



**OCOTILLO WELLS**  
STATE VEHICULAR RECREATION AREA  
General Plan



# Ocotillo Wells SVRA General Plan Update and EIR

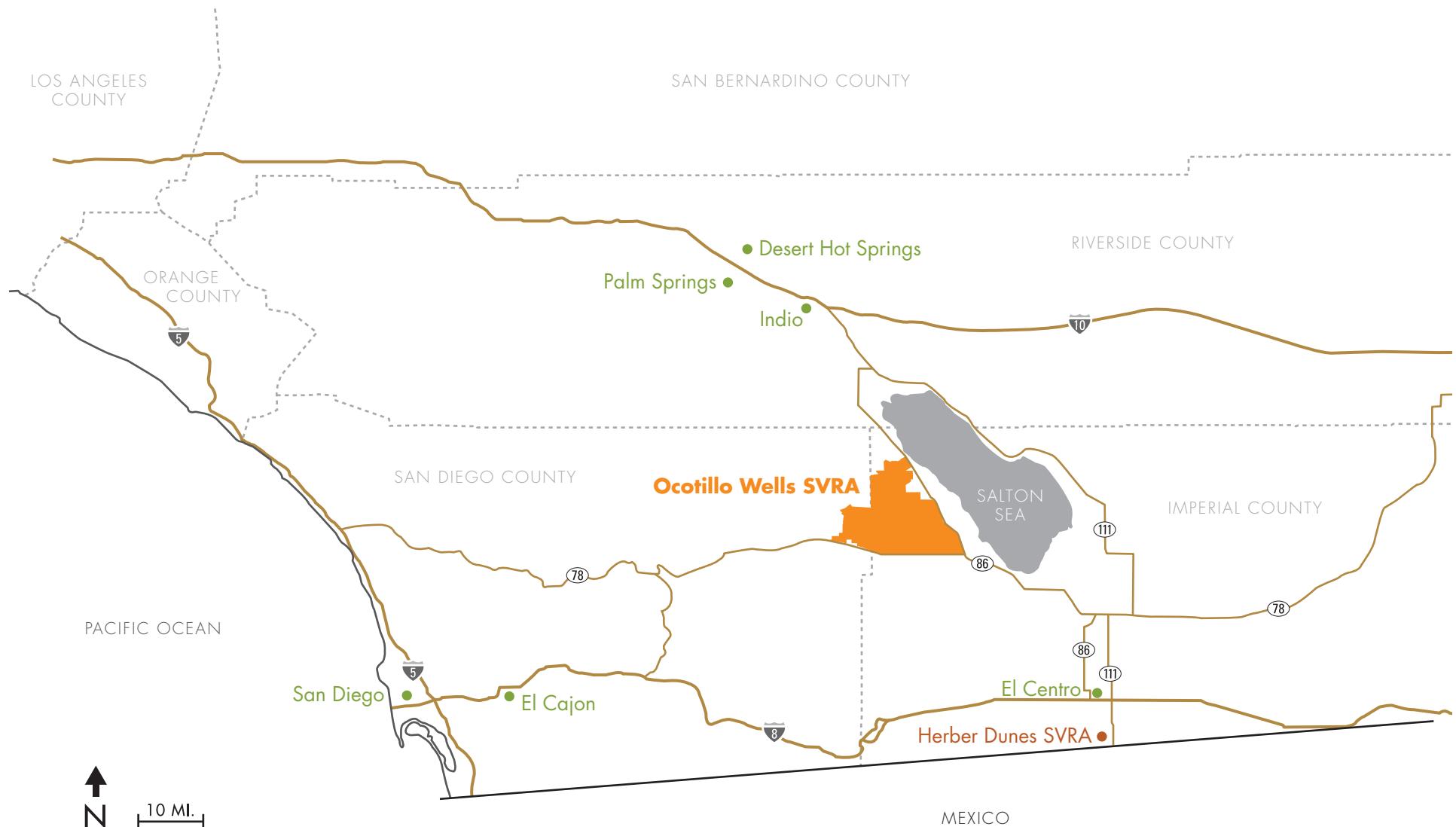
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MAJOR THEMES FROM INITIAL PUBLIC OUTREACH

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## Ocotillo Wells SVRA Vicinity Map



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# Introduction

## REPORT FOCUS

This report presents a synopsis of public input received during initial public outreach efforts conducted for the Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) General Plan Update process. Initial public outreach activities were undertaken on various dates between January 2010 and July 2010. Additional outreach was conducted between January 2011 and May 2011, following the approval of Senate Bill 855, which established property north of S-22 as part of Ocotillo Wells SVRA (the southeast portion of the area previously known as the Freeman Property). The public outreach included a project website, on-site visitor interviews, online questionnaires, public workshops, and stakeholder interviews.

## ABOUT OCOTILLO WELLS SVRA

Ocotillo Wells SVRA is a popular recreation area for off-highway vehicle (OHV) users and other recreationists from Southern California and beyond. The roughly 85,000-acre SVRA is located approximately 90 miles northeast of the city of San Diego in San Diego and Imperial counties. Ocotillo Wells SVRA provides a unique recreational experience for OHV users. The SVRA has a large land area with a wide variety of terrain types and topographic features that appeal to many types of OHV enthusiasts and other outdoor recreationists.

**SVRAs** are OHV parks that are operated by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division of California State Parks. OHVs are land vehicles mostly used for recreational purposes, such as all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), motorcycles, jeeps, and 4-wheel-drive trucks. More information about SVRAs and the OHMVR Division of California State Parks can be found at <http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/>.





**General Plans** are policy documents intended to be used for 20 years or more. The General Plan establishes a decision-making framework for decisions related to visitor use and recreation, interpretation and education, park use and operations, and natural and physical resources.



## PROJECT OVERVIEW

California State Parks kicked-off the comprehensive update of the General Plan for Ocotillo Wells SVRA in January 2010. A General Plan is a policy document that provides direction on management strategies, future types of improvements, services, and programs.

The current version of the General Plan was adopted in 1982. The purpose of the General Plan Update is to revise the plan to reflect changing conditions and issues, and to update the vision, goals, and policies set forth in the plan. The General Plan Update will incorporate lands acquired by the Ocotillo Wells SVRA after 1982. Public input will be used to help guide the contents of the General Plan Update.

A separate Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will also be prepared, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The EIR will provide an evaluation of potential environmental effects associated with implementation of the General Plan Update.

## REPORT ORGANIZATION

**Introduction** Presents the report focus, provides an overview of the SVRA, the General Plan Update and EIR process.

**Public Outreach Activities** Overviews the public outreach program and describes initial public outreach activities, and outlines the report organization.

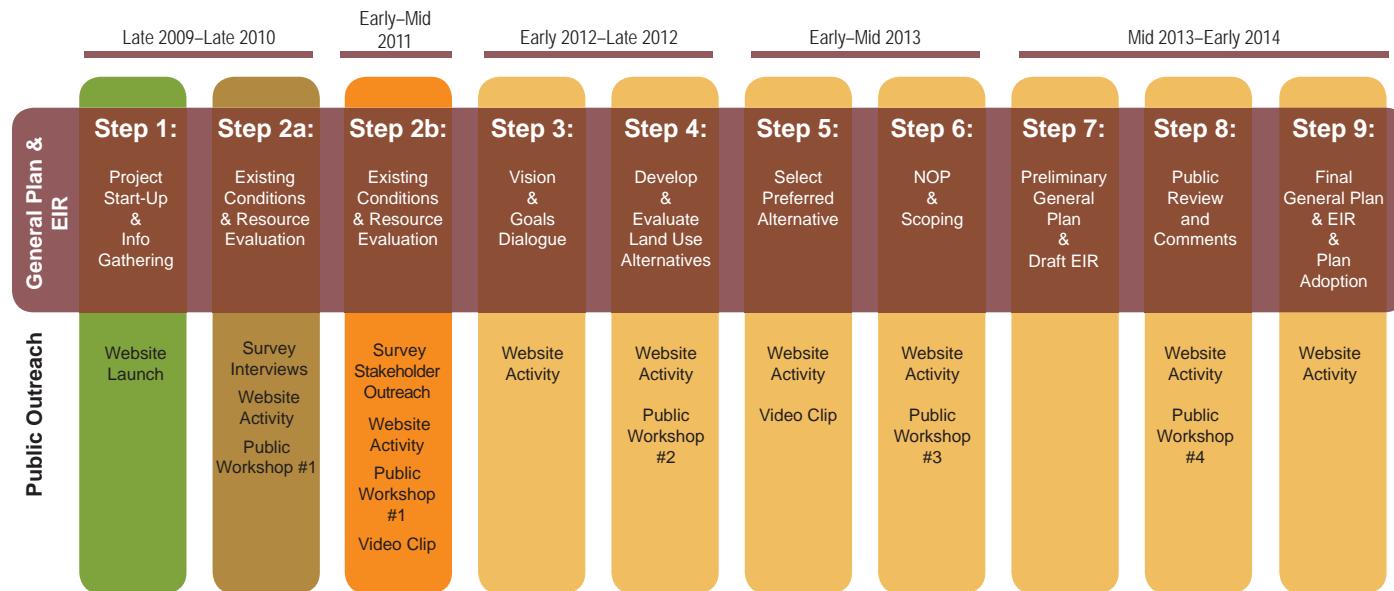
**Major Themes** Presents the major discussion themes that surfaced during initial public outreach.

# Public Outreach Activities

Given that Ocotillo Wells SVRA draws visitors from Southern California and beyond, the initial public outreach program was designed to offer multiple means for providing input. Additional opportunities for public participation will be provided throughout the General Plan Update process. During Steps 1 and 2 of the General Plan Update, public outreach focused on identifying key planning issues. More than 1,000 people participated in initial public outreach activities.

**Visitor Survey**  
**Public Workshops**  
**Project Website and Online Input**  
**Stakeholder Interviews**  
**Fact Sheets**

## Ocotillo Wells SVRA General Plan Update and EIR: Step-by-Step



Legend: ● OW SVRA + Freeman Property (separately) ● OW SVRA ● OW North (Area north of S-22) ● OW SVRA + OW North





Along with operational needs, OHMVR Division policies, the OHMVR Strategic Plan, and applicable laws and regulations, ideas and issues raised by participants during the initial public outreach effort will help guide the vision, goals, and alternatives for the General Plan Update.

Initial public outreach was conducted in two parts. The first part concerned Ocotillo Wells SVRA prior to the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 855 in October 2010. The second part concerned the property north of S-22 that was added to the SVRA with the passage of SB 855.

Initial public outreach focused on obtaining input on the following topics associated with Ocotillo Wells SVRA:

Visitation patterns	What visitors value	
Best features	Favorite places	
Concerns	Safety	Additional facilities
What visitors learn	Improvements	
Why people like visiting	Popular activities	
Awareness of natural & cultural resource issues		

The public outreach activities undertaken during Steps 1 and 2 of the General Plan Update process are summarized on the following pages. Each section provides a description of the activity, the focus of the activity, and approximate number of participants for each activity. Summaries of input received through all public outreach activities are provided in Appendices A-D.

## PROJECT WEBSITE

The project website was launched in January 2010. The website will be used throughout the General Plan Update process to post project information and solicit feedback from the public. The website can be found at [www.planocotillowell.org](http://www.planocotillowell.org).

## PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

The public workshops provided broad forums for public involvement and dialogue. Prior to the passage of SB 855, three public workshops were held in February 2010 in three different locations throughout Southern California (see table below). In total, 110 people signed in at these workshops. Subsequent to the passage of SB 855, two additional public workshops were held in March 2011—one in Carlsbad, California, and one in Salton City, near the SVRA—to discuss the area added north of S-22. These workshops were attended by 158 people. Appendix A provides notes from the public workshops.

LOCATION	DATE	FOCUS
Riverside	Feb. 10, 2010	OW SVRA
El Cajon	Feb. 11, 2010	OW SVRA
Ocotillo Wells SVRA (2 locations)	Feb. 13, 2010	OW SVRA
Carlsbad	Mar. 10, 2011	OW North
Salton City	Mar. 19, 2011	OW North



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Ocotillo Wells General Plan Update website. The header features the Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area logo and navigation links for Home, General Plan Process, Provide Input, and Documents & Resources. The main content area includes a "Stay Involved!" section with a thank you message for 750+ responses, a "Next Steps" section about wrapping up outreach, and a "About the General Plan" section with a map of the area. There are also sections for joining the mailing list and upcoming events.

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## STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

The purpose of the stakeholder interviews was to understand the perspectives of agencies, organizations, and key interest groups with respect to current and future activities at Ocotillo Wells SVRA. Meetings with a cross-section of stakeholders were held on various dates from April through July 2010 for Ocotillo Wells SVRA. A total of 42 stakeholders participated in this initial stakeholder interview process.

In May 2011, participants were invited to stakeholder interviews concerning the area north of S-22 added to Ocotillo Wells SVRA. These participants included representatives of the same groups invited to participate in the initial stakeholder interviews for Ocotillo Wells SVRA, as well as those identified as important to the planning process for the addition north of S-22. A total of 19 stakeholders participated in this interview process. Discussion questions, key points from stakeholder interviews, and a complete list of interview participants are provided in Appendix B.

## ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRES

The purpose of the online questionnaires was to provide another participation option for those unable to attend public workshops. The online questionnaires for Ocotillo Wells SVRA were available on the General Plan Update website from January 15 through March 18, 2010, and from January 20 through March 31, 2011. The questions were similar to the

discussion questions for the public workshops, serving as a parallel input opportunity. More than 750 responses to the online questionnaire were received for Ocotillo Wells SVRA in 2010, and approximately 550 responses were received for the area north of S-22 in 2011.

The findings of the information from the online questionnaires can be found in Appendix C.

## VISITOR INTERVIEWS

The purpose of the on-site visitor interviews was to capture the perspectives of people who may not participate in formal outreach events, such as public workshops. AECOM conducted person-to-person “questionnaire” interviews on-site with Ocotillo Wells SVRA visitors on January 16, 23, and 30, 2010, and with visitors north of S-22 on January 15, 22, and 29, 2011. A total of 113 on-site interviews were conducted. The findings of the information collected in the visitor interviews can be found in Appendix C.

## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Several additional comments were submitted to California State Parks during the initial public outreach effort. These comments are summarized in Appendix D.



# Major Themes

## List of Major Themes

- A longtime tradition of riding and camping with family and friends
- A convenient escape
- The unique freedom of open riding and camping
- Maintaining access to SVRA riding opportunities
- Appreciation for diversity of OHV recreation
- Support for multiple recreation opportunities
- Appreciation for desert environment and natural resources
- Encouraging responsible OHV use and a responsible environment
- Balancing need for enforcement with valued visitor freedom
- Enhancing emergency response
- Diversity in views of environmental and cultural resource protection
- Additional facilities and services
- Connection to local community

The following themes emerged from the initial public outreach activities. For a complete understanding of the range of issues raised, please refer to the input documentation in Appendices A, B, C, and D. This input will be considered by the project team when completing early project research and preparing the General Plan and EIR.

### **A longtime tradition of riding and camping with family and friends**

Many visitors pointed to tradition and familiarity as key reasons for visiting Ocotillo Wells SVRA. More than half of the participants have been visiting the SVRA for longer than 10 years. For many visitors, camping and OHV riding with family and friends at the SVRA has been a multi-generational tradition spanning more than 50 years. Some participants pointed to fond memories of OHV riding from their youth as a reason to keep the tradition of visiting Ocotillo Wells SVRA alive. Tied to these discussions were comments about passing on this tradition to children and grandchildren. According to some OHV users, familiarity with the area also provides a sense of security because they feel they are less likely to get lost.

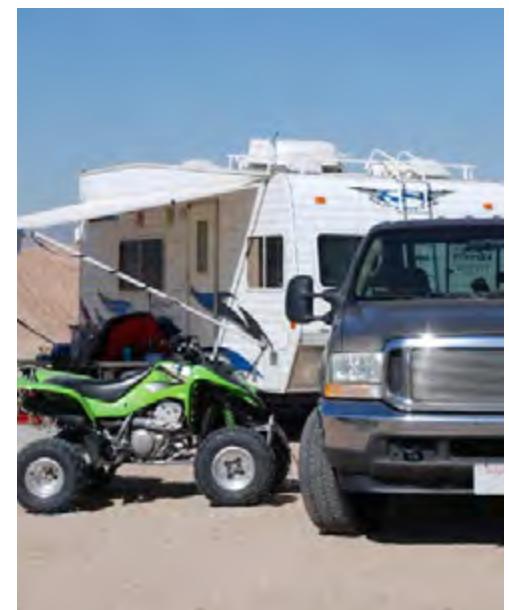
Participants also noted that the SVRA is often used as a central meeting point for family and friends to get together on weekends and holidays. Many visitors point to a family-friendly environment as one of the main reasons they choose to visit Ocotillo Wells SVRA in place of other OHV recreation areas. Many parents value that the SVRA is a family-friendly place for children to ride and experience the outdoors.

## A convenient escape

Many OHV enthusiasts indicated that one of the main reasons for coming to Ocotillo Wells SVRA is the relative closeness of the park to their homes in San Diego, Los Angeles, Riverside, and Orange counties. Some visitors mentioned that Ocotillo Wells SVRA is closer to home than other OHV recreation areas, and that the close proximity to home offers them a quick escape from their daily lives. A small percentage of visitors travel to the SVRA from other areas of California or from other states.

Many people also commented that they enjoy retreating from the city to experience the natural desert landscape and weather. Participants noted that the desert feels a world away from everyday worries. According to some OHV enthusiasts, Ocotillo Wells SVRA is popular because it has warmer winter weather compared to other Southern California OHV recreation areas, such as those in the high desert. The beauty of desert sunrises, sunsets, and storms was popular with many respondents.

Visitors cited easy access from paved roads, such as County Route 22 (S-22), as another reason they visit Ocotillo Wells SVRA. Although some visitors said that it is easy to get trailers and campers in and out of Ocotillo Wells SVRA, it was mentioned that the condition of the Marina Drive entrance from State Route 86 to the area north of S-22 made access difficult for large RVs and trailers.





## **The unique freedom of open riding and camping**

Many visitors are drawn to the unique freedom that Ocotillo Wells SVRA offers to openly camp and ride throughout the SVRA. In particular, many visitors valued camping “wherever you want” and “the openness of the area.” Participants also mentioned that the large SVRA size and riding area allow for extensive exploration and adventure riding.

## **Maintaining access to SVRA riding opportunities**

Many participants expressed concern about potential loss of riding opportunities, which some feared could result from closure of the SVRA, a reduction in its size, or closure of riding areas. Many visitors appreciate the large area of the SVRA, which provides room to ride and explore. Some participants did not feel comfortable visiting during busy weekends or holidays due to increased crowds.

Participants also cited concerns over whether protection of natural and cultural resources could result in the loss of riding opportunities. Some visitors worried that alternative energy development could further reduce available area for OHV recreation within the SVRA. Many visitors would also like to see the SVRA expand to include additional riding opportunities on adjacent land. Some participants expressed disappointment that, subsequent to the passage of SB 855, some of the lands of the former Freeman Property were acquired by the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and are no longer accessible for OHV recreation.

Areas in the SVRA that have been closed to riding were frequently raised in discussions. Many riders feel that OHV riding opportunities are being lost throughout the state, and they would like to see re-opening of closed areas at Ocotillo Wells SVRA. Other visitors do not necessarily want to see closed areas reopened to riding, but would like any closed areas to provide signage with information about why the area is closed. For example, if an area is closed to protect sensitive habitat, some visitors would like this information included in signage.

## Appreciation for diversity of OHV recreation

One of the strongest recurring themes was an appreciation of the diversity of OHV recreation within Ocotillo Wells SVRA. The varied terrain (such as mud hills, technical rock riding, and washes) provides opportunities for a range of skill levels and OHV interests. Due to this variation in terrain, different areas of Ocotillo Wells SVRA offer different OHV opportunities. For example, visitors who ride motorcycles and quads prefer the south and central areas of the SVRA, while visitors who like slower, more technical riding tend to drive trucks or jeeps north of S-22.

Visitors use the trail network to access destination landmarks, washes, and challenging terrain throughout the park. Visitors commented that some of their favorite destinations and trails in Ocotillo Wells SVRA are Pumpkin Patch, Shell Reef, Devil's Slide, Blowsand Hill, Gas Domes, Artesian Well, Cahuilla Trail, and Cross Over Trail. Visitors cited Dusty Mountain, Truckhaven Trail, the Phonebooth, the Four Palms, the Fire Hydrant, the Street Sign, the Tetherball/The Arches, and the washes as their favorite destinations.

There was widespread enthusiasm for events at the SVRA, including group-sponsored events, volunteer clean-ups, organized rides, and educational opportunities. Events such as the "Roughneck Rendezvous" geocaching event, the CORVA Truckhaven Challenge, Treasure Trails events, and TDS Desert Safari were favorably received by many park enthusiasts. Participants also suggested that the event permit process be streamlined to make it easier for applicants.





## **Support for multiple recreation opportunities**

Although the most popular activity among visitors is OHV recreation, most survey participants mentioned that they also take part in other activities while visiting Ocotillo Wells SVRA. Common activities include camping and picnicking, spending time with family or friends, geocaching activities, relaxing, socializing with other visitors, and observing the natural landscape and desert environment. Some participants also enjoyed photography, stargazing and astronomy, mountain biking, hiking, and playing with remote-controlled cars.

## **Appreciation for desert environment and natural resources**

Many participants indicated that visits to Ocotillo Wells SVRA had contributed to the development of a strong land ethic within their families and groups of friends. These concepts included “treading lightly,” picking up litter, respecting the SVRA regulations, and appreciating the natural desert landscape. Many participants expressed that they like to discover and observe the natural resources found at the SVRA, such as geological formations, plants, and wildlife. Some visitors participated in organized clean-up events.

Additionally, the SVRA’s education and interpretive program is particularly popular with families. Many parents enjoy taking kids to interpretive events at destinations such as the Pumpkin Patch and Shell Reef. Participants noted that adults and children alike appreciate the programs that focus on respecting the desert and keeping it clean for future generations. Many visitors have learned about desert geology and plant and wildlife through the SVRA’s interpretive programs.

## Encouraging responsible OHV use and a responsible environment

One of the strongest recurring themes that surfaced during the visitor surveys was the issue of public safety. Overall, many visitors feel that safety conditions at Ocotillo Wells SVRA are better than at other OHV parks in the area. Families stated that they were drawn to Ocotillo Wells SVRA because the riding environment is safer for their kids. At the same time, visitors would still like to see safety improvements made during the park's General Plan Update process.

Of particular concern was irresponsible OHV use, such as speeding, drinking, drug use, and lack of sufficient safety training. Participants also raised concerns regarding unsafe or disrespectful behavior by other visitors, such as OHV riding at fast speeds through popular camping areas. Other safety concerns include the lack of clear, durable wayfinding signage along trails; theft and vandalism; and crowded conditions during holiday weekends. Some visitors also indicated that areas that are closed to riding are sometimes difficult to see when riding, which creates hazardous riding conditions. Signage and fencing with greater visibility was suggested. Some participants also expressed safety concerns resulting from OHV use near highways and major roads.

In addition, the importance of OHV education was frequently raised during outreach activities. Suggestions for OHV education centered on riding and safety training for novice riders, responsible riding in and around the camping areas, and first aid outdoor skills.





## **Balancing need for enforcement with valued visitor freedom**

Many visitors appreciate the ranger presence at Ocotillo Wells SVRA, and note that the SVRA feels safer and more family friendly than other OHV recreation areas in the region. Some visitors would like to see an increased ranger presence to ensure that visitors continue to behave responsibly. Many participants suggested that additional enforcement at camping areas and heavy traffic areas—especially during busy weekends—would further improve public safety. However, some visitors feel that enforcement efforts are somewhat heavy-handed and take away from the feeling of freedom.

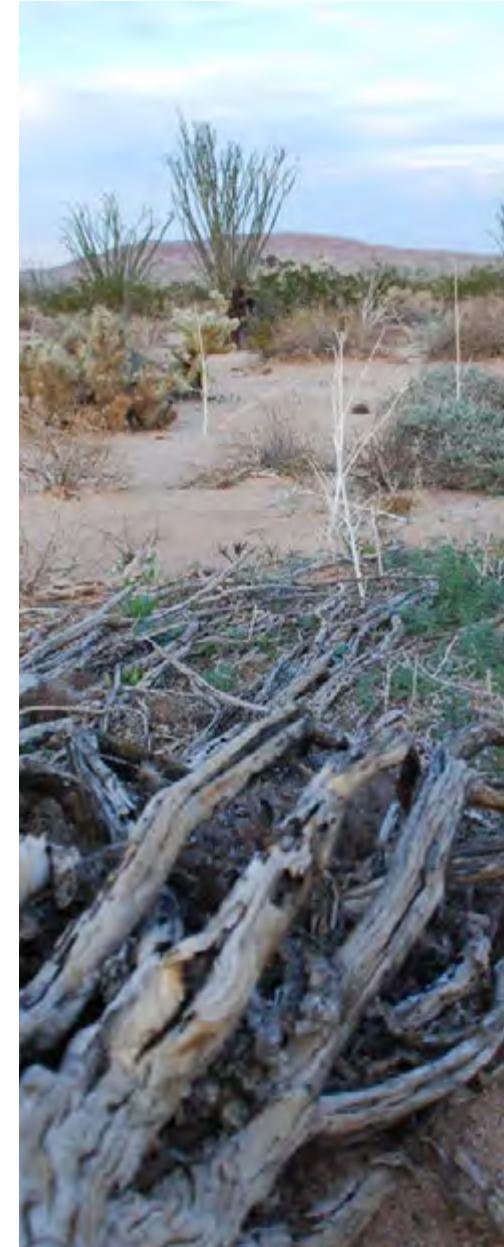
## **Enhancing emergency response**

Additionally, participants suggested that more resources (e.g., staff, equipment, and educational programs) be provided to improve emergency response services at the SVRA. Call boxes were suggested to help visitors access emergency services. Other participants suggested the development of a ranger station on the north side of Ocotillo Wells SVRA to help reduce emergency response times to this area. Emergency responder suggested the creation of a central response network and a greater use of memorandums of understanding (MOUs) between agencies to increase coordination efforts.

