camp anywhere
- Diverse – Disneyland for off-road
- Open
- Without government interference
- Like it the way it is!

WHAT DO YOU VALUE AND CARE ABOUT IN OCOTILLO WELLS NORTH?

- Terrain/area
- Looks like the moon
- Close to Mariscos
- Human-made landmarks
- Lots of open space
- Unique
- Wildlife
- Remoteness
- Like the way it is
- Diversity
- Law enforcement more relaxed; response to type of people who use area
- Camping without crowds (concern)
- Preserving landmarks and monuments
- Fence off fish traps, leave rest alone
- Park brings people to bus
- Keeps kids out of trouble
- Don’t like restriction signs for off-limit areas
- 4-Palm Oasis – don’t like that it was burned
- Don’t like places with destroyed habitat (all over OW North, especially southeast corner)
- Freedom to off-road
- Off-roading without breaking equipment
- Keeping it open (all OW)
- Friendliness
- Available for over 50 years – history
- Very little trash – sense of awareness for most part
- Beautiful
- Sense of pride and ownership
- Can have a real mild or extreme day or photo day
- Unique in SoCal
- No development
- No roads
- No restrooms

WHAT DO YOU VALUE AND CARE ABOUT IN OCOTILLO WELLS NORTH? (CONTINUED)

- No restrictions
- It is a desert experience – can learn about desert and how it has evolved; teach kids history, natural history, Salton Sea
- A great classroom for our children
- Value community outreach process for GP
- A classroom for teaching 'Take memories leave footprints only'
- Limited development
- Primitive
- Things on like list
- Scenic
- Wildlife
- Location – easy access from highways close to Salton Sea. Not have to walk if physically limited
- Family atmosphere – slower speeds and safer mellower pace
- Need more safety and more awareness of surroundings – rider education

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

- Desert Tortoises
- Fish traps – need signage to help protect
- Oasis/Palms
- Ocotillo
- Cactus
- Coyotes
- Gas pomes
- Rabbits
- Snakes
- Fish traps
- Plants
- Reptiles/animals
- Never seen big horn sheep
- In 8-years only seen lizards
- Meg R. does not speak for all OHV!
- Concern about what is going to happen
 - Closures?
 - Concern about financial impact to surrounding areas
- More effort to let community know what is happening
- E-mail confirm when signing up
- Treasure trails events look at desert
- Calcite mines
- Historical sites: fish traps
- Huge number of arch. Sites – many left to be discovered

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES (CONTINUED)

- Species:
 - Burrowing owl
 - Flat-tailed horned lizard
 - Prairie falcon
 - Golden Eagle – many others
- Plants
 - Woody aster
 - Others
- Petrified wood
- Fossil record
- Finding sea shells
- Beauty of desert
- Flowers
- Teach kids to respect nature and habitat
- Natural arches
- Indian face rock
- Rabbits, lizards, crows, snakes
- Wind rocks and caves
- Pumpkin rocks
- Geology, rock formations, ancient shoreline
- Indian artifacts
- Wildflowers
- Iguanas, fox, coyote, rabbit, hawks
- Great weather
- Stay in washes
- Sight steward – cultural resources
- Fossils/Petrified wood
- Flowers/Spiky-things/lizards/kit-fox
- Rattle snakes/scorpions/bugs
- Durable
- Renewable

CONCERNS

- Government interference
- Don't want "Help"
- Loss of riding areas
- Development of the park (want less)
- Alcohol/safety
- More land is closed the more kids get into trouble on the street
- Safety for the elderly
- S22 is too dark – need lights
- Improve road conditions of S22
- Raising of vehicle fees
- Park "people" destroying history
- Off-roaders are people who use park, other just want to shut it down
 - Everybody, all-res. Use park
- Concerned over OW-N and impacts of decisions on park use and surrounding areas
- Don't give ABDSP more land

CONCERNS (CONTINUED)

- Process for deciding left people out
 - Need to be included in future decisions
- Government interference (taking SVRA \$)
- People doing destructive behavior
- Need more patrol on weekends
- Access roads on boundary (all)
- More trails
- No charging
- Vault toilets
- Main one: Closure and limited access
- 4x4 vs. motorcycles/ATV collisions
- No single track
- People who live in desert don't know about meetings and they need/want to be involved
 - Need to put up posters at gas stations, Travertine, etc.
- Misappropriation of OHVM Division fees
- Over-regulation
- Have community involved with road maintenance and keeping them alive
- Trail management Keep it the same
- Keep it open
- Green sticker south of S-22
- Population explosion