## Diversity in views of environmental and cultural resource protection

The majority of visitors are aware of the natural and cultural resources within Ocotillo Wells SVRA. Resources most commonly cited were the geological formations at the Pumpkin Patch, Gas Domes, Shell Reef, and Calcite Mines; the natural beauty of the desert landscape; and the geological history of the area. Many visitors were also aware of native plants and wildlife in the SVRA. Many participants expressed interest in learning more about the park's natural resources, and suggested that all closed off areas provide informational signage explaining the natural resource.

Opinions on the appropriate level of natural and cultural resource protection ranged from aggressive protection to no additional resource protection measures. Overall, most visitors acknowledged the importance of balancing environmental and cultural preservation and OHV riding opportunities. Some visitors felt that closing parts of the park to conservation would unfairly minimize the space designated for OHV riding, while others stressed the importance of preserving the flora, fauna, and cultural resources of the SVRA by closing areas or limiting open riding. Some participants clarified that they are not opposed to all OHV-related development, but would like natural and cultural resource preservation to be considered when planning this development. Other participants felt that resource protection should be limited to the much larger Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.





Some participants expressed concern over the potential contributions of OHV activity to dusty conditions and poor air quality, particularly for areas downwind of riding and for events, which draw high numbers of visitors. Other participants commented that wind should be considered for its potential contribution to dusty conditions, and expressed doubts that OHV activity contributes to dusty conditions.

Several specific comments were provided regarding cultural resources management. Some stakeholders expressed concern over the potential for recreation to affect cultural resources, including previously unidentified sacred sites and burial grounds. Potential disturbance to human remains were of particular concern to some stakeholders. Suggestions were made that some areas with known cultural resources be closed to riding to protect these resources. Some participants would like to see Native American tribal representatives involved in information generation and cultural resources management decisions. Additional suggestions included ensuring that tribal perspectives are included in educational and interpretive programming.

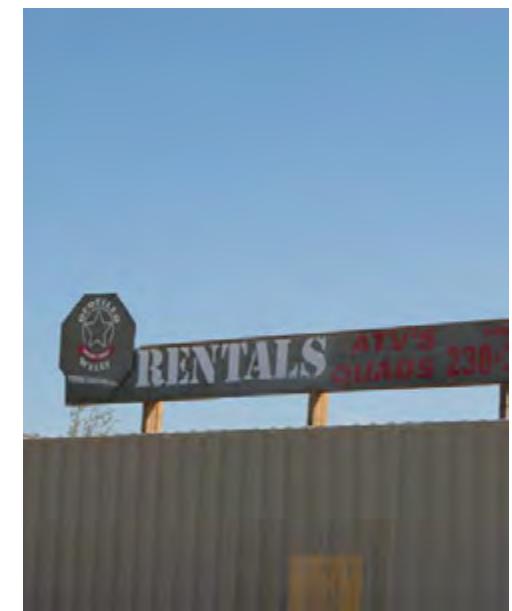
## Additional facilities and services

Many participants stated that they liked the existing facilities offered at Ocotillo Wells SVRA and indicated that both the facilities and trails were well-maintained. However, opinions varied about the suitable level of development north of S-22. Many participants preferred no additional facilities or development in this area in order to maintain a natural and open environment. Suggestions by those who did prefer more development included additional facilities both south and north of S-22, such as the addition or the re-opening of an RV dump station, additional dumpsters for trash disposal, access to fresh water, additional shaded and picnic areas, additional restrooms, and cell phone coverage or call boxes for faster emergency response.

Participants frequently indicated that the lack of an entrance fee was one of the positive features of the SVRA. However, some visitors pointed out that they would be willing to pay a fee to help fund improvements of the park facilities and services, and to limit the amount of visitors to reduce overcrowding during holiday weekends.

## Connection to local community

Some visitors mentioned that they liked the close proximity to gas services, restaurants, and stores, and they often frequent these establishments when they visit the SVRA. Additionally, some participants discussed the importance of the SVRA on local economic development, and some indicated that they attend local community events, such as clean-ups, OHV events, and fundraisers.



# APPENDIX A

## PUBLIC WORKSHOP NOTES

## PUBLIC WORKSHOP SERIES NOTES

### RIVERSIDE WORKSHOP – FEBRUARY 10, 2010

#### CONCERNS

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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 (CalPALS)

## FAVORITE PLACES AND WHY?

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- 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)

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- 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?

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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?

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- 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

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- 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)

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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)

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- 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

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- 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)

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- 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

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- 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?

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- 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?

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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

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- Off-Roading
- Quads
- Jeeps
- Dune buggies
- Motorcycles
- Toy trailers
- Rails (sand)
- Climbing
- Camping
- 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
- History
  - 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 Roading
- Drinking Beer
- Camping
- Bird Watching

## ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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?

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- 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)

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- 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)

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- 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?

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- Terrain/area
- Looks like the moon
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- 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)

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- 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

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- 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)

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- 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

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- 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)

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- 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 collusions
- 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



# APPENDIX B

## STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

## **STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEW PARTICIPANTS AND KEY POINTS VARIOUS DATES, APRIL 2010 – JULY 2010**

### **STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEW PARTICIPANTS**

ISSUE	ORGANIZATION	REPRESENTATIVE
Land Use Planning and Management	Caltrans	Jacob Armstrong Leila Ibrahim
Land Use Planning and Management	San Diego County Airports Administration	Cynthia Curtis
Land Use Planning and Management	Imperial County Planning Department	Angie Havens
OHV Interests	Drifters Jeep Club & California Association of 4-Wheel Drive Clubs	Joe Morrison
OHV Interests	California Off-Road Vehicle Association (CORVA)	Steve Hewitt Rick Fisher
OHV Interests	Tierra Del Sol	Sam Merten
OHV Interests	California Association of 4-Wheel Drive Clubs (CA4WDC)	John Stewart

ISSUE	ORGANIZATION	REPRESENTATIVE
OHV Interests	Off-Road Business Association (ORBA)	Meg Grossglass
OHV Interests	San Diego Off-Road Coalition	Scott Hillier
OHV Interests	Early Broncos Ltd.	Russ Meskell
OHV Interests	S&S Off Road Magazine	Sherri Kukla Steve Kukla
Public Safety	West Shore Ambulance	Danny Lopez Chris Herring
Public Safety	REACH Air	Don Wharton
Public Safety	U.S. Border Patrol	Eric Ford
Public Safety	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE)	Patrick Walker
Public Safety	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE)	John Butz

ISSUE	ORGANIZATION	REPRESENTATIVE
Public Safety	Salton Community Services District Fire (SCSD Fire)	Ronald Merton Steve Farenbaugh
Conservation	Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association	Betsy Knaak
Conservation	California Department of Fish and Game	David Lawhead
Conservation	Desert Protective Council	Terry Weiner
Adjacent Communities	Resident: Northeast Area of OWSVRA	Todd Deshler
Adjacent Communities	Borrego Springs Community Sponsor Group	Abbey King
Social and Civic Organizations/ Local Businesses/Volunteers	Friends of Ocotillo Wells San Diego Off-Road Coalition	Charles Chaney
Social and Civic Organizations/ Local Businesses/Volunteers	West Shores Chamber of Commerce	John Kamotis LaVon Jaksch Imari Kariotis
Social and Civic Organizations/ Local Businesses/Volunteers	Leapin' Lizard R.V. Ranch Owner	Deborah Traviss

ISSUE	ORGANIZATION	REPRESENTATIVE
Social and Civic Organizations/ Local Businesses/Volunteers	No Affiliation Provided	John Buss
Social and Civic Organizations/ Local Businesses/Volunteers	Desert Ironwoods Resort	Susan Hipchen Bob Hipchen
Social and Civic Organizations/ Local Businesses/Volunteers	Store Owner	Randy Rynearson
Air Quality	San Diego County Air Pollution Control District	Andy Hamilton Gary Hartnett
Air Quality	Imperial County Air Pollution Control District	Brad Poiriez Reyes Romero Monica Soucier
Cultural Resources	Native American Heritage Commission	Dave Singleton
Cultural Resources	Native American Advocate	Carmen Lucas

## **KEY POINTS FROM STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS**

### **BEST FEATURES**

- Holmes Camp, Hidden Valley, and Holly Road are the most popular camping areas
- Varied terrain (washes, mudhills, high speed areas) allows riders to do a little bit of everything
- No fees (fees elsewhere pushed people here)
- No boundary fence
- Volunteer clean-ups are effective, maybe need one or two more per year for visitors to give back
- Rules such as no alcohol in camps, no glass bottles, no burning pallets
- New interpretive programs
- Hikes for kids would help combat childhood obesity – identify things on foot
- Places and routes: Gas Domes, Artesian Wells, southeast washes, new oil wells, Superstition Mountain, Placer City, Imperial Sand Dunes
- “Jewel of SVRA system”: variety of equipment; variety of terrain; least managed
- Family atmosphere – big and safe compared to other areas and offers variety for different interests
- Destination recreation spot for large geographic areas (San Diego, Riverside, Imperial, LA counties, Phoenix and Las Vegas)
- Easy access – running events for fun, can be used for off-road training
- Open space and freedom to explore
- Easier to get permits for events (streamlined process) than at other areas
- Diverse recreational options
- Hosted events: San Diego Off-Road Coalition (SDORC) – Lost Lizard; DPR – Roughneck Rendezvous; California Off-Road Vehicle Association (CORVA) – Truckhaven; Tierra Del Sol (TDS) – Desert Safari and Robbie Runner event
- Improved safety conditions with new management (as opposed to before it was an SVRA)
- Wonderful historic and natural features need to be protected: Pumpkin Patch
- Good roads that are marked
- Have seen a lot of improvements (info desk, public safety)
- Facilities: showers, toilets
- People want “wide open, get away from it all” experience

## CONCERNS

- Ocotillo Wells SVRA is becoming less attractive because of intrusiveness (fencing, closed off areas)
- Too many signs
- Will SVRA be closed eventually?
- Ocotillo Wells is public land and the public has a right to enjoy those lands
- Green sticker funds are intended for SVRAs – keep them open!
- Keep OW free and open: fences and fees will restrict access.
- OHV park should be mostly about riding and enjoyment
- Will environmental conservation be used as basis for loss of riding opportunities?
- Plan will be influenced by those who do not visit the area and do not ride OHVs
- Peculiar that there is no entry fee, could OW hire more people with a fee? More people come to OW because other areas charge; there are impacts on OW because it is free
- Riders cross into Anza-Borrego Desert State Park from The Cove and don't realize they are in park. Additional signage and/or boundary identifiers are needed
- Need facility for disposing of RV waste - what is being done about it?
- Need to expand OW
  - People will come to OW if other OHV areas are closed
- Need "Mapping" - process for naming and identifying trails and areas (wayfinding)
- Acknowledge that this is a SVRA, not a conservation area, use conservation as needed, but not more than needed
- Major weekend issues: bathroom use, trash, better ingress/egress, traffic circulation considerations, everybody goes to OW because other areas closed

## AIR QUALITY

- Would watering be effective in controlling dust?
- Dry season self-regulates dust because there is little use in the summer dry season, when the SVRA is more prone to dust
- Can downwind air quality impacts be characterized (especially for events)?
- Thought put into limiting number of riders when air quality conditions are poor?
- Number of visitors increase on weekends...how does increased dust impact visitors and the county as a whole?

- AQ impacts increase in the fall when the number of visitors increase
- Days where you can't see very far ahead of you
- Near Blu Inn and Tarantula Wash there are more dust problems
- Acknowledge the role of wind in dust generation
- When thinking about EIR, think about dust because people living here don't want air quality degraded
  - Borrego Springs gets dust on busy weekends
- Rider concern: ability of environmental groups to go after SVRA because of dust
- Dust – huge concern
  - Consider options to keep it from getting more dusty
  - What is happening to soils?
  - How to mitigate dust?
  - Topsoil already disturbed

## NATURAL RESOURCES

- How will impacts and mitigation be assessed under CEQA?
  - Set aside preserve areas to compensate
- Important to buffer impacts to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
- What sensitive biological resources occur within the SVRA?
- Anza Borrego Desert State Park is 677,000 acres and protects many of same species that are present in Ocotillo Wells SVRA, so is there a process for mitigating the same species at Anza Borrego Desert State Park instead of Ocotillo Wells SVRA?
- Don't close natural resource areas in Ocotillo Wells SVRA to riding
- Protect and buffer water sources - avoid riding through or camping nearby
- Impacts to habitats require some level of mitigation
  - Potential for setting aside conservation areas (minimal to no road crossings to assure reduction of direct impact and noise and dust) in design
- As visitor numbers increase, more pressure on resources, more potential for impact
- Consider destination trail to camping areas – (limited riding for sensitive areas)
- Important to enforce designated trails only
  - Riders need training
- Interpretation as valuable tool for educating public

- Explain why areas are closed
- Dust issue /air pollution? What to do, and how does it affect habitats?
- Resources should be protected as well as recreational opportunities
  - Greatly concerned with impacts to cultural and biological resources
    - Would like to see no further degradation, and steps for restoration
- Flat-tail horned lizard
  - Some of only habitat left in Imperial County (some in Ocotillo Wells SVRA)
  - Protect good, occupied habitat from vehicles
- We need to be collaborative to address these issues. We need to share information and combine recreation with interpretation
- In planning process, identify areas to set aside for special areas/habitats (e.g. Pumpkin Patch and Bureau of Land Management lands south of Highway 78)
- How will water quality be assessed within the SVRA? Explain monitoring programs/protocols/thresholds early

## CULTURAL RESOURCES

- Don't protect cultural resources on-site at Ocotillo Wells SVRA, do it at Anza Borrego Desert State Park instead since it is adjacent
- Will we lose more riding area to protection of natural and cultural resources?
- How are cultural resources at Ocotillo Wells SVRA being impacted by recreational uses?
  - Are unknown sacred sites and burial grounds being disrupted by recreation use?
- How are cultural resources being protected?
  - General sites?
  - Burial sites?
  - Need aggressive protection
- Need different types of management for different types of cultural resources
- Tap into each tribe's unique perspective and history to enhance education and interpretation
- Consider using tribal stewardship program where tribal steward is trained to monitor cultural resource sites
- SVRA management staff needs to understand importance of cultural resource issues to tribal members
- Get input from tribal representatives regarding whether or not the location of cultural resources should be identified
- Consider Anza Borrego Desert State Parks cultural preserves system when planning for cultural resources management at Ocotillo Wells SVRA

- Should some areas with cultural resources be closed to riding?
- Concern over theft and vandalism of cultural resources and potential grave disturbance
- There are sites within Ocotillo Wells SVRA that should be nominated for National Register status
- There are cremation sites within Ocotillo Wells SVRA that must be dealt with. Ocotillo Wells was jointly used by a number of different tribes.
- Many cultural resources have been destroyed or removed from Ocotillo Wells
- There will be cultural resources impacts within Ocotillo Wells related to geothermal, wind, and mineral exploration. California State Parks and Bureau of Land Management must address this
- Fencing for cultural resources protection in Ocotillo Wells SVRA has proven effective. There has been little damage or disrespect
- Areas should be developed for adventure while placing others off limits to recreation in order to preserve natural and cultural resources
- Native American stories should be shared through interpretive story telling

## PUBLIC SAFETY

- Humans need freedom to get out into open areas without feeling overregulated
- Balance need for enforcement/regulation with visitors' desire for freedom to ride freely
  - Rangers shouldn't be overbearing
  - Rangers should not interfere if visitors are not violating rules
- Freedom is important to OW visitors, enforcement shouldn't impinge on feeling of freedom at OW
- Education regarding riding and safety and rules needed
- Shell Reef has a concentration of accidents (twice as many accidents as in other areas)
- Kids hang out around Main Street and Holmes Camp and Hidden Valley
  - Because popular camping areas – need to keep kids safe and ensure responsible riding in vicinity
- Lack of supervision for children is sometimes an issue, parents need to take more responsibility
  - Enforce existing rules
    - children must be accompanied by adult
    - permitting for young children
    - safety course
- Mandatory training for kids/greater enforcement check points
- Riding between Superstition and Blu Inn is a concern
- Concern over injuries, especially with children – know much is being done and not sure what more could be done

- Minimize accidents – outreach by OHV groups for safety training, etc.
- Need to educate about the safety of pallets and nails
- Single riders are worst accidents, usually due to excessive speed
- More staff to write tickets for unsafe riding
  - Even just presence of rangers helps slow people down
- Medical incident creates distraction from rangers being able to handle enforcement issue
- Drunk driving takes rangers away from enforcement because must travel with intoxicated driver
- Need to address emergency access to airport for airlifts
- Communications tower – to help locate people with call box
- Create emergency access road on west side of SVRA
  - On west side of Pumpkin Patch Road — north fork of Arroyo Salada and over to Holly Road

## LAND USE

- Address carrying capacity
  - What could land sustain?
  - How much energy does it take to manage park?
  - Consider establishing entry fee and maximum number of visitors on weekends
    - Evaluate impacts of pulling public safety staff from other back country locations to staff high visitation periods
- BLM Land
  - According to MOU only designated routes are to be used; is it going to be enforced?
  - Need clearly marked boundaries for designated routes and open areas
- Streamline event process Don't want hypersensitivity to cultural resources
- Events affect roads/traffic
  - How to handle showers, restrooms – overloading services?
- The vast open spaces of Ocotillo Wells are a very important part of the experience. It is very valuable and should not be compromised
- Disperse users throughout park (one graded road for large vehicles) – i.e. improve south camping areas to encourage use there
- Riders love destination routes – add more destination points and events to disperse users/families into other areas
- OW Airport

- Within the SVRA
- An OWSVRA trail may infringe on airport land
- Ensure compatibility between ALUCP (Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan) and SVRA land use

## CIRCULATION

- Establish easy access from highways (turn lanes) ingress/egress at major camping areas
- Maintain OHV access from nearby homes to the SVRA
  - Last, best place to own a home adjacent to unfenced OHV open areas
- Markings on roads need to be better so people don't get lost – signs disappear after severe weather events
  - Easy to get lost when new washes created
- State Route 78 is a high speed roadway and Recreational Vehicle (RV) turn offs create problems, especially when visibility is compromised by dust
  - There are potential needs for turn pockets
  - In traffic impact analysis, look at seasonal peak traffic
  - How many vehicles are entering the SVRA from State Route 78 and State Route 76?
- OHVs crossing State Route 22 and 86 is dangerous
- People riding on shoulders is dangerous
- OHVs and RVs cross the highway and cause accidents
- May need to have traffic control plan for special events
  - Caution signs or changeable message signs during peak weekends to warn about slower traffic, RVs, etc
- Need to control informal riding along highway
- People park on private properties outside the SVRA during big events

## ADJACENT COMMUNITIES

- Continued viability as SVRA is important to Imperial County (important for local economy and merchants)
  - Plan should consider broadening economic benefit
- Explore partnerships with local organizations, such as Friends of the Library – opportunities to improve basic community services for the town of Ocotillo Wells
- Developments and facilities along State Route 22 could impact adjacent communities because of increased visitation and traffic

- Some local residents do not consider dust, noise, trespassing or irresponsible riders to be an issue

## IMPROVEMENTS

- Acquire more land
  - Look at private property south of State Route 78
- Ocotillo Wells SVRA doesn't necessarily need improvements because people go out for rustic/outdoor/natural experience
- Any improvements should benefit OHV riding experience and funds should be devoted to this (don't forget the purpose of the SVRA)
- Good improvements that have been made include restrooms, shade ramadas, and picnic tables
- Bring the dump station back
- Foster cooperation between the SVRA and Anza Borrego Desert State Park – tours, explain mission, interpretation, cooperation
- More interpretation programs
- Washes go into Anza-Borrego Desert State Park – so easy to cross in without realizing it
- Need for better signage
- Need to allow group activities
- Grading/maintenance needed on Crossover Trail
- Establish different north/south corridor, don't grade because would ruin
- Camping areas access for RVs – grade periodically to improve access
  - Holly Road – road from State Route 22 into bathroom area not adequately maintained
- Second ranger station in north side of SVRA – off of State Route 22
- Make beginner's 4-wheel drive training area/obstacle course on north side
- More bathrooms (on north side) – near heavy camping areas
- Create primitive camp areas – ride-in camping for tent camping: with a pit toilet, fire ring, tent camping only
  - Remote feeling removed from popular areas
- Create RV/trailer camping close to State Route 22 – Holly Road camp area too far from State Route 22, people get stuck when it rains
- Involve organizations in obtaining additional funding for emergency responders and law enforcement on big weekends
- More facilities in northeast side (Holly Road)
  - Ranger station (helps with response time)
- Training track in northeast side for visitors in Salton City area

- Consider creating a maintained diagonal road that connects State Route 78 to State Route 86
- Want green sticker access to connect homes in Salton City
- Make sure SVRA trails are connected to adjacent riding opportunities

## OPPORTUNITIES

- More collaboration with local Community Planning Groups on interpretive programs, collaborate so community sees benefits, opportunities for economic increase and tourism
- Opportunity for SVRA to become part of larger community with staff, budget and know-how
  - Emphasize education for kids in community
  - Consider internships for local community
- Consider partnership with Anza Borrego Foundation and Institute (ABFI)
- Communication between Salton City and SVRA to help publicize the SVRA
- Opportunities for concessions that don't compete with local businesses

## INTERPRETATION & EDUCATION

- If areas are closed explain why through education and interpretation
- Interpretive exhibits should include rider education and safety training with staff other than naturalists and biologists
  - Invite famous riders
- Geocaching can be used to guide people where you want them to go
- Emphasis on family is good – should be continued
- Emphasis on education and protection

# **OCOTILLO WELLS NORTH STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEW PARTICIPANTS AND KEY POINTS VARIOUS DATES, MAY 2011**

## **STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEW PARTICIPANTS**

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Adjacent Communities	Community Member	Todd Deshler

ISSUE	ORGANIZATION	REPRESENTATIVE
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Land Use Planning and Management	Imperial County Planning Department	Angelina Havens
Land Use Planning and Management	Imperial County Planning Department	Sean Moore
Public Safety	REACH Air Medical	Don Wharton
Land Use Planning and Management	California State Parks	Tina Robinson
Land Use Planning and Management	California State Parks	Kirk Shea
Land Use Planning and Management	California State Parks	Norb Ruhmke
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OHV Interests	Treasure Trails	Shawna Dungey

ISSUE	ORGANIZATION	REPRESENTATIVE
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OHV Interests	Treasure Trails	Sue Hall
Public Safety	United States Border Patrol	Nancy Weber
Public Safety	West Shore Ambulance	Chris Herring

## **KEY POINTS FROM STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS**

### **BEST FEATURES**

- Terrain, diversity of geology
- Ability to develop appreciation for the desert
- Family recreation
- Sense of freedom
- Community atmosphere
- Open access
- Clay hills in back sections
- Notches
- Mud Arches
- Series of steep smooth hills that parallel the highway near Palm Wash

- Area is big enough to feel lost but not in danger
- Good area for novices
- OW North is good for business
- Fish traps

## CONCERNS

- Permitting requirements for special events, would like renewable permits and pre-approved routes
- Don't want closed areas
- Illegal dumping off 86 East at the County line is a problem
- Don't want too much planning
- Don't want dune buggies
- Keeping area free access with no cost and no gates
- Preserve open area and open feel
- Don't want trail mapping or regulation
- Need to define designated vs. marked trails
- Rain and erosion causing trail destruction
- Want to keep planning lean so park won't be a target for budget cuts
- Right to use public land freely is endangered
- Traffic impacts
- Abandoned vehicles from trafficking in persons and drugs
- Recognition and protection of cultural artifacts

## AIR QUALITY

- Regulations keep getting stricter
- Dust is a normal thing in the desert
- Stricter regulations will kill off-roading
- Grading on San Diego County side of the dry lake by the Marines makes a lot of dust, but paved facilities are available on other side of lake which makes grading on the other side unnecessary if Marines could move to paved side

- Impacts of OHV on air quality

## NATURAL RESOURCES

- Some disturbed areas are protected, and some undisturbed areas that should be protected are not

## CULTURAL RESOURCES

- Need to recognize Native American cremation sites
- Travertine Point is sacred to Native Americans in the vicinity
- Need to protect cultural resources from OHV activity
- Need a plan that is implemented for resource protection
- Would like some trails to be rerouted around resources because signs and fencing are not sufficient and/or not durable

## PUBLIC SAFETY

- Tickets must be appealed through federal court, not local court—too hard
- Need more emergency staff available as popularity of site grows
- Need to coordinate law enforcement planning
- Illegal events and illegal boarding of RVs on vacant lots in surrounding towns
- Drug smuggling is a problem
- There are jurisdictional rules that make it hard to pursue law-breakers
- Visibility (dust) and high winds can make it difficult for safety responders to access the injured

## LAND USE

- Some areas that were already disturbed became off limits when lines were drawn for the Desert Protection Act I
- Want public lands to be open and usable
- Want buffer between residential area and OHV use areas because there may be future conflicts
- Events that need permits are being held without the necessary permits

- Concerns about illegal mobile homes and squatting, especially near golf course
- Considering allowing camping on residential lots, which is currently illegal
- People flying Ultralight planes are using Salton City streets-this is a problem

## CIRCULATION

- Don't break new trails
- How to make limits so that the area is still open but new and unnecessary trails aren't broken
- Need people to stick to designated routes on BLM land
- Palm Coral and Grave Wash should be trails only
- Best method to cross Highway 86 is a wash under the highway
- Important to access washes for exploring and to increase elevation, and hard to damage them

## ADJACENT COMMUNITIES

- Need better Native American outreach
- Want to have Tribal seniors involved and kept current with information on the decision-making process.

## IMPROVEMENTS

- Safety and warning signs for road crossings
- Add a turnaround at Tectonic Gorge near the TV tower
- Add a dumpster
- Add a vault toilet
- Allow more special events, including motorcycle races
- Improve S-22
- Add Border Patrol backup along Highway 86
- Use berms or buffers to mitigate noise between residential and recreational areas
- Want vendor areas established
- Add solar-powered emergency phone boxes or beacons in strategic locations to improve public safety

- Need better rescue vehicles for State Parks, but state procurement makes it very hard to get the best vehicles for the job
- Mark Pole Line Road with numbered markers
- Create a unified incident command post to allow for incident coordination between counties, BLM, state parks, etc.
- Want more rangers
- Want a repeater just for OW SVRA
- Want MOU for all public safety providers
- Put up general signs about importance of cultural resources but that do not identify sites

## OPPORTUNITIES

- Trade offs for making already disturbed land open to off-road use and conservation of undisturbed lands
- Motorcycle racing and events that make economic contributions to the surrounding communities

## INTERPRETATION AND EDUCATION

- Special activities can allow people to become familiar with and appreciate the desert landscape
- Put up general signs about importance of cultural resources but that do not identify sites



# APPENDIX C

## VISITOR SURVEY AND ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

- OW North (North of S-22)
- OW SVRA
- Combined
- Less than 25 People

### VENTURA COUNTY

- 2% 14
- 4% 27
- 3% 41

QUESTION 1

### LOS ANGELES COUNTY

- 10% 61
- 13% 98
- 12% 159

### SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

- 7% 41
- 8% 57
- 7% 98

### ORANGE COUNTY

- 9% 57
- 13% 93
- 11% 150

### SAN DIEGO COUNTY

### Ocotillo Wells SVRA

- 47% 282
- 40% 294
- 43% 576

### PACIFIC OCEAN

### OTHER CALIFORNIA

- 2% 11
- 2% 16
- 2% 27

### OTHER STATE

- 2% 11
- 3% 23
- 3% 34

Where do you live?

### RIVERSIDE COUNTY

- 20% 121
- 17% 128
- 18% 249

### IMPERIAL COUNTY

- 1% 5
- 1% 6
- 1% 11

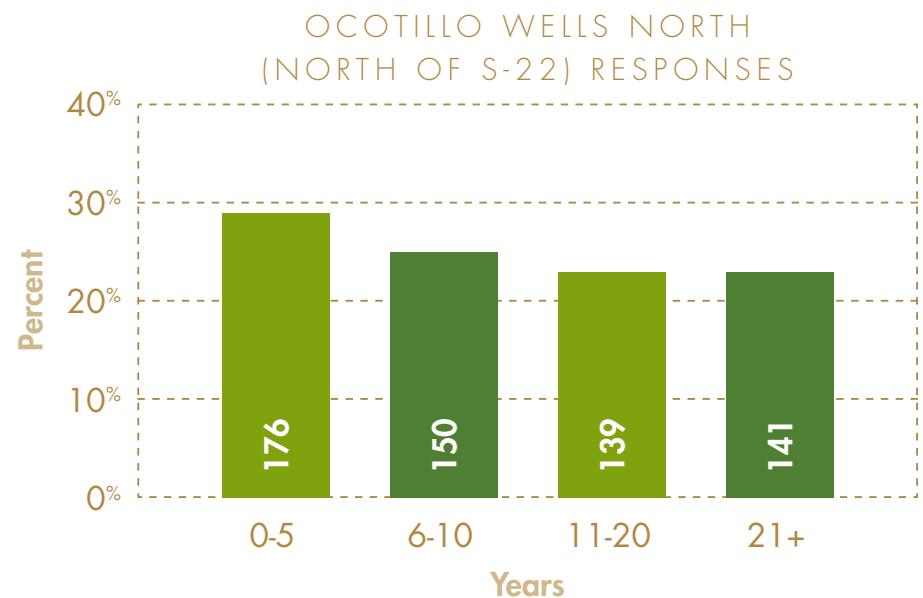
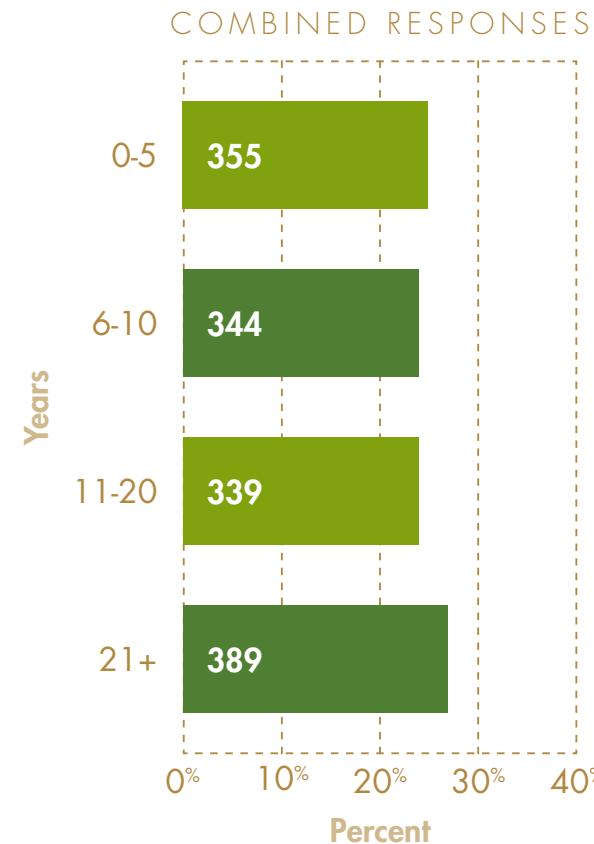
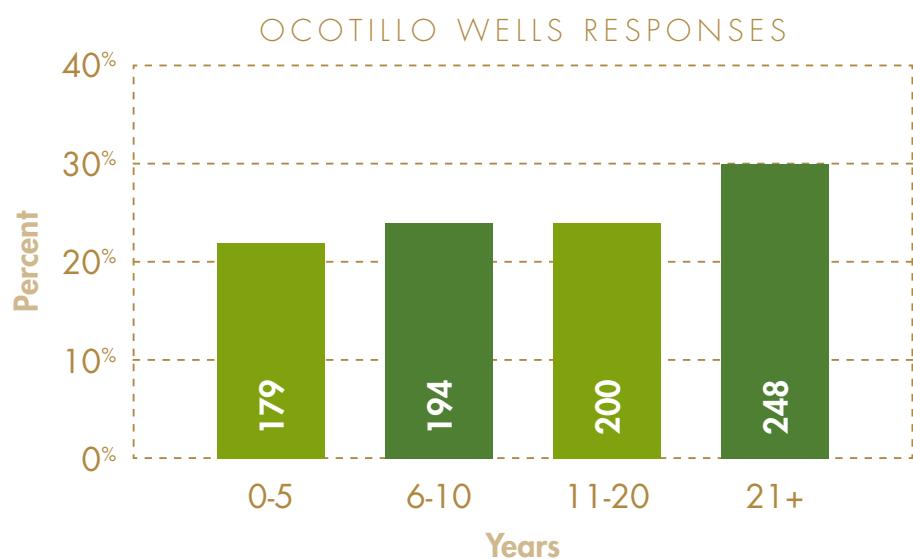
### MEXICO

### OTHER COUNTRY

- 0% 0
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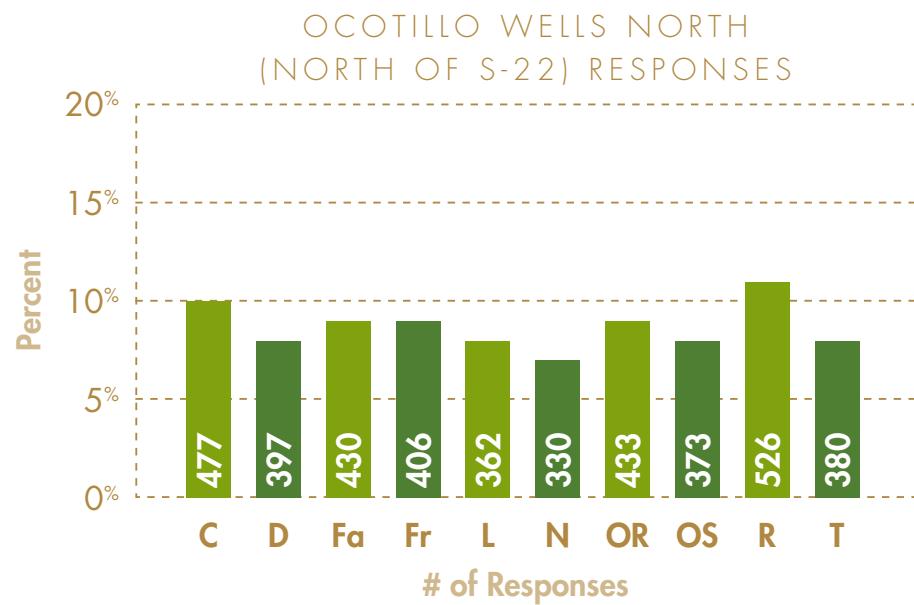
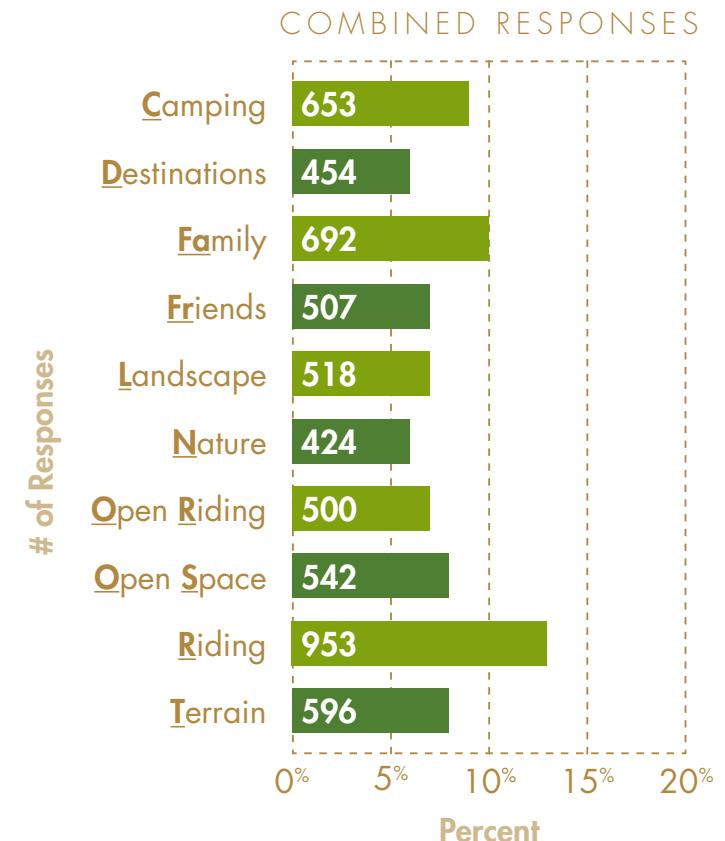
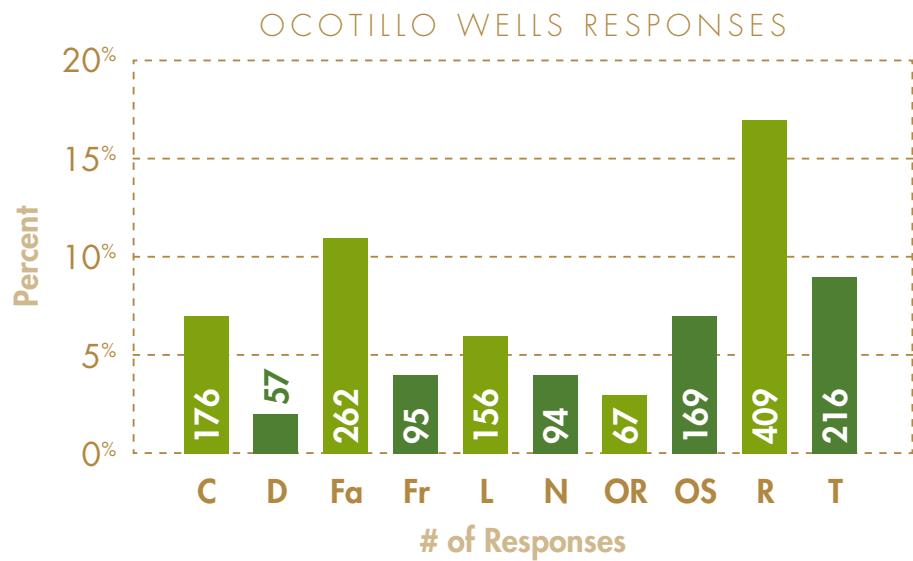
QUESTION 2

How many years have you been visiting Ocotillo Wells SVRA?



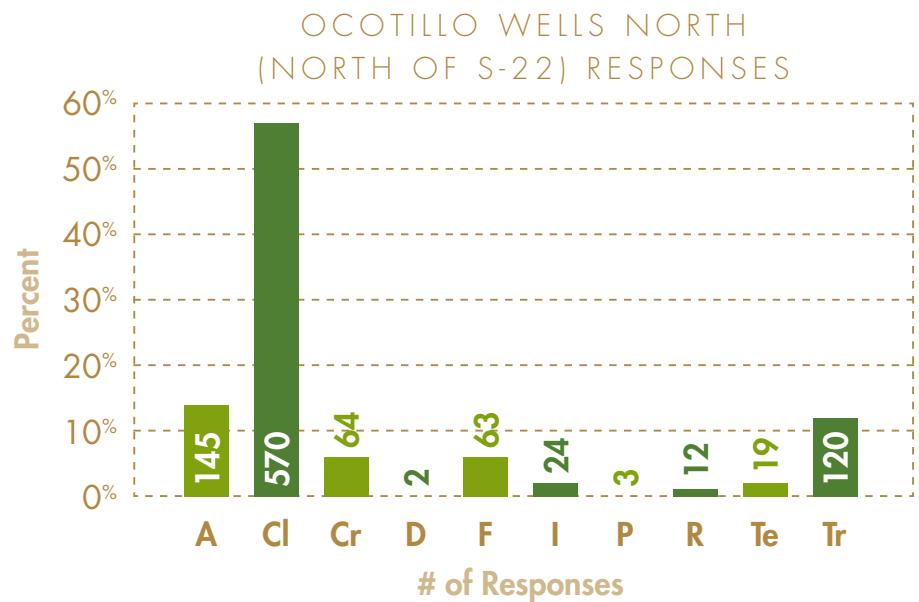
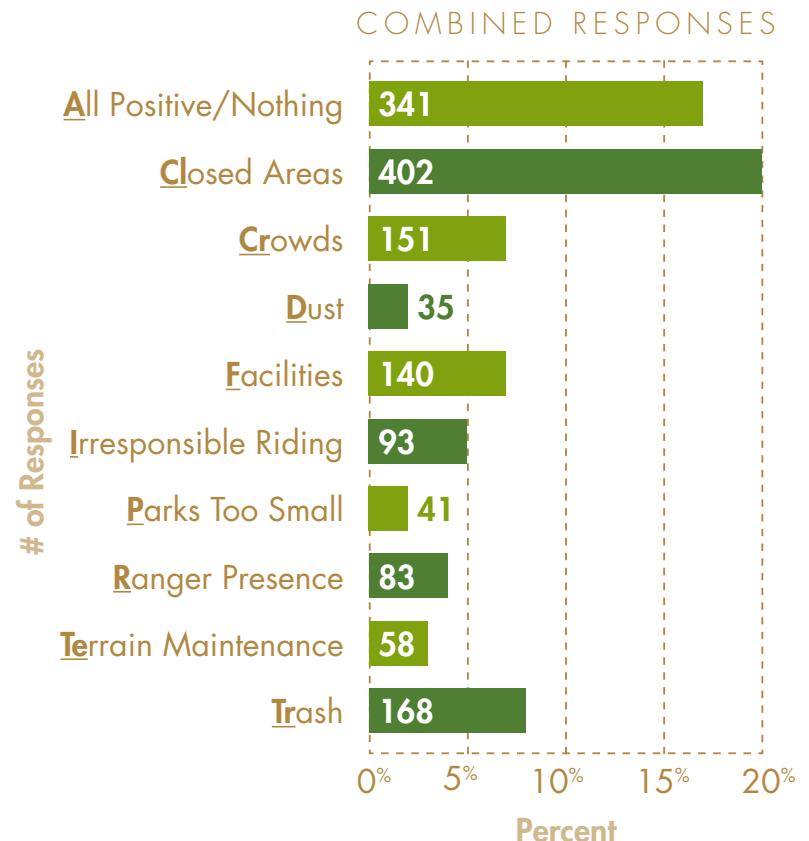
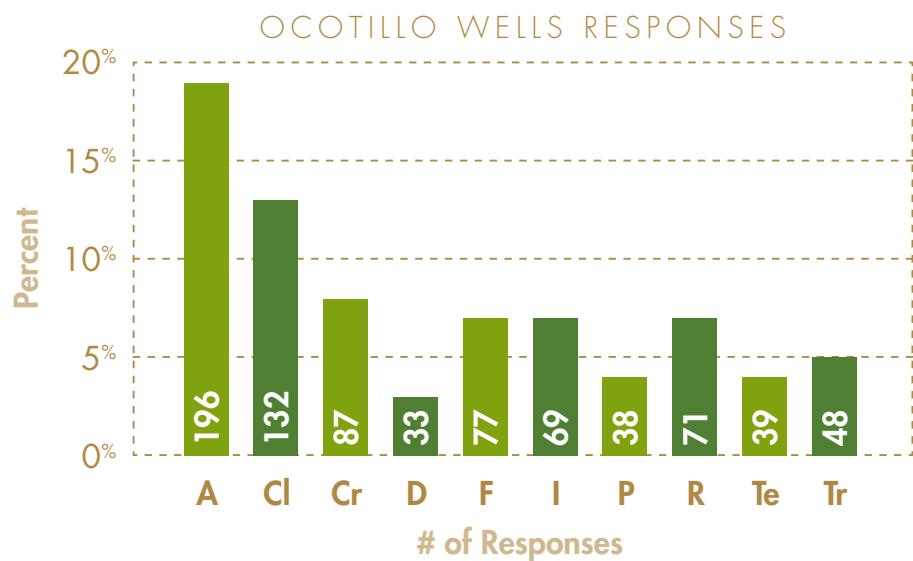
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Why do you like visiting  
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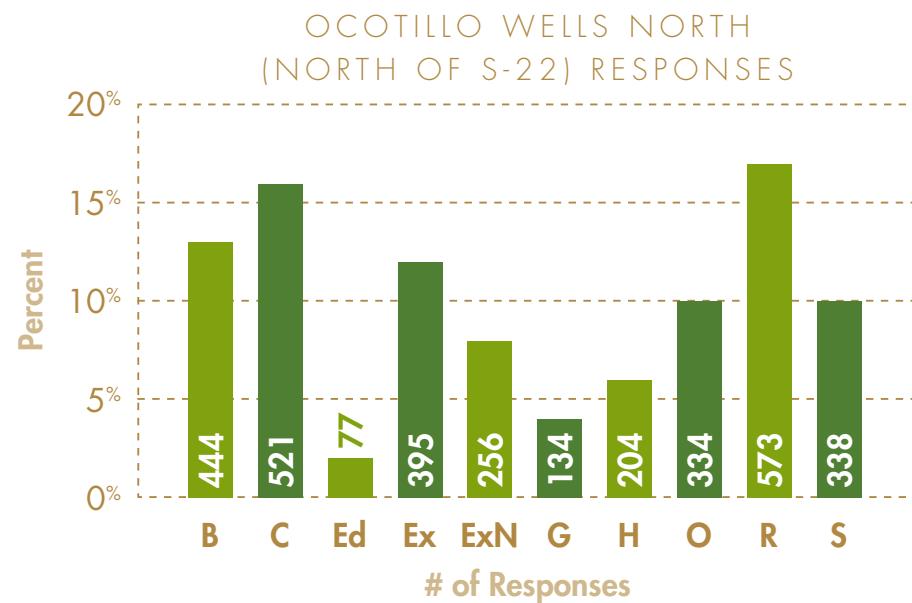
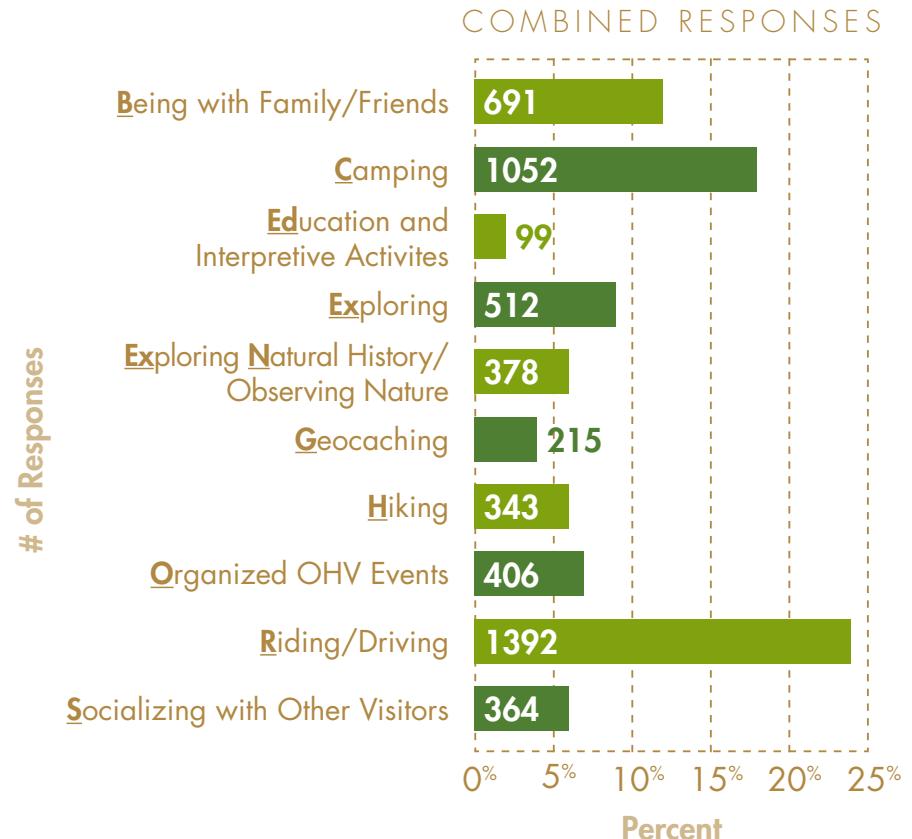
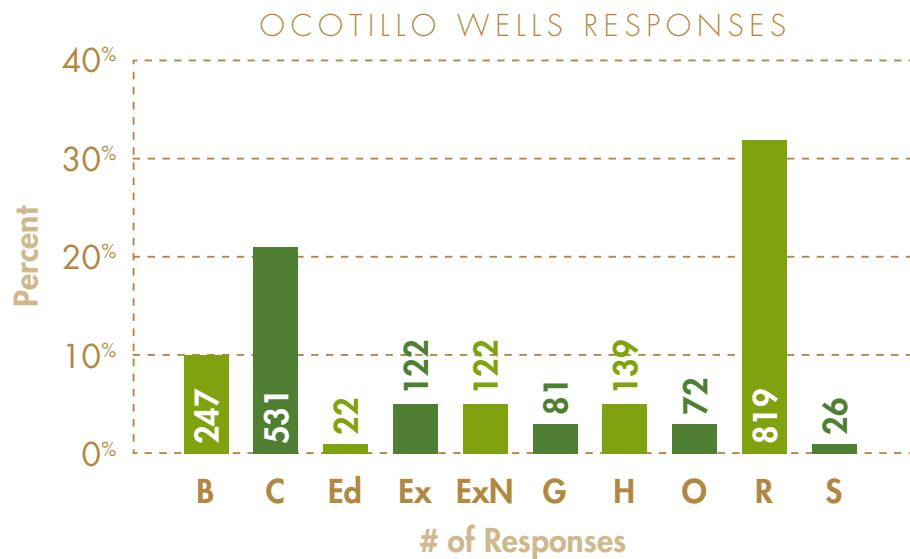
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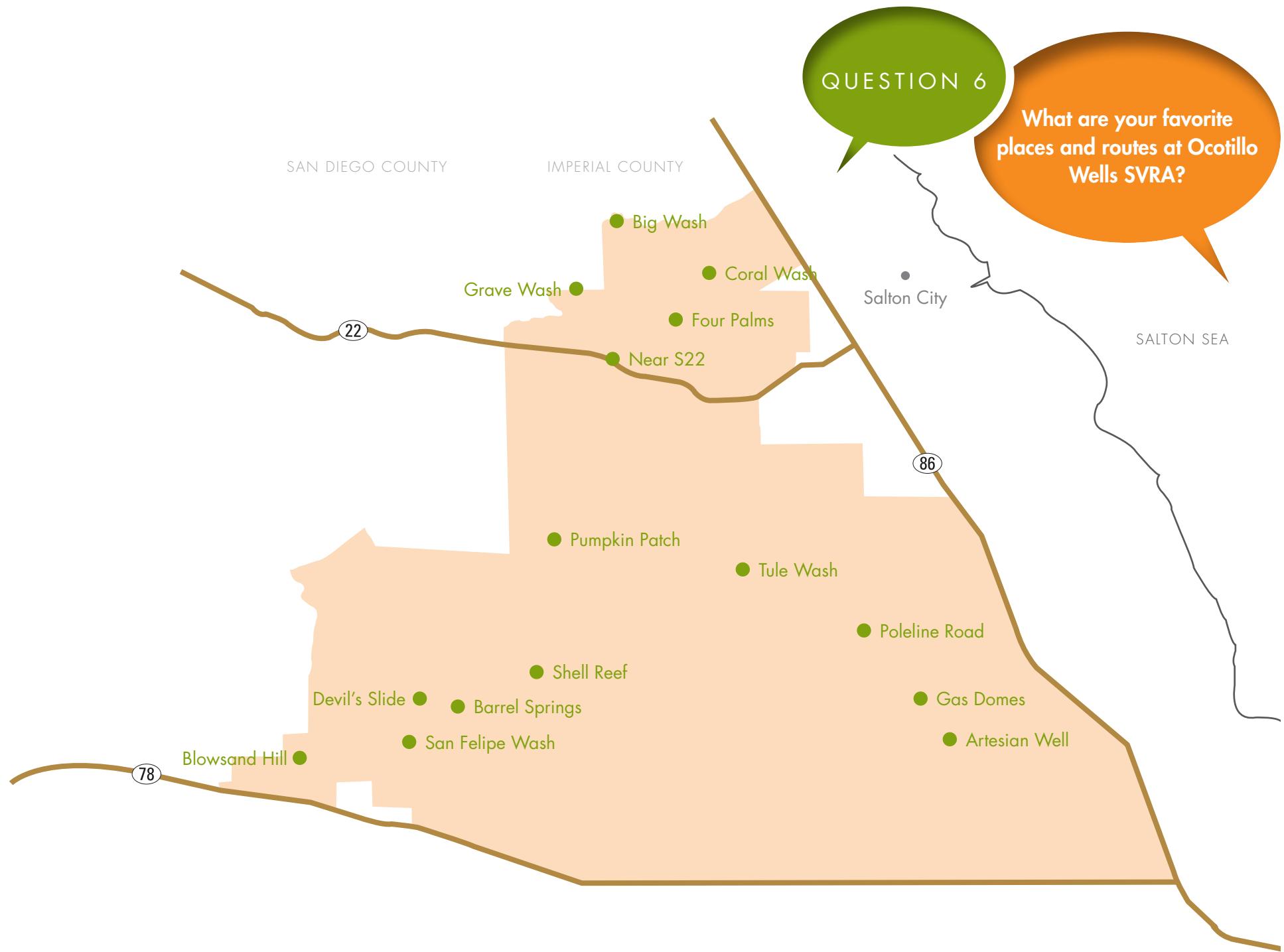
Are there things about  
Ocotillo Wells SVRA that  
you don't like?



## QUESTION 5

When you come to  
Ocotillo Wells SVRA what  
activities do you take part in?

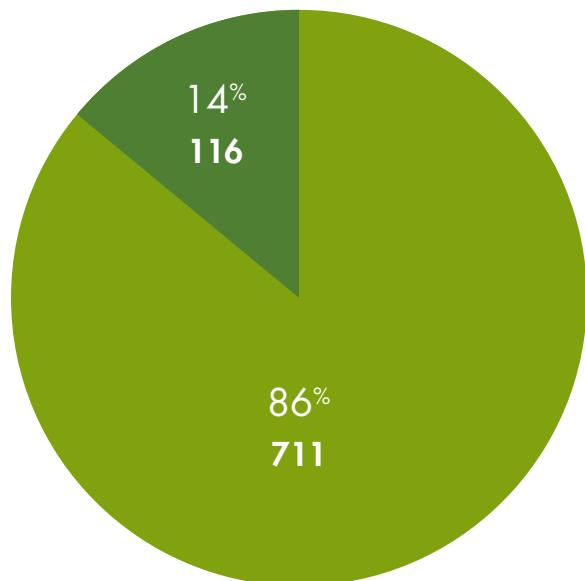




QUESTION 7A

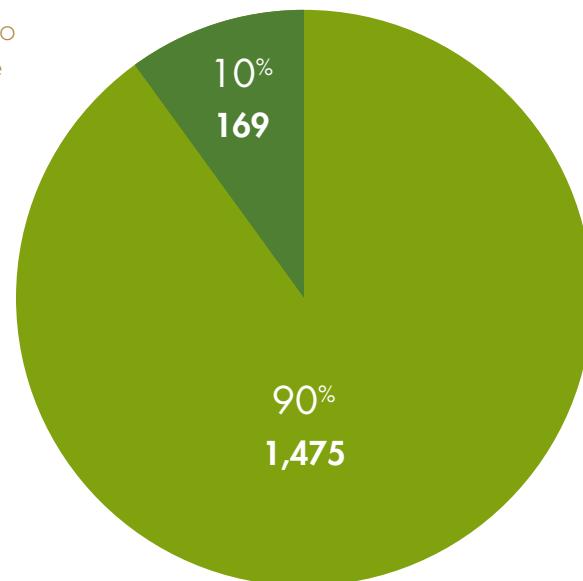
**Do you generally feel safe in  
Ocotillo Wells SVRA?**

OCOTILLO WELLS RESPONSES

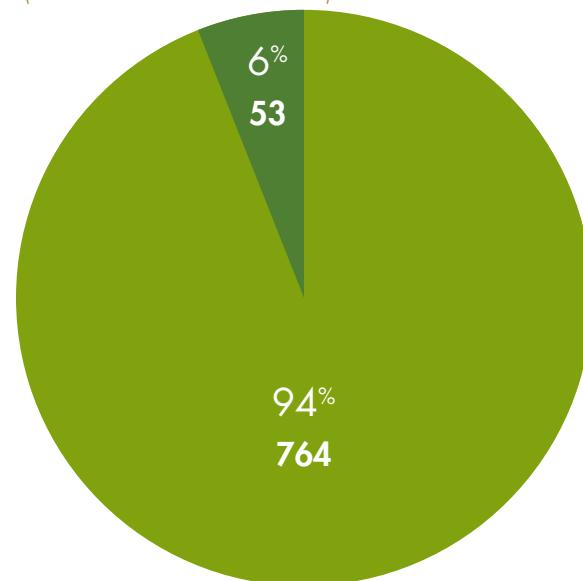


Feel Safe  
Had Reason to  
Not Feel Safe

COMBINED RESPONSES

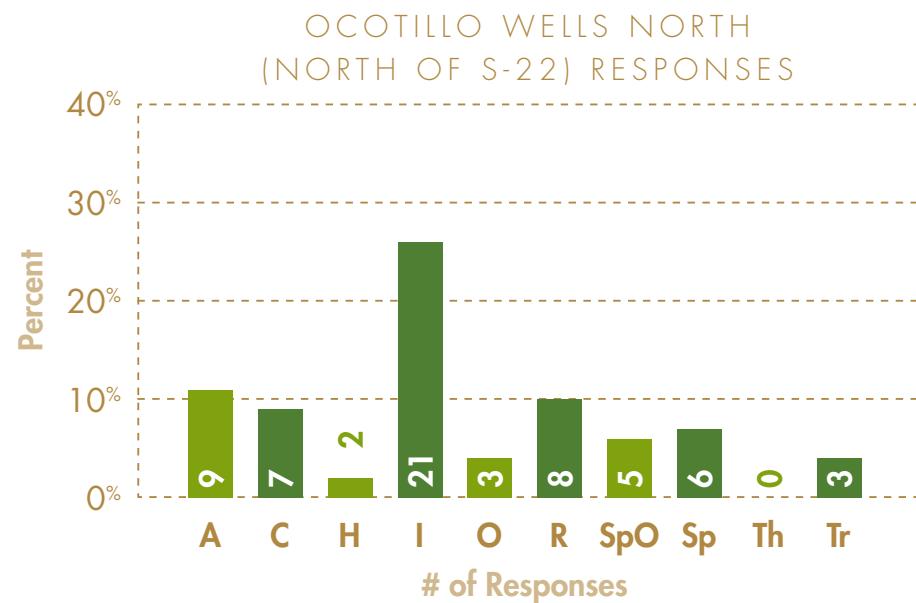
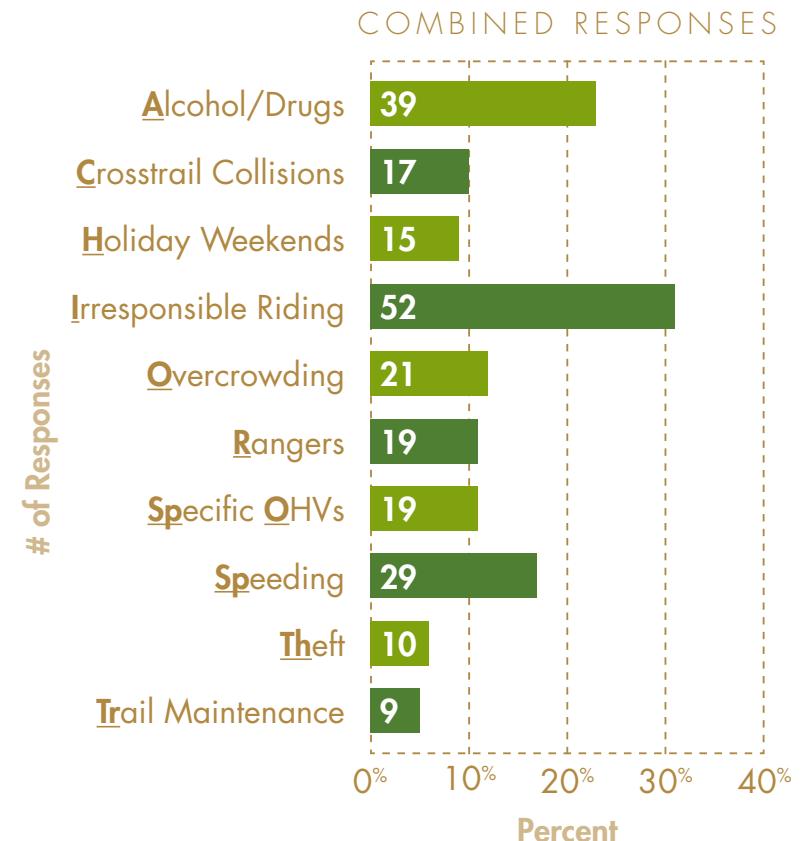
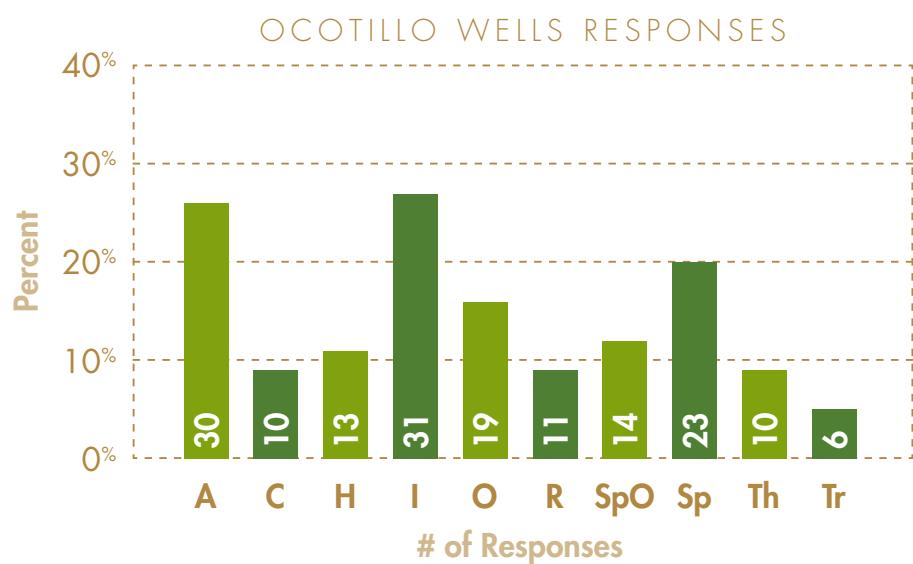


OCOTILLO WELLS NORTH  
(NORTH OF S-22) RESPONSES



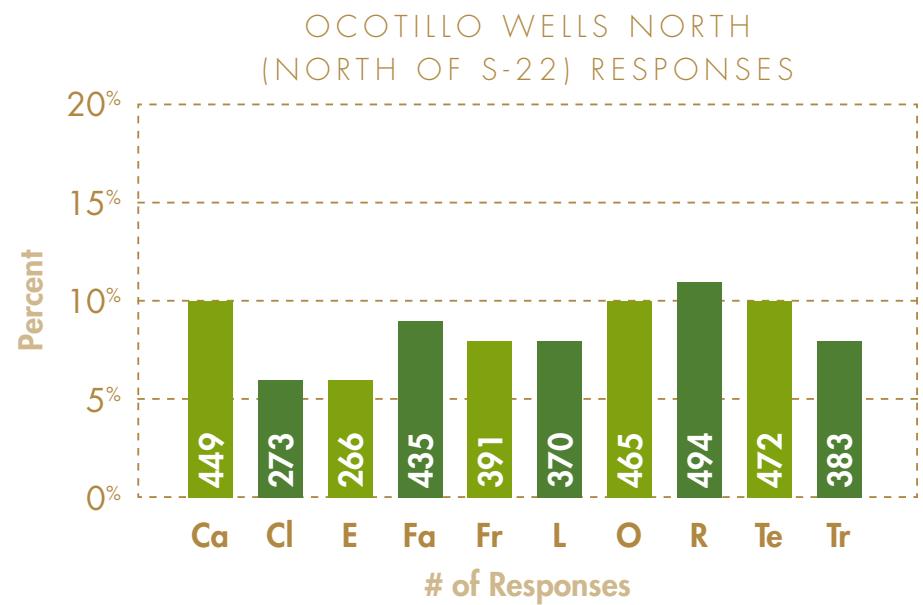
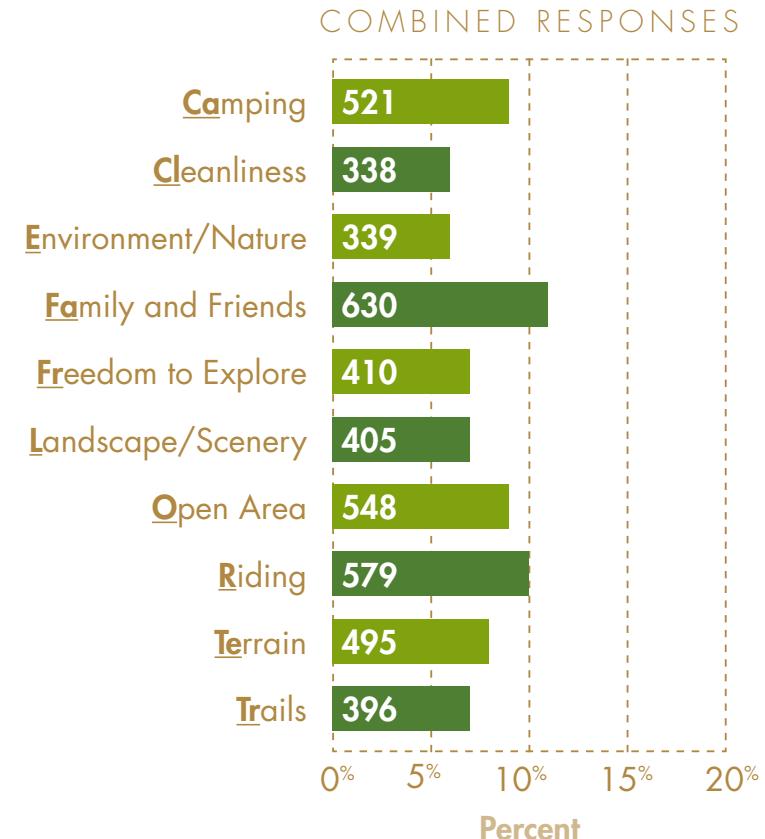
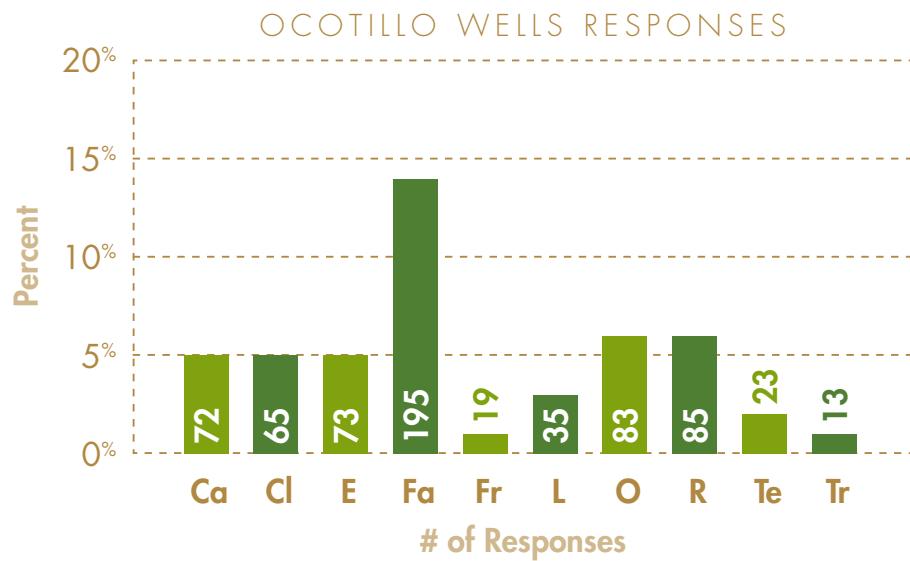
QUESTION 7B

If no, what makes  
you feel unsafe?



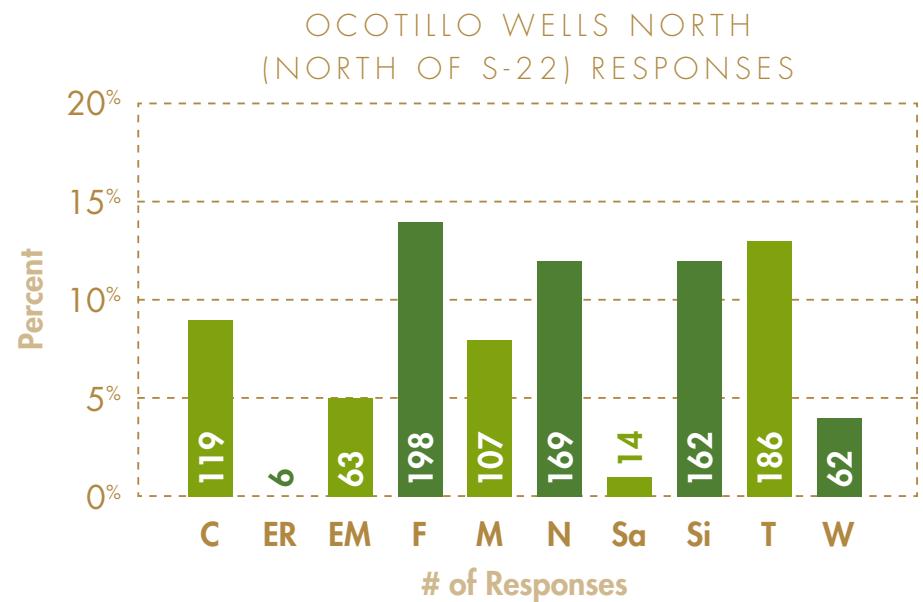
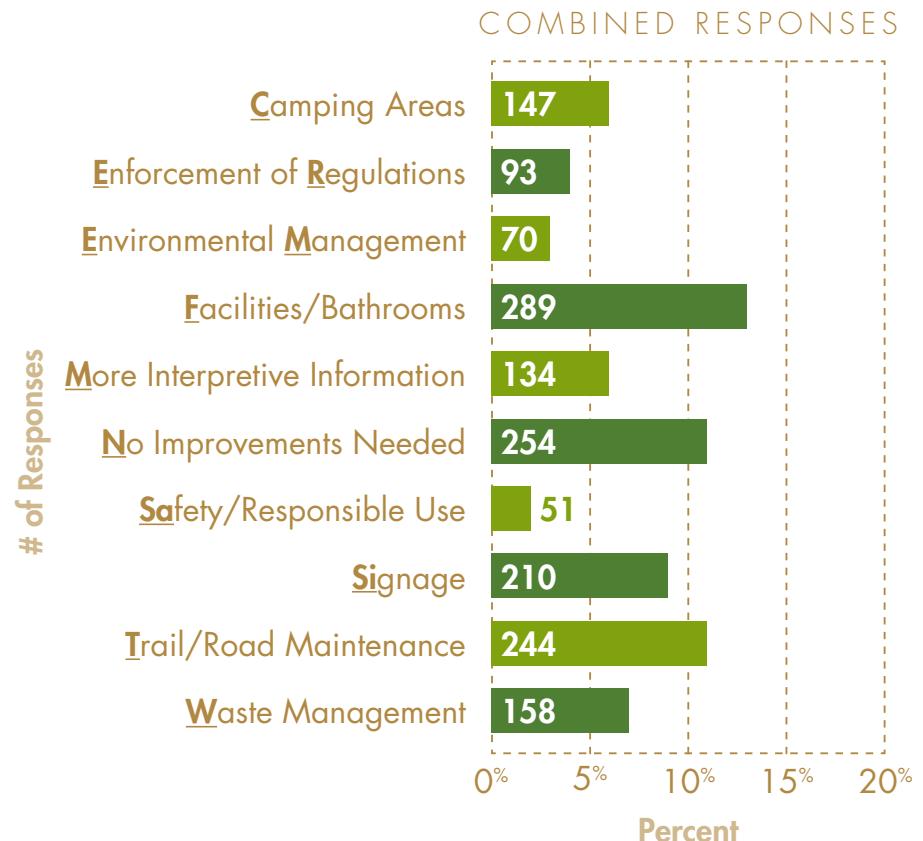
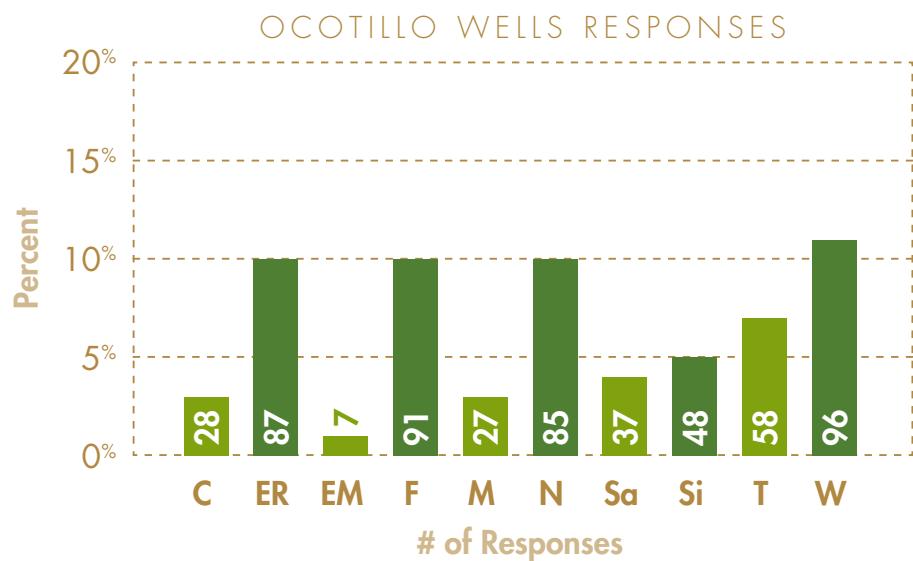
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Thinking about Ocotillo Wells SVRA and what it means to you, what do you value and care about?



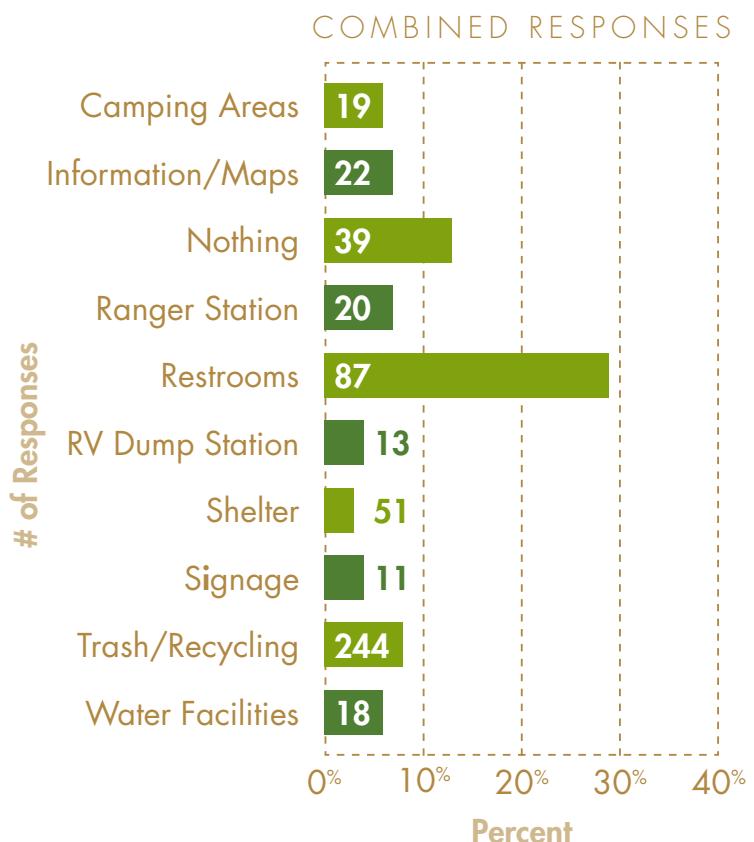
## QUESTION 9A

What could be improved at Ocotillo Wells SVRA, and why?



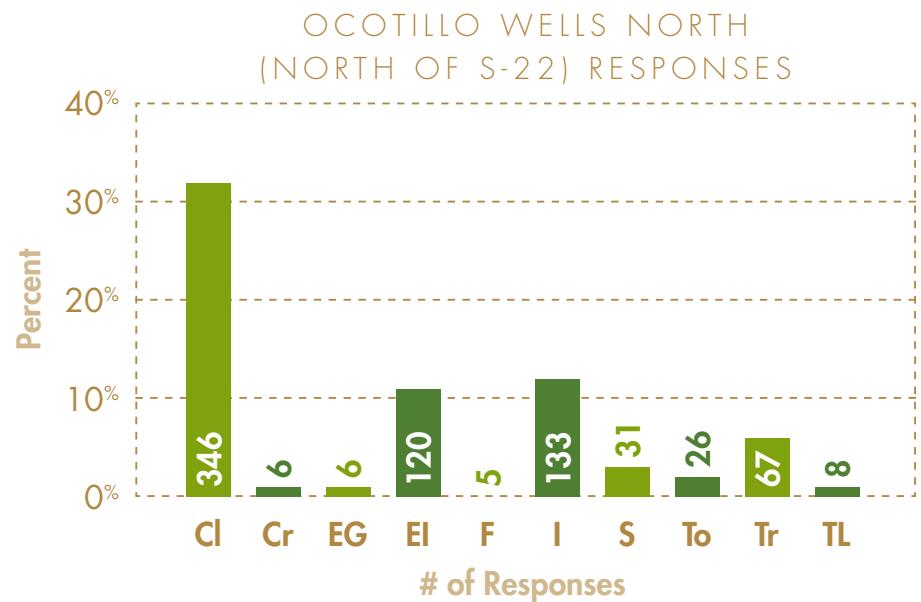
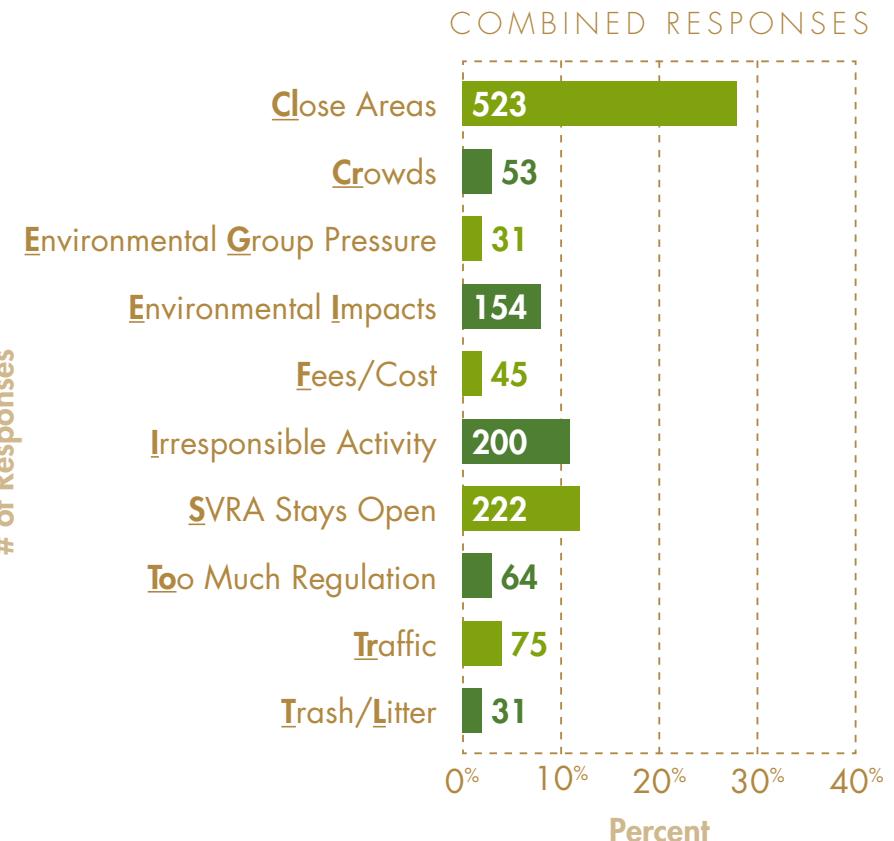
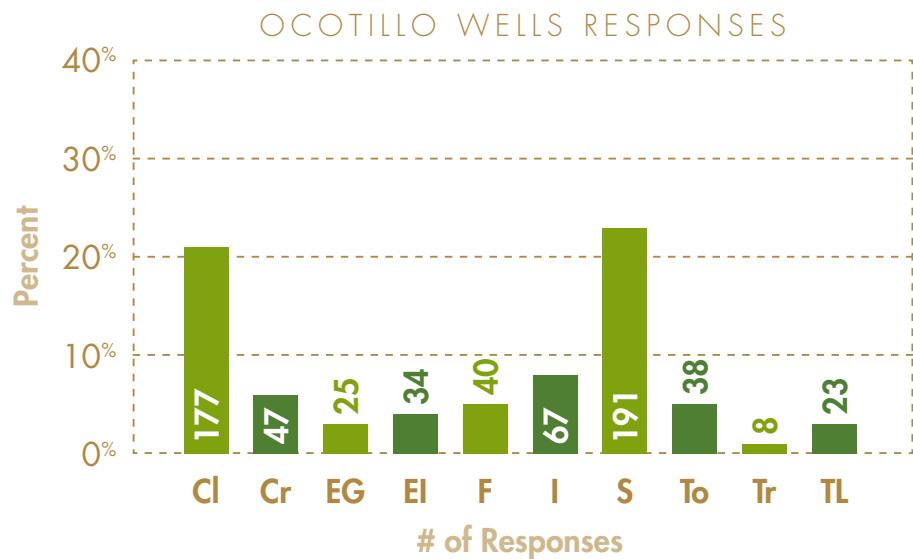
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If you would like to see additional facilities in Ocotillo Wells North, please indicate the types of facilities you'd like to see.



## QUESTION 10

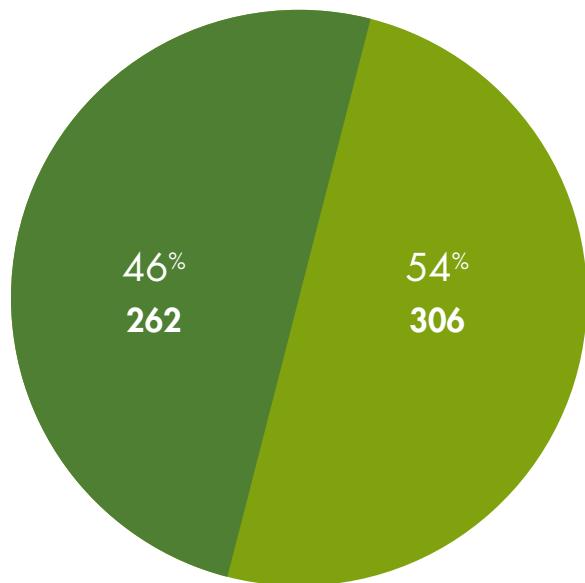
What concerns do you have about Ocotillo Wells SVRA?



## QUESTION 11

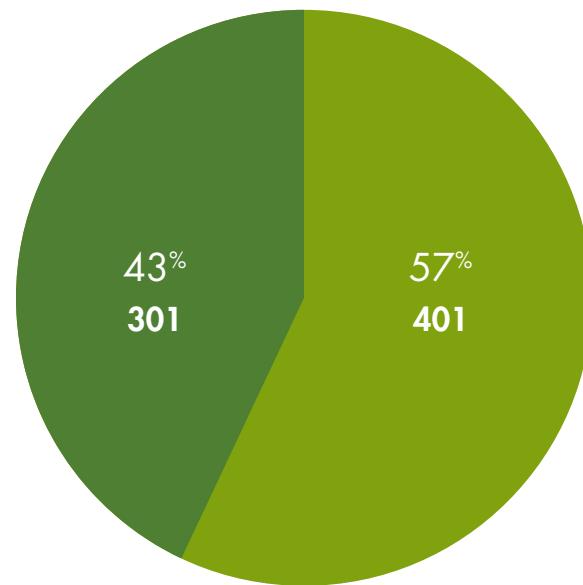
Are you aware of any issues related to natural or cultural resources at Ocotillo Wells SVRA?

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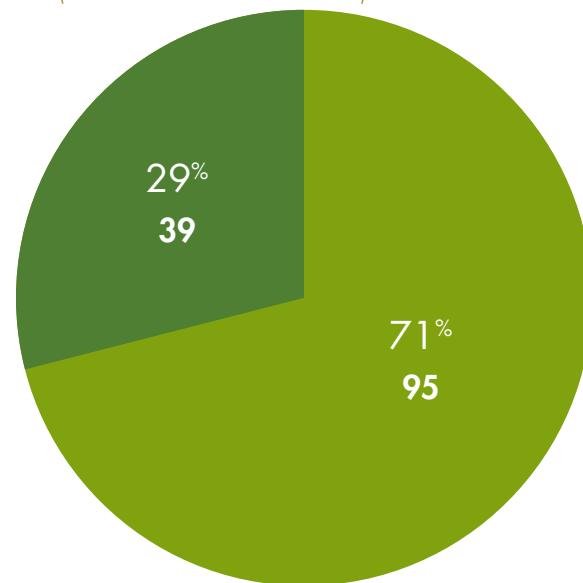


Aware  
Not Aware

COMBINED RESPONSES

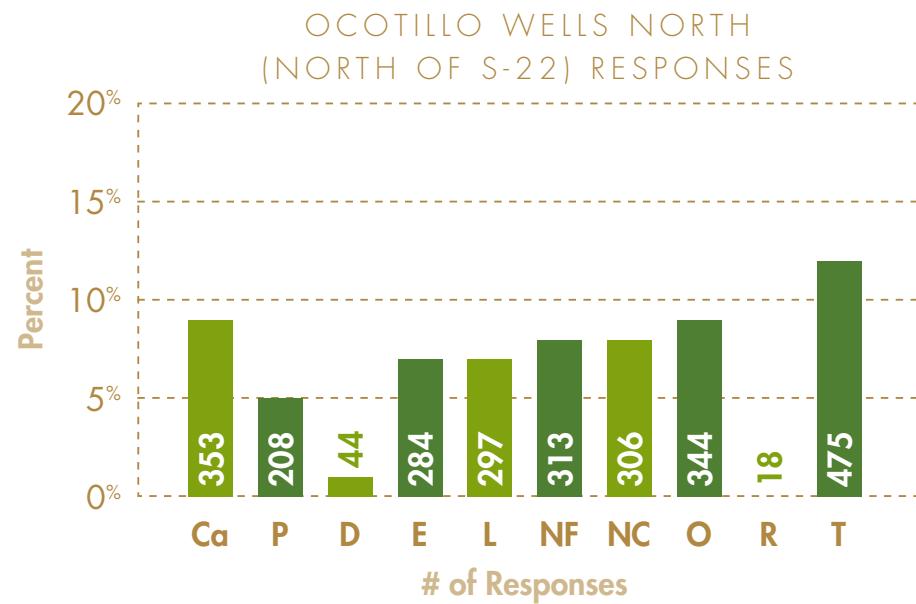
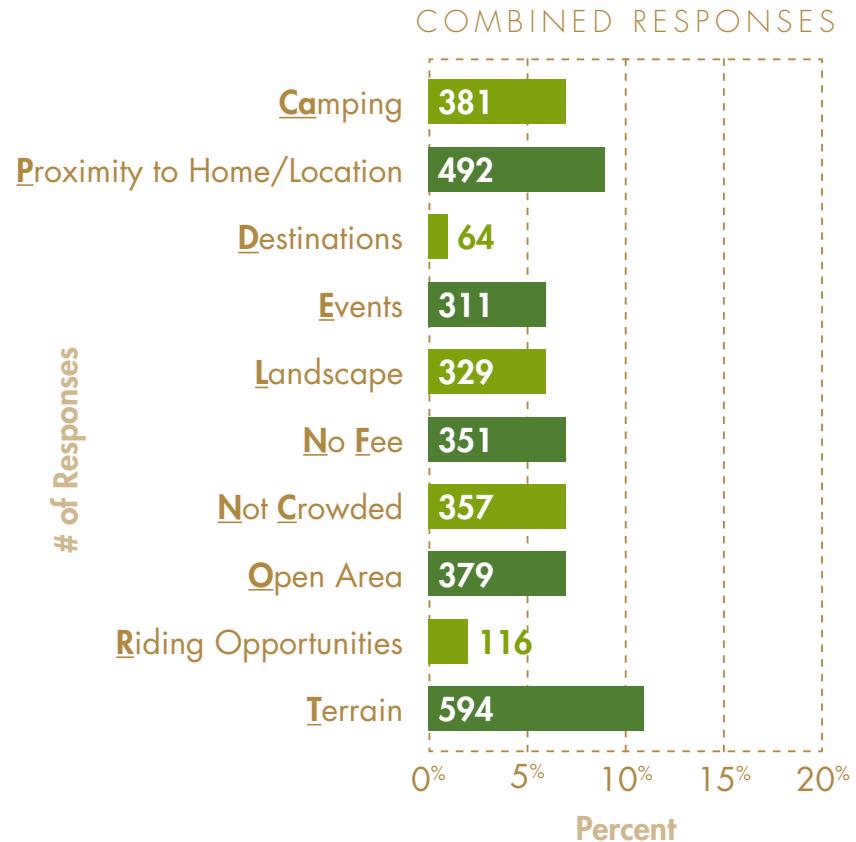
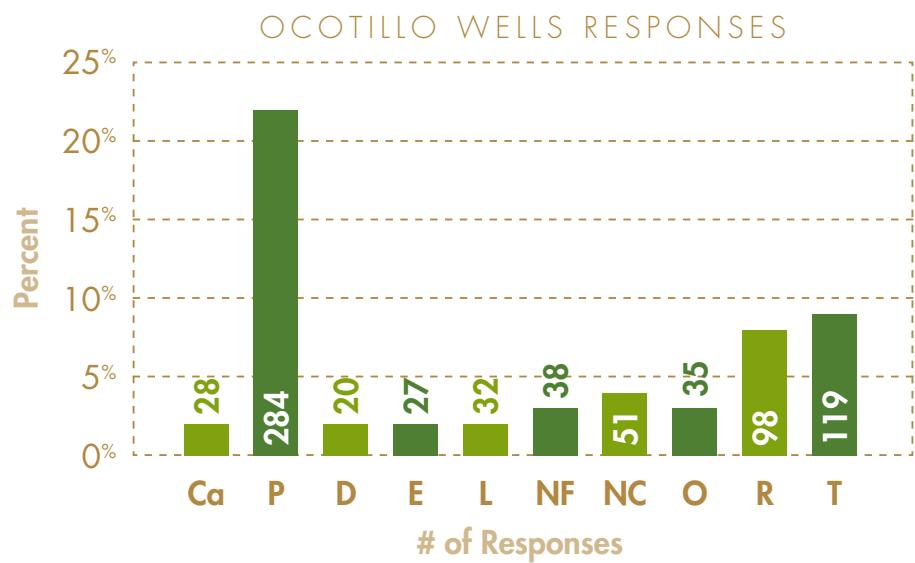


OCOTILLO WELLS NORTH  
(NORTH OF S-22) RESPONSES



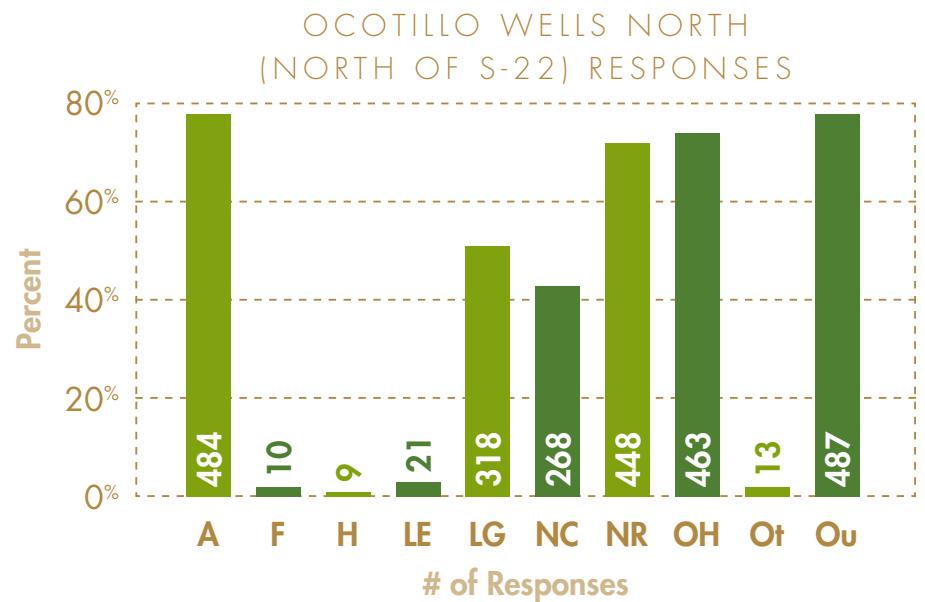
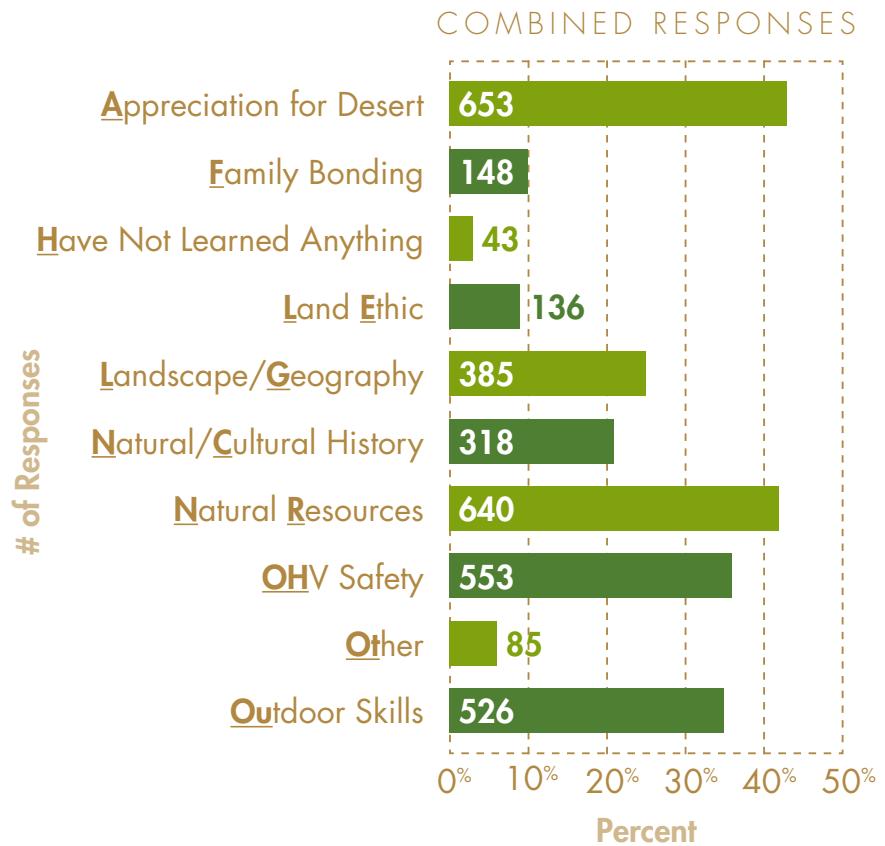
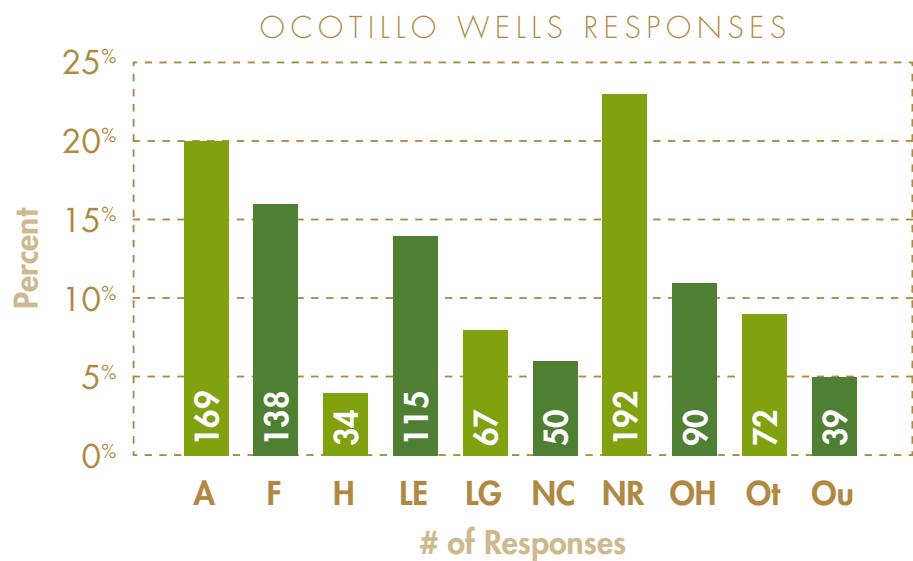
## QUESTION 12

Why do you sometimes choose to visit this recreation area instead of other areas?



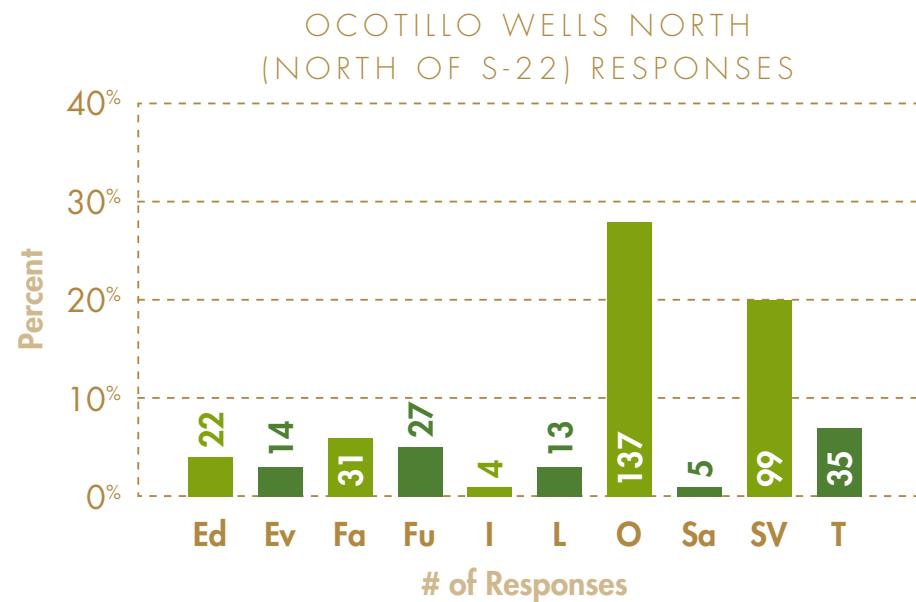
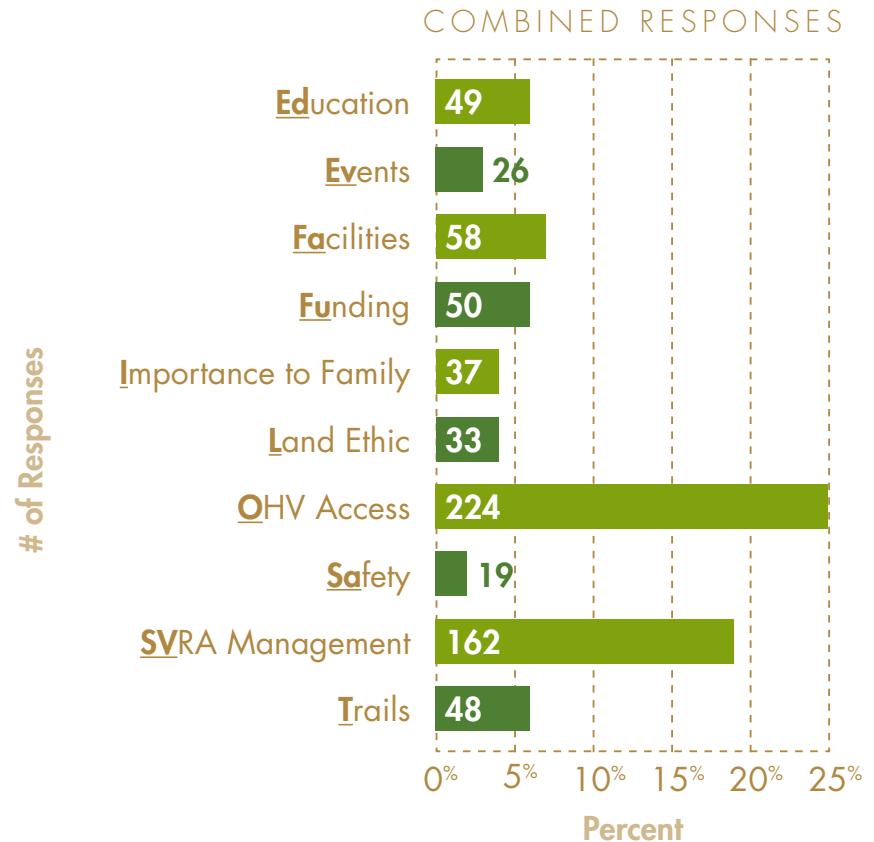
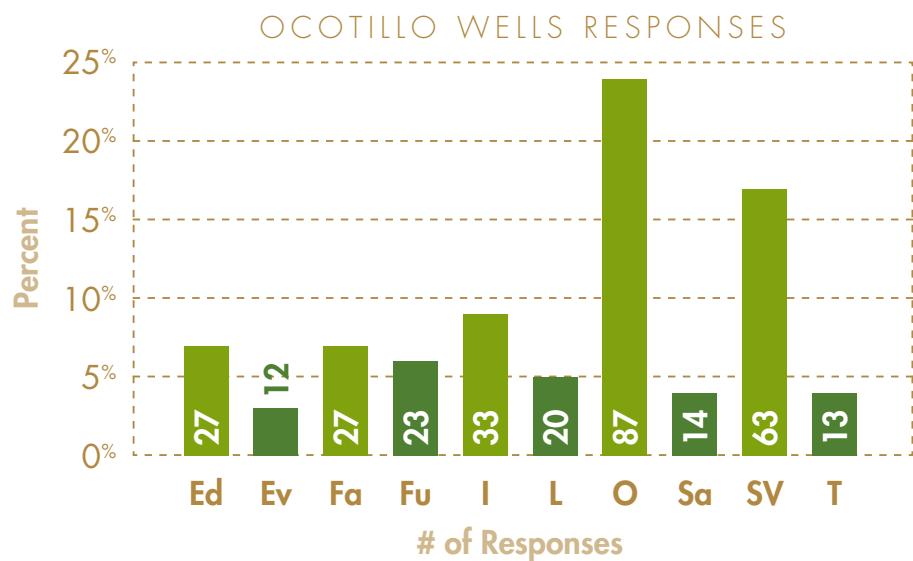
### QUESTION 13

What have you and your kids learned through your visits to Ocotillo Wells SVRA?



## QUESTION 14

Is there something important about Ocotillo Wells SVRA that we haven't discussed?





# APPENDIX D

## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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*Includes a representative sample of additional comments, and is not all inclusive of the comments received.*

### From Edward Stovin, San Diego Off-Road Coalition and California Off-Road Vehicle Association

The high recreational resource value of Ocotillo Wells comes both from the wonderful topography in the park as well as the dedicated work of the park staff to maintain a first class recreational destination. I hope these comments can help Ocotillo Wells SVRA create a general plan that will preserve motorized recreation and the natural environment.

There are private holdings on the north, south and east sides of OWSVRA which contains terrain that is of high quality for motorized recreation. The Ocotillo Wells Plan must guide the OWSVRA to develop a procedure to bring this land into the park, should it come up for sale or become available for donation.

The Ocotillo Wells Plan must include language that directs the park to designate more routes in this area between Pole Line Road and Highway 86.

OWSVRA must act to minimize a variety of threats to motorized recreation. This would include, but are not limited to: renewable energy generation, endangered species designations, and archaeological findings. Additionally, the park must protect the maximum amount of motorized recreation possible when managing archeological resources within the park.

The park's first priority is to provide maximum motorized off-road vehicle opportunity. This state park is not a place to make wind, solar, geothermal or other types of energy, renewable or not. Efforts to bring energy generation to Ocotillo Wells must be opposed. If such projects cannot be opposed, their impact to recreation must be minimized as much as possible and mitigation in the form of suitable land for motorized recreation must be provided to the off-road community at a cost entirely carried entirely by the entity bringing the project.

The park should participate in any public process that attempts to list any species that lives in the park as endangered or threatened. The Plan must recommend that solutions other than restriction to recreation be studied and exhausted regarding any species of concern before any restrictions of recreation be agreed upon or recommended by Ocotillo Wells SVRA.

The Ocotillo Wells Plan must include language that states that the park will protect the maximum amount of motorized recreation possible when managing archeological resources within the park.

While off-road opportunities abound in the park, some users enjoy riding motocross on a closed course. OWSVRA should include a pay for use groomed motocross track for motocross practice and racing.

OWSVRA should study the possibility of constructing a dedicated special event area. Such an area could be used to host off-road vehicle events such as poker or fun runs, concerts, rallies, or other permitted events.

There is a growing need to have a safe and quick way for Ocotillo Wells SVRA staff to cross the park to reach the north side (near S22) for safety, law enforcement or other issues. Construction of such a route must be made to have the least effect on motorized recreation and on the environment. I would like to suggest a route that uses as much existing wash as possible. Take the Shell Reef Expressway to Bank Wash north. From there a way may be found, and/or improved, to connect to the North Fork Arroyo Salada Wash to Holly Road or the Arroyo Salada Wash followed by a reasonable way to Holly Road. The way north from the Bank Wash area may skirt the border of Anza Borrego Desert State Park. Ocotillo Wells SVRA may want to consult with ABDSP about a route in this area.

The role of law enforcement in OWSVRA should continue to prioritize education over enforcement whenever possible. I hope that their role in park management can continue as it has in the past.

OWSVRA should oppose charging fees to enter or operate a vehicle within its boundary. There is sufficient money from green/red sticker fees and fuel taxes to cover operating costs of the park. The collection of fees in other areas has proven to be extremely inefficient.

#### **From Don Emde, Adriano Feit, Jose Medellin, and Chris Theis, Park Visitors**

This plan needs to strive to provide additional acreage and the highest quality experience possible.

Park Expansion Process - A process needs to be put in place for expanding the park on adjacent lands. There are several areas where this park could expand and/or acquire land within the park.

Additional Trails - A process needs to be put in place to add more preferred routes of travel to the park, especially in the eastern portion. That process should include the ability to add them to the official park map.

Vendor Permit System - We need to have a vendor permit system put in. Many other OHV areas have permitted vendors at their recreation areas to fulfill the needs of the park visitors.

4x4 Training Area - We need a 4x4 training area at the park for Tread Lightly training and similar type programs.

Event Venue Area - We need an event venue area in both the north and south portions of the park. It would be nice to have a place to stage events and intrude on visitors to the park that are not participating in the event.

Ranger Station in the North - We need an additional Ranger Station in the northern section of the park possibly close to Holly Rd.

New North-South Trail - We need a new trail that runs north-south through the park - one that can accommodate inexperienced riders and even possibly emergency vehicles. We do not want either Pumpkin Patch Trail or Cross Over trail to be bladed!!!

#### **From Meg Grossglass, Off-Road Business Association, Inc.**

I am writing on behalf of the Off-Road Business Association (ORBA) a national non-profit trade association representing all aspects of the motorized recreation industry - from OEM manufacturers to aftermarket suppliers and distributors, and local retailers across the United States.

Park Expansion Process - A process needs to be put in place for expanding the park on adjacent lands. There are several areas where this park could expand and/or acquire land within the park.

- The park needs to look at acquiring land south of Highway 78 where OHV use has traditionally occurred. Many of these parcels have been bought by private persons and fenced. This has been the source of

many challenges for the private property owners who were not aware of the traditional use of their newly owned land.

- A process needs to be put in place for private in holdings to be purchased and added to the park.
- A process need to be put in place to look at the possibility of acquiring the BLM lands east of Pole Line Road and incorporating them into the park. Once they are added to the park we need to identify preferred routes of travel and add them to our map.
- If it is not feasible to acquire the BLM lands east of Pole Line Road then we need the ability to designate new trails in that area. Right now use in the park is concentrated in the western portion. If we were to designate more trails on the BLM lands (in the east) and put them on the map it would spread out the usage of the park. I suspect the whole health of the park will improve if the use were spread out more evenly.
- The park needs to look at expanding east of Highway 86. This is another area where OHV use has traditionally occurred.

Vendor Permit System - We need to have a vendor permit system put in place to serve the needs of the park users. Examples of vendors that are allowed in other OHV areas are:

- Food Vendors
- T-shirt Vendors
- OHV Parts & Service Vendors
- OHV Rental
- Trailer Rental

This is a source of income for the park that we are currently losing out on. Currently some of these services are occurring on land south of Highway 78 on land not owned by CA State Parks. Not only are we losing out on the income, we are not able to regulate what occurs within the park by forcing these vendors onto private land.

Event Venue Area - We need an event venue area in both the north and south portions of the park. I believe one has been started with the opening of the new discovery center in the south. It would be nice to have a place to stage events and not take up or intrude on campers.

North - South Trail for Emergency Vehicles - We need a new trail that runs north-south through the park, one that can accommodate emergency vehicles. We do not want either Pumpkin Patch Trail or Cross over trail to be bladed!!! Perhaps a new trail east of Cross Over Trail coming off the northern most section of Cahuilla Trail? Perhaps extend Holly Road southward through the park?

New Interpretive Signs - Develop and install interpretive signs at the Gas Domes and Artesian Well similar to the ones currently at Pumpkin Patch and Shell Reef.

4x4 Training Area - We need a 4x4 training area at the park for Tread Lightly training and similar type programs.

Motocross Track- We would like the general plan to explore the possibility of having a motocross track in the park. It doesn't need to be a traditional motocross track maybe more of a Vet/Gran Prix style track, suitable for all ability levels. Another option could be to have several different tracks for different ability levels and size and type of OHV's.

Ranger Station in the North - We need an additional Ranger Station in the northern section of the park possibly close to Holly Rd.

This General Plan Update is meant to fulfill the needs of the visitors of this area for many years to come. It is important to us that this plan looks into the future and sees that there are many other land management agencies that are restricting and reducing the amount of area available for OHV recreation. This plan needs to take that fact into account and strive to provide additional acreage and the highest quality experience possible.

**From Tom Lemmon, Ocotillo Wells Resident**

SVRA Access from the South

During even moderate use periods there are significant numbers of unlicensed and unauthorized ORVs crossing Highway 78 at often random points. Highway 78 is used regularly by commercial tractor/trailer units traveling at speeds in excess of 50 mph. Large motor homes, many towing ORV trailers, travel along the Highway at widely

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Re: General Planning Meeting

5-2-2011

Treasure Trails (TT) is a non-profit organization #CT 103768, under the direction of 9 volunteer board members. Board members are all local residents of the West Shores area of Salton Sea, in Imperial County. TT hosts two off road events each year for the purpose of raising funds to donate to the West Shores Communities of Salton Sea. Treasure Trails celebrated the 45th anniversary event in February 2011. The areas of Palm Wash, Coral Wash and Grave Wash have been used by TT since 1966. When those washes were closed to special event use, over 320 TT participants responded in letters written to TRA Environmental Sciences; Victoria Harris. All of those letters had a common theme which included... TT promotes responsible use of the desert, TT events are family oriented, TT events help clean the desert, TT events help educate others about things they will see in the desert, TT continuously urges participants to "avoid breaking the crust". All who responded wanted to see the TT events continue. Those letters were all given to TRA, but a copy of one of the 320 letters is enclosed.

Our event headquarters is in Salton Sea Beach, CA. Everything but the dirt run portion of any of our events takes place at our 271 Brawley Ave. location. Registration, Live Bands, Bar/Food/Shirt Shop, camping, contests and awards etc. all take place on our leased property.

Our February event can best be described as a treasure hunt. Our October event consists of a fun run and includes Halloween contests and a haunted house. Neither of our events involve any form of challenge to the drivers or their vehicles. There is no racing, no wall or rock climbing and no making of new trails at any time. Any and all types of off road vehicles are welcome to participate in our events. Our events are family events, we encourage drivers/riders of all ages to participate. Our events average approximately 500 participants ranging in age from 6 to 80's. They ride: motorcycles, quads, UTV's, baja's, rails, tubs, and 4X vehicles. Red, or green tags to street legal vehicles are all welcome at our events.

Our February Treasure Trails event is unlike any other off road event. Some of the trails are not dirt rides but instead, they are walk abouts. For this event we hide 400 tiny treasure chests, approximately 1' in size. We use the formations in rocks, mud shapes, or mistletoe in trees, colorful boulders, anything we feel is unusual and will readily be seen, and then we write clues to the locations for all 400 of the hidden treasure chests. All of the clues are visible by driving in the washes, or hiking the designated trail. Please see an example of one of the clues for 2011 attached, along with a photocopy of an actual treasure chest. The tiny chest was hidden near the chin of the "Lion". The Lion head rock is about 15 feet tall. Every year we find different formations or shapes and write all new clues. We do not use the same subject matter year after year. The registered participants are each given an entire set of clues to all 400 hidden chests. In order to find the clues, drivers must stay on the wash floor(s) and they must ride slowly or they will miss the clues entirely. Our events cause people to see far more of our desert than any other off road event ever could. Each of the clues are photographed and displayed for participants after the main hunt. The tiny chests are placed under rocks near the clue subject. This prevents critters from stealing the chests and/or harming themselves, and prevents the washing away of chests during rains. Chests are not buried, the desert is not harmed by our hiding of the tiny chests.

Palm, Coral and Grave Washes all provide the perfect type of terrain needed for interesting shapes, colors, plants and/or formations for our treasure hunt events.

Treasure Trails makes every effort to provide safe enjoyable family events while also ensuring desert preservation. Our events leave no trace of our ever having held an event in any wash. Part of our mission is also to remove illegally dumped debris from our desert. Easter weekend of 2010 TT was responsible for the removal of over 16 TONS of illegally dumped debris from our desert. Our events bring the same message to our participants asking them to assist in debris removal wherever possible. We even have contests for the best man made trash participants can bring in to our headquarters location. TT then pays to have all of the debris properly disposed of with Burrtec Waste Co.

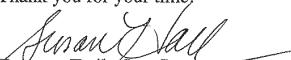
Net proceeds from the two TT events are donated to Volunteer Fire Depts., Ambulance Service, Schools, Youth Groups and other nonprofits all in the West Shores Community.

To sum up...

- \* Treasure Trails uses 9-10 trails for our treasure hunt event. Some are riding trails, some are hiking trails.
- \* TT events help educate others about the plant and wildlife found in our desert.
- \* TT events are slow easy rides, they are never a race or a vehicular challenge.
- \* TT events cause participants to really see the desert they are riding or hiking in.
- \* TT events strive to make a very low impact on the desert, never breaking the crust, and continuously urge participants to never make senseless new trails.
- \* Participants and event coordinators photograph plants, rocks, hills and Salton Sea.
- \* Illegally dumped debris is collected (for proper disposal) by event participants and event coordinators.

When not engaged in event set up and preparation, Board members enjoy picnicing, bird watching, admiring rocks and boulder formations, photographing the wildflowers, walks up narrow trails, watching for animals or their tracks, and rides in the dirt. Occasionally overnight tent camping for star gazing and full moon rises are shared with Salton Sea friends and neighbors all of whom appreciate our ever changing desert and the beauty within it. Treasure Trails would not want to see the areas of Palm, Coral or Grave Washes changed, we would prefer to see them remain in their natural state as they are now. We sincerely hope that we will regain access to those washes for our treasure hunts, and fun runs. We fully understand the need for careful consideration of how those washes should be used, and how best to preserve them as they are now. We appreciate this opportunity to describe our special events, and add our input to all that must be considered for the General Plan involving Palm, Coral and Grave Washes.

Thank you for your time.

  
Susan Hall  
Treasure Trails, Inc. Secretary  
Susan Hall

October 28, 2008

Victoria Harris  
TRA Environmental Sciences, Inc.  
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Menlo Park, CA 94025

Ms. Harris,

I write to you in support of an outstanding community organization, Treasure Trails and the events they sponsor. It has been my pleasure over the last 8 years to work with the countless dedicated individuals who have donated thousands of hours to put together quality events for those who enjoy off road adventures. Treasure Trails has created events which bring together people from around the U.S., numerous foreign countries and the local area to enjoy the beautiful California desert and our public lands. The safe and fun events have been enjoyed by people ranging from small children to our most senior citizens for decades.

As the County Supervisor for the area, I have been involved with Treasure Trails at many levels and found them to be an outstanding community group which works hard at doing things the right way. They have not only organized very safe, well run events which families have enjoyed for years but they also raise money for local charities that benefit young people, senior citizens and other community groups. They have done a magnificent job of promoting the West Shores area and in the process bringing economic benefit to area businesses needing a boost. They have created opportunities for families to enjoy the beautiful desert in the West Shores area. As an advocate for making public lands open and available for the public, I have appreciated the tremendous efforts by Treasure Trails to create safe and fun off road activities. This organization, and the events they create and sponsor, should be strongly supported and assisted by the CDCR in any way possible.

I am proud to have assisted Treasure Trails through the years and will continue to be a strong supporter of their efforts to bring quality off road events to the West Shores area. They are the kind of group our County, State and community needs.

Treasure Trails Supporters,

Gary & Dorothy Wyatt

198) Need we ask? At the angry mask... Please leave your LIME if you don't mind!  
We've more to say before you go...

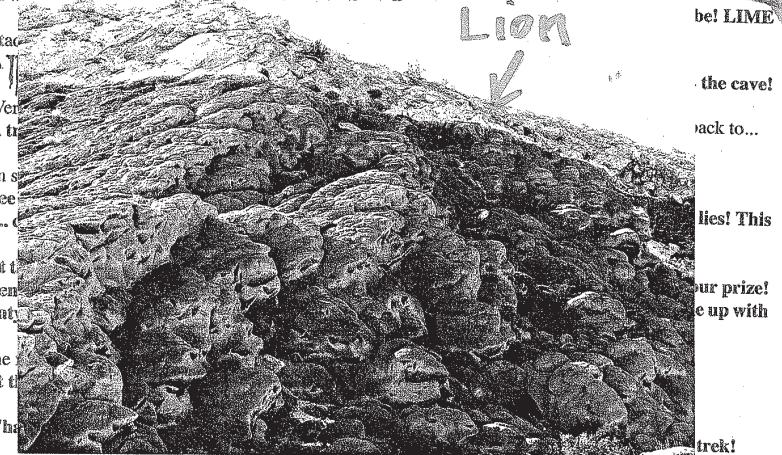
199) All righty then! The light table cloth... A cloth like linen might be fine to LIME!  
AND then again...

200) 200 calls from a skull on the wall! You'll get ahead at the top of the head! LIME Spooktacular!  
(Spooktacular Treasure Trails will be on the weekend of October 21, 22, 23, 2011.)

Now finally... Go... under the power lines and left... soft here... very soon...  
201) At Indian Cliff Dwellings... To the lowest... we goeth! The one most left... will be best to LIME!

Go... soft sand here... ease left on the 2nd small trail... Soft Sand! Move Over & Stop! Don't block the trail!  
202) Oh My! The MGM Lion up high! The monkeys surround him! Oh My! We're not in Kansas any more Toto! Are you the wizard who will find it under his chin and win?? Climb and LIME !  
AND... since we're already here...

203) A white avalanche in the distance...  
Just a tad...  
204) A Y...  
Go... Very...  
205) A trail...  
Go... in sand...  
206) See... climb...  
207) At the top...  
Apparently this Plat...  
Go... the...  
208) At the...  
209) What...  
Lion  
the cave!  
back to...  
lies! This  
our prize!  
up with  
trek!



Go... under the power lines... See our Pink tie and go left at the Y...

210) Up in Smoke... IS a joke! It's at the rock below so you don't get poked! OK... so what we've got here is a pokey smokey tree a rock and a good place to LIME!

AND...

211) Too many to tally at alligator alley! Step right up & try your luck at the upright trunk & LIME!

Go... very soft here... stay left at the Y... And again stay left at the Y...

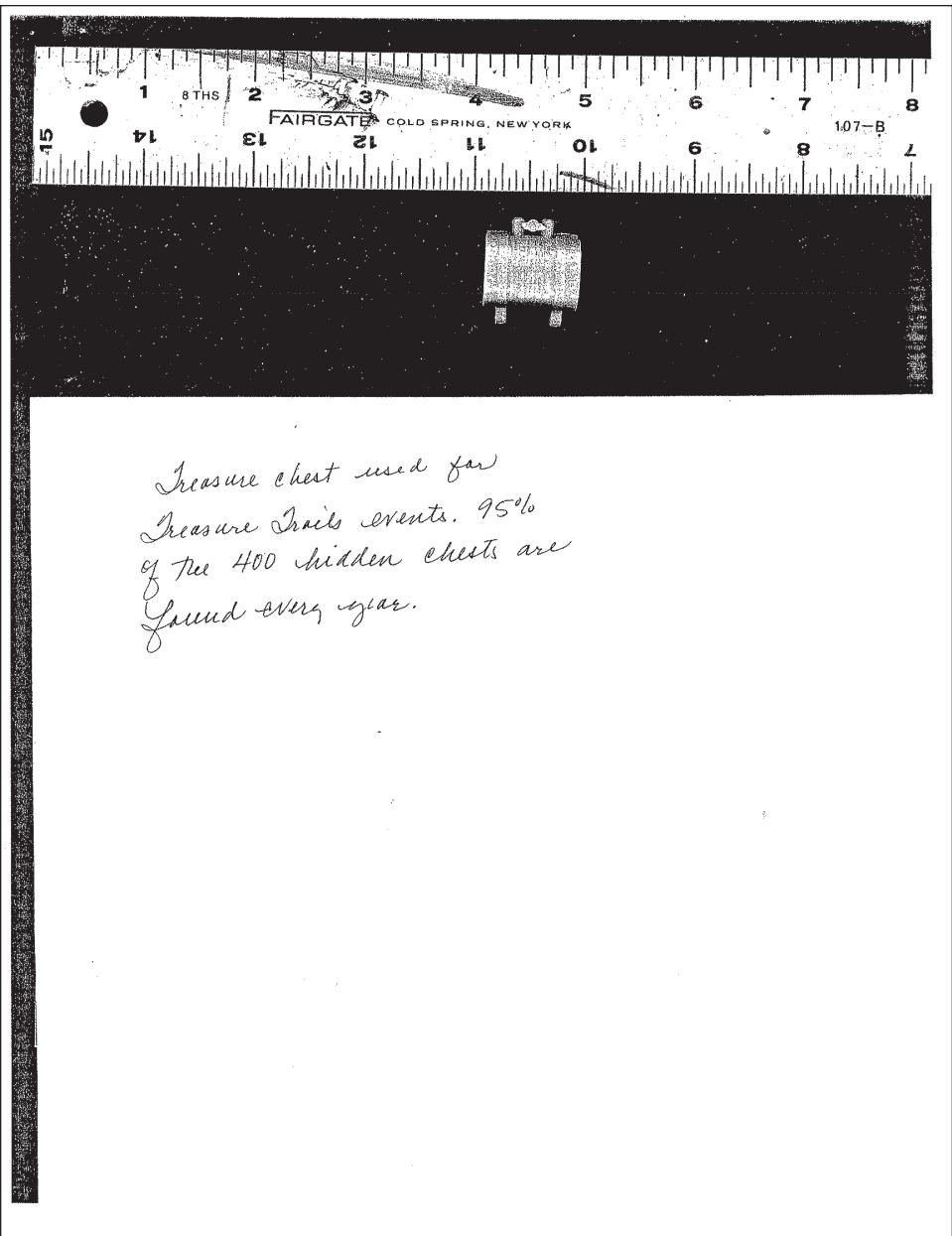
212) A big ghost tree has 212 for thee! Red on the ground is where it's found! LIME on the ground!

Go... up a soft bumpy hill... stop up top with Palm covered huts on your left...

213) Do you see... a desert Elephant facing the Sea? OK... work with us on this... It's largely left and the top of his head is about all you'll see. Actually, the top is what you most want to see anyway! LIME it!  
AND... then too... just for you...

214) Two rocks kissing with the sky behind... is a lovely find! Would you mind leaving LIME ???  
AND still more....

215) It's not much of a gallop to the rock with the scallops! It's a crime not to LIME ONE TIME!



## 45th Treasure Trails 2011

### Read All About It!

Important Changes You NEED To Know...

**Keep Moving! Do Not Block The Line!**

**The 9 Trails Are...**

- 1-45 ..... Walk of Many Wonders
- 46-90 ..... Un-Run Hike & Seek
- 91-135 ..... Unnamed Wash
- 136-180 ..... Wonderstone Wash
- 181-225 ..... Travertine Treks
- 226-270 ..... Gravel Wash
- 271-315 ..... Salton Sea Look n' See
- 316-360 ..... Lupin Loop
- 361-405 ..... G.P.S.

For our anniversary each trail has 45 tiny numbered chests, 5 more than any year in our 45 year history. One registration entitles you to find and LIME one tiny chest for which these clues are written. Do not pick up more than you have registered for!

**THERE ARE NO SPONSORED TRAIL PRIZES HIDDEN ANYWHERE IN THE DESERT!**

We heard you! Too many have complained to us at our previous events that sponsored trail prizes like the rocks, gold rush bags or wooden chests were already gone before the 9 AM start of our event. We've heard it enough... We had to get tough!

The Treasure Trails Board is totally aware that the greater majority have never... and would never... ever... steal our event. Shame on those few who did! They have forced us to alter our event of 45 years.

In an effort to keep our family event fair to all... More than 100 sponsored trail prizes worth over \$4,000.00 will be drawn for at the Sunday awards. Your hang tag MUST be present to win. Treasure Trails deeply regrets having had to alter our event due to theft.

**In An Emergency... Dial 911  
 ALWAYS KNOW YOUR LOCATION!**

As an off-roader it is your responsibility to know and follow all off road rules and regulations. All street and HWY laws apply to off roading at all times. Failure to observe these laws will result in citations.

Rain up in the hills can come down the washes very swiftly. You can be caught in these flash foods even if it is not raining right where you are. Heavy rain can relocate boulders! Be Smart... Stay Safe!

Tread lightly at all times. Leave no new trails! Stay on the trails or in the washes where your clues direct you. Responsible use of the desert remains the primary focus in every one of our events. Where ever possible please pick up litter carelessly left behind by clueless individuals. Treasure Trails events should never leave any trace... other than fire marks left behind in the sandy trails and a lack of trash.

**Schedule of events...**

<b>Saturday 12th</b>	
7AM-10PM	Bar, Snack & Shirt Shop Open
2:30PM	Holly May's BBQ at the Hut
6PM-10PM	Live Music by The Blue Knights
7PM-8:30PM	Trail Masters Extra Clues
<b>Sunday 13th</b>	
7AM-3PM	Bar, Snack & Shirt Shop Open
9AM	Ocotillo Rangers Road Show
10:30 AM	All Loot Items On Stage
11AM	Final Time To Turn In # Chests
12 Noon	Awards, Prizes, UTV Drawing

Be sure to bring your # hang tags, kids orange raffle tickets, red raffle tickets purchased in the Hut, and of course... Don't forget your UTV tickets!

**For your convenience...**

In Salton Sea Beach... Mini Mart & Food at Salton Sea Beach Marina. Holly May's Restaurant.

Just South of S.S. Beach on HWY 86... West side Travel Center has fuel, race fuel, Mini Mart and food at Beach Club Cafe and Subway. The Red Earth Casino offers free dry camping and much more. Check in at the Welcome Center for information.

In Desert Shores... Alamo Market.

In Salton City...

Tire Shop, Phils Off Road-VW Parts, West Shores Market, Gas & Mini Mart @ Arco. Food is available at Johnson's Landing, Alamo Restaurant, Travertine Grill, and Cap'n Jims Bar.

Treasure Trails is a non profit organization. Your registration fees pay for all 405 prizes for the tiny numbered chests found with these clues. Registration fees also pay for printing and postage of the flyers, printing of clues and Friday hand outs, hang tags, cups and Lime, tiny chests, photos, clue boards, raffle tickets, medallions and more. Extremely generous individuals and businesses sponsor all other prizes, and others donate goods for our snack bar and bar. There are only 9 volunteer TT board members. Treasure Trails events would not be possible without the many volunteers who assist us at each and every event. Treasure Trails hosts two events each year. Spooktacular event is always the weekend before Halloween and Treasure Trails is always the second weekend in February. Net proceeds from these two events are donated back to the West Shores Community of Salton Sea. Emergency Services, Schools and Youth groups are among those to whom Treasure Trails donates. These organizations are the reason Treasure Trails hosts these two annual events. Thank you for your continued support of Treasure Trails! Good Luck on this 45th hunt!



## Walk of Many Wonders ... Continued Page 2

Walk on... still moving toward the bright blue Sea...

16) A porcupine divine... with a head of gold... a treasure he holds... LIME him bold you're told!

Walk on... See a tree like a V and stay to the left where the trail splits... walk on...

17) Might this be an Ostrich we see... in front of a tree? LIME it where you find it!

Walk on... still heading toward the Sea...

18) Now we stare... at the rock like a square... Could it be we put it there? It's a crime not to LIME!

Walk on... pass by a grey and white triangle rock and a red rock in the center of the wash floor... walk on...

19) Slithery sssnake.... Has a treasure to take! Don't forget to LIME the fake sssnake for Pete's sake!

Walk not far at all... come to think of it, none of these are very far between are they?

20) Eeek! We hid it at the arachnid! OK, here's the deal... The arachnid is the giant black spider... with her egg there beside her... Just leave LIME... one time... for all to find!

Walk on staying left at the split...

21) The story is told... between red and gold... your treasure... behold! Again you are told... Lay LIME bold... it's not to hold!

Walk just a bit... it's best if you do not blink...

22) The behind of a brown log-dog digging 'neath the tree... We see... So... give the dog a bone... and 22 you'll own! LIME!

Walk on...

23) Do you see what we see? The tree pointing to the Sea... Is where 23 will be! LIME for all to see! BUT ... THEN TOO...

24) Wonder what the tree might point to? Well Glory Be! So did we! You'll get the point... without touching the points!! Pour your LIME near... but NOT ON... the plant of many points. Walk on...

25) The chest rests... in the nest in the tree... It's easy to see... it's really a clump of mistletoe... Alas... we can't rhyme that... so you'll just have to LIME that!

Walk on...

26) Clueless were we... at the old dead tree... what could it be? We piled more on top of it, but we never did decide... But in the end 'tis where we hide... After all... who could miss seeing an old dead tree on the left with a heap of junk piled on it? LIME whatever you think it might be!

Walk on...

27) At the rock with a J... you just may... take 27 away! Have you left LIME??

Trudge on... you'll pass a tree with our Pink & Orange ties on it... we'll come back to it shortly...

28) We think you can... we think you can... find it at the Smoke Tree Dam! LIME Walk not far...

29) A serpent we see... while facing the Sea... Kind of a Sea Serpent tree... you'll see! LIME it right! BEFORE YOU WALK AWAY...

30) A paw print will be... near a dead tree... There may be others... but the one you seek is bright with color! LIME this print before you sprint!

Walk on...

31) Ahead... is A Head! At the head of grey stone... 31 you will own! Yes... we really mean... that one right there! LIME!

Turn around here at the head, and our Orange tie ... And go back the way you came...

32) A fin of a shark... is where we park... 32 for you. Leave your mark... of LIME! Walk on...

33) On our walk of wonders... you could sit awhile... on the head of this reptile that smiles! LIME

And then...

34) The rock with a nose... clearly shows... where 34 goes! The nose knows... to LIME it! Walk on...

35) Do you see the round gold nugget? Find 35 and hug it! Leave the LIME don't hug it! Walk on...

36) 'Neath the shade of a tree lurks a desert crocodile... A sight quite rare... Look in his mouth... if you dare... and leave your LIME in there!

## Walk of Many Wonders ... Continued Page 3

Hike on... come to the Palo Verde tree with Orange and Pink ties... turn left and head South down this trail... 37) Look there! To an old square... petrified loaf of bread... our trail has led! Spread your LIME on it!

Trudge on a little further...

38) A thin wooden Indian with an arrow (of sorts) held high... OK, just work with us on this concept... It's the one on the left with a feather on his head... how many can there be? Heap big LIME!

Walk on... not too far... stay to the right...

39) Thirty nine is simply divine... A worn out moccasin is what you will find... laying behind... a bush. If you are where we were... you'll be within a FOOT of it! After you size it up... LIME Large!

Walk on... staying to the right...

40) You should stall... at the wall... of rocks... The one with a smile... is most worthwhile! LIME

Walk on... come to a dead bush on your left with an Orange tie. We stacked a cairn too. Move left here where the trail is seen and continue across to our next Orange tie among the reddish rocks. Wonder why these red rocks are only just here? We wondered too. Continue heading East to our next Orange tie on the tallest Palo Verde tree. See our cairn stack here and head to your right (South). Step up over the branch bridge... and then step up over several little rock bridges (or steps) just ahead... there is a low wall close on our right here...

41) An old wise woman once said, "Look where an elderly log rests on an older brown boulder!" OK, we're not getting any younger here so you'd better just LIME it right and go!

Walk on... pass a green creosote bush in the trail... we'll leave an Orange tie on it so we all can see it... 42) Jackalope gazing at the sky... we spy... you really ought to give him a try! Hear us cry... LIME IT!!

Walk on... the trail gets very narrow here... and rocky too... careful... watch your step... now it's opened up again... move on... not very far

43) Orange + Light rock times 2 = 43 for you! Finally... all those years of study in Algeometry can be put to use! Sure glad we lernt that! It all adds up to... Good time to LIME for all to find... one time!

Walk on... keep to the right...

44) Oh the wonder of it all! A small formation... like a mini recreation... of Stonehenge!

At the brown right behind... the chest you will find!

Now if you would be so kind... please LIME!



Walk on... we soon found ourselves back on the road we drove in on... so we turned right intending to head back up to our ride... but WAIT... there's one more clue for you...

45) Wonders never cease! All of a sudden we were blinded by this very bright light... and a small space ship landed right there next to us! We were stunned of course... I mean... who wouldn't be? Slowly a door opened and three little green men emerged... this was just way too amazing... and we wondered what to do... Although their mouths never moved they somehow asked us for a souvenir of their visit to the Walk of Wonders. So we right away gave them chest #45 which they placed on top of their space ship! They seemed friendly enough... why not see... if they might... trade #45 for your LIME!

*This walk is done and we sure hope you had fun...  
Head back to the Hut to check in the treasure you found ASAP  
so everyone will know what to still hunt for.*

*We wonder... did you get your tickets for the UTV??  
Need more?*

*Proceeds from this UTV raffle will ALL be donated...  
Your purchases of these raffle tickets will help us... help others! Thank You!  
And aside of all that... YOU COULD be the lucky winner!*

*Don't forget the Loot Contest at 10:30 AM on Sunday!  
This is only for man made junk carelessly left out in our desert.  
Find cards and pens on the stage at the Hut to put your name on with a description of your Loot...*

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## Un-Run Hike and Seek Challenge 2011

45 tiny orange treasures, Orange ties. **THIS IS NOT A JEEP TRAIL!** It's a never before used HIKE-CLIMB, best suited for the younger among us. We fear the first half of this may be too great a challenge for kids under 5, but we'll wait for you at clue #70 where it is less treacherous. If you feel adventurous, put on your boots, grab your water and go! Everyone follow these directions to the parking area in Wonderstone Wash about 3-1/2 miles from the Hut. Go over the dike and head right, up the wash. **TOO-TALLS** must go to Brawley Ave. to cross over HWY 86. All others in the wash ease to the right at the Y (see ties) and go. Go under the **LOW** bridges. At the frontage road on the West side of HWY 86 turn right and go to Brawley Ave. Turn left (West) on Brawley and **WATCH FOR BIG TRUCKS!!** At the dirt road (1/2 way up to the Pit) on your left, see our signs and ties and turn left. Follow this road, it will curve to the right, and go up to the pole line. Continue straight past the rock piles on your left and ease right at our ties. Follow the fence until you come to an opening and our ties. Ease right, over to the better dirt road and turn left. Follow this road until you come to the end and see our signs. Turn left into Wonderstone Wash and follow the trail. The trail makes a sharp turn to the right see a pink tie. Soon see our Orange ties on the left, and a dirt road on your right. (The Wonderstone Wash trail uses pink ties.) Park over to the left where you see the ties. **DO NOT BLOCK** the trail up Wonderstone Wash! **DO NOT PARK ON THE DIRT ROAD!** It is now an access road for heavy equipment 7 days a week! We think this is roughly a 1/2 mile hike. We hid under sunny skies. Remember that one registration entitles you to find just **one tiny chest, dump your entire cup of LIME!** Very Carefully... Enjoy!

Walk up the dirt access road. The road turns right but we turn **LEFT!** (A gate is up the hill behind us.)  
**46** Take an orange seat before you challenge your feet! No need to think, we're not that deep! **LIME!**

Carefully make your way up this narrow gully... the Sea will be behind you... clues will be close together...  
**47** The chest that rests under the Quail... is not for the frail! You won't fail at the Quail... with a stripe! **LIME** him up right... you might!

Hike slowly on up the gully... pass between green bushes... step with care...  
**48** No need to strain or cause yourself pain... **48** was lain at the brain! It's not a challenge to **LIME** it!

Climb on... pass by huge red rocks on our right... now duck under a tree... and...  
**49** A Lion at rest... looks to the left... But on this test... beside him is best! **Lay LIME with zest!**

Hike on up the gully beyond the Lion... climb on... (*Is it any wonder how this wash got it's name?*)  
**50** Our trail led... to a long time dead... very big and really red... Dinosaur head! He looked so nifty... we fed him 50! **LIME** him right... he won't bite!

Hike on... up past a huge red boulder...  
**51** Where a ginormous meatball... fell off the wall... **51** calls... No need to be tall... to **LIME** it! And over there too... across the way...  
**52** The pyramid high... is one you should try! The sun is behind... where we know you will **LIME**!

Go back down into the gully and move on... see a large flat reddish rock like a stepping stone on the ground... now move right, up around a low hanging tree... pass by 3 huge red rocks standing close on your left...  
**53** A wood sling shot with a marble behind... A fabulous find! We'll really mind... if you don't **LIME**!

Move on... get up on the large flat, reddish porch like rock formation... how wonderful is that!... And...  
**54** The reddest of all with a snake will call... "I'm over here y'all!" **OK...** so here's the deal... the little snake is wood... but still you should... **LIME** it!

Climb on... now over big grey rocks... (*and we admire the wonder rocks up high*)... go on up the gully... move over a pile of red rocks... Careful! Watch your step! The grass vines here can easily trip you!  
**55** Surf's up! You could ride high on this red wave... But if you wipe out... you're more likely to shout, "I found it!" **OK...** so you're looking for a big red desert tsunami to **LIME**... when all is said and won.

Climb on... challenging our feet at rocks we meet...  
**56** A twisted sister... is looking for her Mister... Are you the one? Grab your treasure and run.... Oh dear... let's just sit under this nice tree and rethink that a bit... We certainly don't want you to run! You'd fall on the rocks and forget to **LIME**... and on top of that you'd miss the next clue we have for you!  
**57** A quite rare steak... Is enough to make... Us really hungry! Some rhyme some times... just **LIME**!

Hike on up in the gully... (*in awe of all the rocks we saw*)...  
**58** Of this old croc rock... where we stopped to gawk... "It's just his head!" is what we said. Now may we remind... you must leave your **LIME**!

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Climb on... pass by an orange rock wall and move on...

59) At the drumstick divine... We stick 59. LIME the finger lickin' BBQ chicken... where we left it!

Perhaps you can tell... hunger gnaws at us as we move on over smaller grey rocks here... move on...  
60) At the red tank kinda high... 60 waits near by. Got your LIME Lefty? Move on up in the gully...

61) Find the grey frog of stone... and treasure you'll own! Now LIME it with care... right there!

Hike on... pass by 2 boulders stacked grey on red... go... it's quite narrow here and a thorny bush gets us...  
62) Those less hungry among us see an Arrowhead... The famished see a tasty red rib... Pour LIME on whichever you see!

Move on over grey rocks... go through a narrow place with a pointy dead bush on your left... keep going...  
Careful the darn vine grass... The guys made a path of rocks here for you... See our Orange tie and  
NOMOVE LEFT up and out of the gully... a real path up here now... walk on...  
63) A ghost... Is the host... With the most! It's clear... that here... you'll LIME right near! Walk on...

64) At a turtle that's brown and rather round... Your treasure is found... down close to the ground!  
Please pour ALL your LIME around !

The path turns left here at a grey rock split in three on the floor... There is a low hill close on our right as we  
trudge hungrily on... now heading toward the Sea...  
65) It's not a trick! It's Moby Dick! This whale with no tail... has quite a tale! LIME... we all wail!

Walk on... not very far...

66) What's big and light... but not quite white? It weighs a lot... and is not right! Under you might...  
take a peek... for the treasure you seek! IT'S A CRIME NOT TO LIME!! AND THEN TOO...  
67) Right there at a rock that's a square... We stare! Just to be fair... We put it there! LIME with care!

Walk on still heading toward the Sea... and we're nearly starving now...

68) Try now you gotta... the giant brick of Terra Cotta... and LIME it you oughta! Walk on...

69) Pick A Clue! Either one will reward you! At the rock of Gibraltar... you will not falter! OR...  
This one is Insured by Prudential! It's not a complicated matter... Just LIME the grey pointy rock!

Walk on down the path...

70) Nothing can mend the broken wood heart... that fell apart! Have a heart & LIME where we left it.  
Now we are at a new trail... turn right and go to the Palo Verde tree with our Orange ties on it. Wait here  
just a minute... We've invited kids under 5 along with their parents to join us at this tree...

>> FOLKS WITH KIDS UNDER 5 >> Park as far off the main wash as you can and DO NOT BLOCK  
THE WASH! Move up the wash a little further from the parking area and watch for Orange ties on a tree  
way over to your right. Walk over to that Palo Verde tree with Orange ties over yonder.

IS EVERYONE READY? KIDS OF ALL AGES... GO WEST... WITH THE SEA BEHIND YOU...

71) Look there... A cactus with hair! Do we dare... put it there? Retrieve your treasure with care!  
We worried the kids could get hurt... So we send them straight to a cactus? LIME NEAR... NOT ON!  
(You can clobber us later... when you go back to the Hut with your treasure) But before you leave here...

72) Zoom right over to the Mushroom! Lower it's at... Not up at the cap! (So much for a safer walk  
for the kids... first it's a cactus and now a mushroom up on a treacherous hill.) Good times! LIME where  
you find... if you'd be so kind... one time!

Walk on... not far at all... the Sea is still behind us...

73) At the shell of a clam... that's where I am... LIME just right... We know you can!

Walk on... a little bit farther...

74) Really? Wonderstone Willie? That's just silly! It's Homer Simpsons head... Instead! Please LIME!

There is a dead bush on our left and we put an Orange tie on it. Turn around and head back the way you  
came. The Sea is in front of you now. Oh swell... there's that killer cactus again on our right... ease a bit  
to the right ... avoiding the barrel cactus at all costs of course...

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75) Under the ark... You'll find your mark! Mark the ark with LIME! WAIT... DON'T LEAVE...  
76) With any luck you'll see a duck... where we tuck... 76 at the little red duck! The kids will see it on  
their level! LIME it right there... if you're a lucky ducky !

Move back over into the little wash where you were... and continue to head toward the Sea...

77) An open end wrench... stands not on a bench! On this big wooden tool... LIME is the rule!

Move on... back over in the little wash where you were... getting ever closer to our rides... (and a snack)  
78) We know... Fred Flintstones' Dino... Ate... 78! At any rate... With LIME don't be late... mate!

Move on... passing by the Palo Verde tree with an Orange tie on it where we all got together... just beyond...  
79) We really dug the big grey slug... too heavy to lug!! 79 is easy to find... remember to LIME!

Move on toward the Sea...

80) The twisted root... Holds your loot! To the end... 80 we send... And you must spend... your LIME!

Move on... even closer now to our rides where we know we have provisions... and that sorta thing...  
81) It's not route 66... But at this pile of sticks... you'll get your kicks! LIME it right quick!

And over yonder not too far...

82) A Diamond in the rough! Look around for your stuff! LIME it enough... it's not too tough!

Move on down this little wash... and soon...

83) A bird on the bush... is worth 83 in the hand! In other words... The bird of sticks... will be a good  
pick! LIME away... lest she... fly away!

Move on staying left at this little fork in the wash...

84) 84 you will hold... at the rock of old... that sparkles like gold! Sean says, "Don't see where it's at?  
Try the sparkly map!" Mike says to just ask the kids where it is... and LIME it!

Move on keeping to the left of the rock that glitters... of which we twitter... and very soon after...  
85) A coffin of grey... will sure make your day... and again we say... LIME you must lay!

Move on and quite close by...

86) A dead tree Ostrich... Will make you rich! Leave LIME where you find... 86!

Move on... just a little further down this gully wash...

87) We think you can... see a desert snowman... with a scarf of sticks... and a treasure to pick! LIME !  
AND TOO... ANOTHER FOR YOU...  
88) You won't be stumped... at the giant clump! The mistletoe clump is where you'll dump... LIME!

Move on and soon after...

89) We all say... where we left it lay, "It's a helmet of grey!" Find it... and LIME it you may!

Now we are back at the mining access road where we first began this un-run hike and seek challenge. Turn  
right to head back to your ride... But Wait! It's not too late... We wonder do you see...  
90) A rock of great size... will catch your eyes... There waits the 90th prize!! Leave LIME we advise!

*We hope you had fun on this Un-Run...  
It's time to head back to the Hut to check in your finds ASAP  
so everyone will know what has or hasn't been found.*

*Remember the Loot contest is only for man made junk left carelessly in our desert.  
Your Loot needs to be on the stage by 10:30 AM Sunday to be judged.  
Thank you for picking up any trash you may find! We greatly appreciate your help!  
Please Give Us A Clue!  
Tell us whatever you think... of this new hike and seek un-run!*

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## Unnamed Wash 2011

There are 45 Lavender tiny chests on this trail that's about 13 miles round trip. Ease right at the Y (our sign) and the ties. **Caution: Low Bridge!** (Street Legal Too-Talls go to Brawley Ave. and cross over Hwy 86.) All others go under the bridge and turn right at the frontage road. Everyone head west (left) up Brawley Ave. using the shoulder, and **WATCH OUT FOR BIG TRUCKS!!** Go to the first trail on left (marked with a tie) and follow trail to the Red Hard Hat Area sign at the Pole Line. Turn left at the Pole Line. Follow Pole Line until you see pink tie on right (on telephone pole.) This begins Unnamed Wash. We hid the chests on a sunny day.

**Remember:** The Loot Contest is ONLY for small man-made junk. Please keep vehicles on the trails, be safe, and have fun!

#91 We saw a big spider and sat down beside her. Be sure to lime what we left for you to find!

*Go... sandy.*

#92 Black Cat on a rock, flat as can be, look between rocks and a chest you will see. Lime It!

*Go... Trail goes left (south) then right, then left, then right.*

#93 Hunt for the Easter Egg with a White Stripe. Bang your drums like Jack and Lime It!

*Go... over the wash, up on top past the rocks.*

#94 Silver and bronze adds to your green. Look on backside and treasure shall be seen. It's a crime not to lime!

*Go... about 40 feet.*

#95 It won't be that obvious, but right there it's Optimus, prime, with lime!

*Keep going...*

#96 By the Big Horn Sheep, a treasure to keep, Right? Lime away!

*Go... Stay right at pink tie. Trail merges from right 100 feet.*

#97 It's treble lined, with a chest to find, right there! Lime it!

*Go... stay in wash.*

#98 It's another furry spider, and we left time to lime 'er! Lime it!

*Go... rocky wash wall is on right.*

#99 A mantis is praying and a chest is left laying. Stop praying and Lime it!

*Go... trail splits, keep to right at pink tie.*

#100 We left treasure for you, so why not eat some Tiramisu! Instead, lime it!

*Go... wash wall is on left, then on right, then on left again.*

#101 Don't be left laggin', just look for the dragon! Lime it!

*Go... sweep right.*

#102 Big Komodo basks in the sun. Find the right treasure and you'll be done. Lime it!

*Go... Muddy-looking wash wall will be on right.*

#103 The muddy wall came tumbling down. It's right in the hole in the wall, soon to be found. Lime it, completely on the ground!

*Go... mud wall on left, then right past the Palo Verde.*

#104 Oh, say can you see? We think it's a desert manatee! Lime it!  
Go...pink tie is to right, keep right.

#105 It's an Alien Head! Find the treasure instead! Here's to lime, as there is no slime!  
Go... You've now gone about five miles.

#106 Asteroid hits tree, splatters it. Story at 11. Lime it!  
Go... If you look behind you (to east) you can catch a glimpse of the Sea.  
You will need to stop and walk a ways to retrieve #107. Big wash wall is to the right

#107 Not water, just a rockfall. Find what we left, it's pretty small. Lime it!  
Go... about 60 feet.

#108 Freddie's my tortoise, and he's not dead. He wears a bandana right on his head. Commit no crime, be sure to lime!  
Go... Trail gets rocky.

#109 Up periscope, find the right chest, don't be a dope. Lime it!  
Go... close mud hill on right, pass the big Palo Verde.

#110 Four smoke trees in a line. At tree # 3 you should lime.  
Go... high wall is on left.

#111 See the anteater clutching a stone? Look underneath and then you'll be done. Lime it!  
Go...bigger rocks here. Go past a big smoke tree on left.

#112 Yabba dabba do! Look below, see what's left for you. Fred Flintstone has lime, do you too?  
Go... See pink ties on right and left? Park here, get out of vehicle. Walk-in trail begins at tie on right. This is a moderate walking trail with an elevation gain. This also marks the end of the first half of the driving trail, so you will need to turn around here.

#113 See-saw rock. We saw, and rocked. Right there. Lime it!  
Go...keep climbing!

#114 When you crawl under the tree, a beaver's nest you shall see. Lime it!  
Go...continue upwards climb.

#115 It has three fingers, why not stay and linger? Lime it!  
Go... and climb some more!

#116 Right over there are fossils of fish, look to the west and get your wish. Time to lime!  
Pink tie on right is the turn-around point for the walk in trail. Go... back down.

#117 The big gold nugget is a miner's dream. Dig around, a treasure seen! Don't forget to lime!

#118 Snake on rock, staring at Indian's head, this is what Kristina said.

#119 "Steer" head left and you can be, in total awe when you see the Sea! Lime away!  
Go...nearing end of walk-in.

#120 Look for the squid, right where we hid. Lime it!

#120 marks the end of walk in trail. Get back in rides and head back down trail toward sea. This is the half-way point.

#121 Great Wall of China! Reach in a crack and it'll find ya. Lime it on ground.  
Go... Very high wash wall will be to your left.

#122 This low-lying sea urchin will have you searchin'. Don't drop a dime, just lime!  
Go... Continue on about 1/8 mile. When you see the next clue, stop and get out of your rides. You will need to walk over to retrieve chest.

#123 Stop your yawning! Treasure is under this rock awning. Lime it!  
Go...mud ramp on right, right mud hill, right.

#124 We saw a Simpson, her name is Marge. We hid a treasure, not too large. Lime it!  
Go...dude!

#125 Catch a wave, it's gnarly, dude! Under which, you'll be so clued. Lime it!  
Go... You can see the Sea again from here. Pass small layered mud wall on right. The wash splits here.

#126 Left nearby the eclipse of the moon, check behind, you'll be home soon! It's time to lime!  
Go... mud hill is on right.

#127 Look at Medusa and turn to stone! Left inside, a chest to own. Lime away!  
Go... sandy wash. Mud wall left, mud wall right.

#128 This we pledge, it's "Over the Hedge." Lime it!  
Go...Pass pink trail tie on left. Trail widens and is a good place to stop and take a break! The next few clues will be short walking climbs.

#129 On the mount beats a giant heart. This is where your lime departs. Lime it!

#130 We looked up high and saw a nose. We're almost done, we think it shows. Lime it!  
Go... it's green!

#131 Cha Cha Cha Chia has a water source. In its branches we hid, of course! Lime it!  
Go... Trail becomes sandy, then rocky here.

#132 "X" marks the spot. Lime away, it's getting hot!  
Go... The pink trail tie will be on right, where you came in. The trail will fork here; keep left. 50 feet past the trail tie will be our rock cairn, indicating you are going the right way back to Pole Line.

#133 Cup of sea salt that you will find points to a volcano for you to lime. Lime it!

#134 Behold ye olde witches broom. Narrow trail, so not much room. Lime it!  
Go... Trail becomes very rocky here for a short way. We did this trail in Baja bugs, a side-by-side (UTV) and a 4x4 truck. Not too difficult, but going slow is key here. Only 1 more...

#135 After the rapids, adjust your tappets! Very last one is out of the sun. Lime it!  
Done! To turn in your chests at the hut, keep going straight to Pole Line, turn left. You'll make a right at the Mounds toward the sea, then a left on the trail to get back to Brawley Ave. OHVs will take the right before Hwy 86 to go back under bridge, taking wash back to Hut.

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### Wonderstone Wash 2011

45 green chests and pink ties. About 5-6 miles round trip. Go over the dike and head right, up the wash TOO-TALLS must go to Brawley Ave. to cross over HWY 86. All others in the wash ease to the right at the Y, see ties and then go under the LOW bridges. All the frontage road on the West side of HWY 86, turn right and go to Brawley Ave. Turn left (West) on Brawley and WATCH OUT FOR BIG TRUCKS!!!! At the dirt road (1/2 way up to Pit) on your left, see our ties and turn left. Follow this road. It will curve to the right. Go up to the pole line. Continue straight past the piles of rocks on your left and ease right at our ties. Follow the fence until you come to an opening and our ties. Ease right, over to the dirt road and turn left up the better dirt road. Follow this road until you come to the end and see our sign to turn left into Wonderstone Wash. One registration entitles you to just one clue prize. Dump your entire cup of lime. Remember the LOOT contest is only for made-made junk.... Not nature's treasures. We thank you for helping pick up any litter you may find. Stay on the marked trail in the wash. DO NOT go beyond any State Park signs! Be safe and have fun!

We just made a left turn into Wonderstone Wash. See our pink ties as your starting point.

136: Proceed on the left side. Find a face with hair. Look for hair and find a treasure there. LIME IT!

Continue on the trail a bit, just a little.

137: Suddenly, a spider appears. Right there sure to delight. Be proud of yourself & LIME IT to let other treasure hunters see you found it.

Keep on the trail, pass the "S" turn & continue a little way.

138: The Pyramid is on your right, look behind it. LIME IT!

Continue on the trail. See the red rock hills on the right.

139: Crown shaped big red rock, look around it. LIME IT!

Pass the old 1956 VW bus on the right. It gets a little rocky from here.

140: Look very carefully on your left to find the brown cowboy hat. Find treasure in vicinity. LIME IT!

Continue on the trail staying to the right.

*You will see bunch of orange ties. This is for Un Run Hike & Seek Challenge (Hiking trail). Disregard these and any other orange ties you see.*

141: The gate keepers are on both sides of the trail. Find the treasure at one of the gate keepers. LIME IT!

Continue on the trail.

142: Dead trees with a rock in the middle. Find the treasure in it. LIME IT!

Continue on the trail, now you'll see a dirt wall on your right.

143: Wall falls with a pile of a dirt on the bottom. LIME IT at the falls.

Continue on the trails, tall dirt wall on the right.

144: Large Palo Verde tree sweeping the ground. My shady spot. LIME IT!

Continue on the trail, just a little drive.

145: Bad hair day on your right. Find the treasure in the hair. LIME IT!

Next : see a bunch of pink ties on your right hand side.

This is a walking trail. (not recommended for the very young or physically challenged treasure hunters)

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### Andy's Adventure Walking Trail:

Watch your step on Andy's Walking Trail! Keep going up the hill.

146: In a dry lake, find the tombstone. LIME IT!

Keep moving up, watch out for the rocks.

147: Find the rock hills. Find the biggest rock and find your treasure. LIME IT!

Keep moving upward, negotiating up the terrain.

148: Step over rocks, hop over big rocks. Find the treasure in it. LIME IT!

Go up! Finished with the rock area. Keep going to "S" turn. Rock hill will be on your right.

149: In the stream bed, find the dead tree. There lies a treasure. LIME IT!

Go up "S" turn.

150: Snappy turtle that peeks out its head. Find the treasure at its head. LIME IT!

Large hills on your right with a big tree. Trail zigzags.

151: Find old seeing eye, then find the treasure nearby. LIME IT!

Find the pink tie. This is a turnaround point. Now walk back down the trail toward the start of Andy's Walking Adventure. Watch your step when going down the rough terrain.

152: Find a striped rock. Look downward, and the treasure is near. LIME IT!

Continue walking down. Be careful and watch your step.

153: Find a red hair Prickly Pear. LIME IT!

Go past the big rock.

154: As you travel down the trail, you run across vegetation. Look down and LIME IT!

Continue walking down the trail, just a little.

155: Find a sleepy hollow. The treasure is in the vicinity. LIME IT!

Go all the way down the trail toward your ride. This is end of the Andy's Adventure Trail.

Now you are back on the flat wash area.

156: A yellow miniature grand canyon. Look on the high side. LIME IT!

Get back in your ride and go. You'll now see the yellow Indian rock in front of you.

Keep moving westward a short way. Turn left into another trail (little rocky) see pink ties as a marker. Keep moving.

157: Look for the lobster's antennas high in the air. LIME IT!

Go west. Negotiate the trail until you come to the "Y"... At pink ties, stop and get out. This is your turn around point. No further treasures are beyond this point. Walk around this area for the next treasure.

158: An alien head is looking right at you. Search for your treasure nearby. LIME IT!

Moving back down the trail - Drive a while. It will be rocky and bumpy. Have fun.

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159: Standing octopus... you can't miss it. First come, first served. LIME IT!

Park your vehicle off to the side and hike back a little. See pink ties.

160: Find a tree that looks like bones. Find its head for the treasure. LIME IT!

Walk along the trail towards the sea.

161: See an elephant with an open mouth. Look behind. LIME IT!

Remain nearby, walk around and treasure hunting continues.

162: Find the largest green bird. Look down below. LIME IT!

Get back into your vehicle and enjoy the drive for a while.

163: Find the letter "D" on the side. Find it and LIME IT!

Drive on... a short distance.

164: Find a skull head & a snake head looking at each other. LIME IT!  
You'll find the treasure around one of them.

Hey, stop here and hike around the same area. See pink ties.

165: Find a bird's nest. A careful search will find it. LIME IT!

Get back in ride and drive down the trail. A yellow faced mountain will be close on your left.

166: A desert car wash. Look around and it will reward you. LIME IT!

Go... just a little bit.

167: The yellow faced mountain hides its secret. LIME IT!

Continue down the trail. A hill is on your left side.

168: A fire pit will be just up above you about 4 feet up on a ledge. Find the treasure in it. LIME IT!

Go just a little. The hills are on your left.

169: Look right at the seal. He is sunbathing. LIME IT!

Continue on the trail. Vegetation is on your left.

170: Beaver's dam on your left. LIME IT!

Stop vehicle and look around. See our pink ties. Make sure to park your vehicle on the side of the trail. Hike to hunt for more treasures.

171: Look for Medusa. You'll find the treasure in her heart. LIME IT!

Get back in your ride and continue to drive straight, just a little.

172: See the snail on the trail. The treasure is there for you. LIME IT!

Drive down the trail. Observe a rock hill.

173: See the slingshot and find what's hot. LIME IT!

Go just a little.

174: Look for the lizard holes. Look for it. LIME IT!



### Travertine Trek Continued page 2

And then... before we took off to make the loop...  
195) Wait! What could THAT tree be? It's easy to see... a tree with no name... is in the game! LIME!

Off you go... around the loop... thus putting the no-name tree on our left... go a short way...  
196) LIME it quick! It's not a trick! An albino Road Runner sits... with 196! Left LIME?

Go to pole line and turn left... turn left again at a chain link fence and follow it around... stop with the fence on your right and face the rock hill...  
197) A big tan Valentine lays... Butt beside it... we hide it! Some times we just can't help ourselves... if you don't see the heart... there really is a big behind beside it. LIME!

Before you go... seems like there's quite a lot going on around here...  
198) Need we ask? At the angry mask... Please leave your LIME if you don't mind!

We've more to say before you go...  
199) All righty then! The light table cloth... A cloth like linen might be fine to LIME!

AND then again...  
200) 200 calls from a skull on the wall! You'll get ahead at the top of the head! LIME Spooktacularly!  
(*Spooktacular Treasure Trails will be on the weekend of October 21, 22, 23, 2011.*)

Now finally... Go... under the power lines and left... soft here... very soon...  
201) At Indian Cliff Dwellings... To the lowest... we goeth! The one most left... will be best to LIME!

Go... soft sand here... ease left on the 2nd small trail... Soft Sand! Move Over & Stop! Don't block the trail!  
202) Oh My! The MGM Lion up high! The monkeys surround him! Oh My! We're not in Kansas anymore Toto! Are you the wizard who will find it under his chin and win?? Climb and LIME !  
AND... since we're already here...  
203) A white avalanche up high... Flows down to the tallest Palo Verde tree... where 203 will be! LIME

Just a tad further to our right...

204) A ~~W~~onster energy drink would give you a boost... to find your loot! Save the day LIME the cave!

Go... very soft here... loop up around this tree... and then we park where it's less soft and WALK back to...  
205) A tree man points the way... Don't delay... right away... Leave LIME lay!

Go... in soft sand... now we are at the fence with grape vineyards behind it...

206) See a light colored fish fossil on a rock way up high... In a cave just below your treasure lies! This climb... could take a bit of time... Don't Forget to take your LIME!

AND... there were those in our crew who wisely opted to stay below...

207) At the end of the fence rests... a Duckbill Platypus of great size... Look into his eyes for your prize! Apparently... Those of our crew who didn't climb up to 206 had more than enough time to come up with this Platypus scheme! Just LIME him... you certainly can't miss seeing him!!

Go... the fence is on our left now...

208) At the Raptor... You'll capture... 208!! With LIME don't be late!

AND... before you dash away...

209) What is that right over there? Might it be a Prehistoric Tree we see? Take LIME on this trek!

Go... under the power lines... See our Pink tie and go left at the Y...

210) Up in Smoke... IS a joke! It's at the rock below so you don't get poked! OK... so what we've got here is a pokey smokey tree a rock and a good place to LIME !  
AND...

211) Too many to tally at alligator alley! Step right up & try your luck at the upright trunk & LIME!

Go... very soft here... stay left at the Y... And again stay left at the Y...

212) A big ghost tree has 212 for thee! Red on the ground is where it's found! LIME on the ground!

Go... up a soft bumpy hill... stop up top with Palm covered huts on your left...

213) Do you see... a desert Elephant facing the Sea? OK... work with us on this... It's largely left and the top of his head is about all you'll see. Actually, the top is what you most want to see anyway! LIME it!  
AND... then too... just for you...

214) Two rocks kissing with the sky behind... is a lovely find! Would you mind leaving LIME ???  
AND still more...

215) It's not much of a gallop to the rock with the scallops! It's a crime not to LIME ONE TIME!

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Go... take the LOW side of the Y.. follow this around to the left and move over to the place where Heidi + Gerhard were oh so sure they were in love in 1992...

216) At a square hole in the wall... low on the wall... 216 will call, "LIME me if you can!"  
AND before you go... our Salute to Presidents...

217) On the rock ahead... Some claimed to see George Washington's head... Some just saw a rock instead... But if the light is right... you might... see him too... LIME him if you do!

Go... the trail will take you to the left... up a hill... make a loop with the vineyard fence on your left... and go down to the bottom of this rock hill... now this trail goes left...

218) Doh! A huge Homer Simpson head made of stone... Currently owns... 218. Doh... LIME??

Go... a sharp bend to the left here... make your way over to the rock hill with all the terrible graffiti... and a bright red heart...

219) To a teepee cave climb high... Go on and give it a try! At it's 4 o'clock you'll find... Just the time to LIME! *(If only we had some rock colored paint and brushes we'd start painting over all this mess!!)*

Go... down the washboard trail all the way to the bottom... turn left at the bottom with HWY 86 on your right...  
Please don't block the trail for others!!

220) No need to be tall! At the whitest square of all... You won't even fall... The only one with no graffiti on it's face is the place! You'll find just the space for LIME!

Go... if you like... or walk... this one is seen for miles...

221) The head of an eel ... You'll think is a steal... But it's higher than it looks... and under it's chin is where you should look! LIME

We've moseyed over toward the fence with Date Palms growing behind it... and Also seen for many miles...  
222) Go forth... up where the Indian looks North... A tree below is where you must go... TAKE LIME

Go... make a loop around this big rock and follow the frontage road South... Turn right on the old highway... You will pass the power station on your right... then a compound (Beaston's to those who are familiar with the area) with storage, animals and such on your right... keep going...

223) On this old HWY... a tree all alone... at the side of the road has treasure to LIME right in sight! Well, of course the treasure isn't exactly in plain sight... we just wanted to get you to the correct tree!

Go... You'll soon pass by Corky's compound next, on your right... keep going still on this old HWY... Corky was a big help with our 2010 Desert Clean Up on Easter weekend... If you would like to come help us clean up the desert, the date for our next Desert Clean Up is May 7, 2011. Our only reward is knowing we are making a difference... Leaving a nicer place for everyone to come and enjoy the desert (which belongs to everyone) is reward enough. For more information go to our web site: [www.treasuretrails.org](http://www.treasuretrails.org)

224) Stumped? Why not try Lefty... the little man stump... Some women claim there are few good men around... This one looks good... if you like 'em untall! LEAVE LIME!

Go... we're very near HWY 86 now... the end is in sight...

225) At the chunks of tree trunks... We decide ... to hide... It's true! We left it for you... at the hunks of trunk! See what we left behind... and LIME for the very last time!

*This run is done and we hope you had fun on Travertine Trek!  
Head back to the Hut to turn in your find ASAP so everyone will know what has or hasn't been found.*

*Remember the Loot contest is man made junk only... Not for Nature's Treasures  
Your Loot must be on stage by 10:30 AM on Sunday to be judged.*

*Got your tickets for the UTV? The drawing is tomorrow you know! Please take us for a ride if you win!!*

*The new Salton Sea History Museum opened in August 2010.  
It is in the old North Shore Yacht Club on HWY 111 on the other side of Salton Sea.  
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Treasure Trails may be on display at the museum in the near future!  
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## Gravel Wash 2011

You will turn right after collecting your clues & lime and crossing the dike, you will proceed under the bridge at Hwy. 86 or if your rig is too tall, you will cross Hwy. 86 on Brawley Ave. You will proceed up Brawley heading W. and turn left at the sign for the upcoming trails. Proceed to the Gravel Wash sign off the Pole Line and turn Right. This trail is marked with orange ribbons and the chests are pinkish/red. Please, when you are taking breaks on the run, take a few minutes and pull up by the roots our #1 enemy, the Sahara Mustard plant, bag him and bring him back to the Hut and dumpster bag and all into the dumpster. This is an extremely rough run. We were the first vehicles on the trail since the late fall rains. We went just a short way after the turn and right there laid:

226. A Rusty the crusty old dinosaur head, Lime away, go just a short way staying to the right,
227. Here's looking at you from outer space, don't have to climb to Lime! Go, short again,
228. It maybe a stripe that you view, but a heart is waiting for you! Lime It! Go, go, down, just B4 you curve left,
229. Money Man's head facing West, find it now, no time to rest. Lime It! Go, curve left, ridge on left, go, curve right, big rock in wash, rough, go, pass a lot of Palo Verde (PV), go, ridge on right, go rough and rocky, pass PV in center of wash, Ocotillo on left, huge tongue coming out of the ground, get out wash past tongue rock,
230. Black bird egg with dividing mark, here is where Dick and his chest did park. Lime It! Walk W from egg, close to wash on the edge,
231. Hermit Crab, here is a chest to grab. Lime It! Still with crab, look around,
232. Low crawling spider, there is a prize inside here. Lime It! Back to vehicles, go, wash out, big rocks on left. Mud wall on right, stop at orange ties, walk in on right,
233. Just a ways back, red headed lizard, he isn't a wizard, Lime It! Keep walking,
234. Beaver dam without a pond, find the chest and move on, Lime It! Still in wash, off to the left,
235. Ronald McDonald's tree of arches, there is no burger, go figure! Lime It! Cross back across N. drop into deeper wash, head back to vehicles, on the left
236. Tresses of gray & red, okay dead!, on the ground, in amongst the chest will be found! Lime It! Back to vehicles, go, wall on left, go, wall on left,
237. Ram's head in the wall, that's all, Lime It! Go just a short way, right at edge of trail,
238. Head stone marker is where we parked her. Lime It! Left the marker Go, not too far,
239. Big eyed sand frog, with a heart of stone. Lime It! At ties, you have passed 239, go, low wall on left, go, big rock in wash, go, off to right in front of PV,
240. A stone's throw is a large pile of snow, Lime It, you know. Back toward vehicle and oh so close
241. This ghost smoke tree called to me, I left my heart with it, Lime It! Go, mud hill on right, don't look there
242. Big dollop of cookies & cream ice cream perched on top, got a spoon, Lime It! At Y, stop, just past PV, in the bush,,
243. Paul Bunyan's heart fell by the wayside under a stone is the chest alone. Lime It! While still here, walk past heart,
244. Baby seal with a silly grin, chest is under his chin. Lime It! Back to vehicles, at Y go right against mud hill, go curve around, go, curve right at mud wall, go
245. Petrified snakes, watch where you walk for heaven's sake. Lime It! Still here off to right of snakes
246. Octopus or squid going over the rock, pick up your prize (Lime It!) and walk, back to vehicles, go PV's a bunch, mud wall on right, go left at Y, mud wall on left, topped in shade of mud wall, looked across from wall. In the distance on the wall, we saw an Indian head, walked across wash toward him, down in the gully, saw,
247. Golden head looking at the sky, Lime Him, my oh my. Still here, turn around and to the right,
248. Another golden brother, Lime him too! Back to vehicles, Go, down into wash again, to, stay to left at Y, around PV, go, mud wall on left, low ridge on left, up left, right, over through PV's, more

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mud wall on left, lots of small PV, hug wall on left, stripes, bird nest high, hug wall left, rough, go up to left and just before mud wall, parked and walked to left,

249. Pair of cinnamon rolls next to broken torso in green, Lime It! Go, short, at ties, turn around, get out and stretch, pull Sahara Mustard, place in bag and bring back to Hut for disposal, you will be saving a lot of native wild flowers!! Thank you, heading back down trail,

250. Bearded Dragon waits for Lime taggin! Go, down, right, go, rough and rocky, off to the right on ledge,

251. Bon Bons all a cluster, place your Lime, not mustard! Back to vehicle, go, on the left, mud wall,

252. Small, old dead and broken, you chest is the token. Lime It! Go through PV forest, mud wall on right, PV on right, go curve right, mud hill on right,

253. Albino snakes on the wall find the check no need to be tall. Lime It! Go, ridge on right, go stay to right, around PV in wash, go, on right we all saw different things

254. Rust on a rock, take stock. Lime It! Go, up, down, rough, mud wall on right, off to the right against wall,

255. Humped back Serpent waiting, Lime It! No hesitating. Go, more mud wall, go rocks on both sides of wash, open, rough, go PV's on right, mud wall on right, go, curve left, go, more PV, mud wall on left, go, more mud wall on left, see the Sea, 2 big PV's on right

256. It is as gold as gold can be, Lime It! Go, big rock in wash on right, go, off to right on the ground,

257. Creature from who knows where has a long mane of prickly hair. Lime It! Go, rough, narrows, wall on right, off to the left on a slight rise

258. A white and gray whale, can't see his tail. Lime It! Turning back from whale, to right, Paul spotted

259. A smiley face close to ground, Lime around! Go, low wall on right off to right and low,

260. Sleeping critter in the shade, Lime the place, where he laid. Still here, walk down and to right, close to wall,

261. Biggest gold nugget you will ever see, cash it in and bright the money to me. Lime It! Walking again around close to wall,

262. Ninja turtle head on the ledge. Lime It! Back to vehicles, go, big rock left in wash, go, ridge on left, stopped, looked to left

263. Not a prickly pear, but a prickly Teddy Bear. Lime It! Across from Teddy, amongst the boulders

264. Another nugget, don't lug it away, Lime It! Go, open, close, rough, Ocotillo close on left, PV close on left, looking up on slope,

265. It's black gold so we've been told, Lime It low!! Go, PV close on right, rough and rocky, curve right, hard left, right, go, dead PV, go, right, and right, go right and right again, Ties here, stop, walk into gully, go right.

266. Who sawed that boulder so straight? Lime It! Don't wait, walk just a very short way,

267. Smiling speckled shark head, hope it's dead, Lime It! Walking again,

268. Ribboned head watching, Lime It, keep walking,

269. Eel's head facing down, to the left the chest will be found, Lime It! Head back now,

270. Paul Bunyan's snack cake with cream cheese frosting. Lime It!

The trial is done, hope you had fun. Take your finds, hope you remembered to LIME and head back to the Hut and check in. Now is also a good time to pull a few more Sahara Mustard. There are from 4 to 9 thousand seeds on each plant, catch them before they bloom and we lessen the impact on our native wild flowers. Thank you for your help.

## Salton Sea Look n' See 2010

45 blue tiny chests are hidden along a 11 mile round trip marked with orange ribbons. As soon as you get your clues, head straight (south). Don't stop and look at the clues in order to not block the line behind you. This trail is one of the easiest; especially for beginners. The trail has some rocky spots so you will need a vehicle that can go over them. No sponsored prizes are hidden on the trail. Trash has been dumped so we encourage our participants to grab a bag and pick it up. We need to keep our desert clean. Remember only one registration entitles you to find one tiny chest.

271. Out towards the sea, we see  
A small archway... a small chest there will be

Be sure to lime the spot

Go... Be sure to look at the birds along the shore. Great sight!

272. Charlie Brown's Christmas tree; all by itself  
Look around, you'll find your wealth

Be sure to lime the spot

Keep heading south. Sea on left. Make a right at the fork. Two orange ribbons show the way.

273. See the dragon head? He's close to view.  
He's smiling because he has something for you.

Be sure to lime the spot

Take right fork and then a left towards the trees. Two ribbons tied to a bush shows the way. Go left at the next ribbon and head towards the sea. Cross trails, still heading towards the sea.

274. Looks like they're getting ready to build a rock house  
Just the right size for a blue mouse.

Be sure to lime the spot

This was the main road into Lido Palms Marina and campground. The area was washed out by flood and then the restaurant burned out sometime in the 70's. Head towards the sea, along a rock guided path that was called Beach Club Drive in its heyday. Park at the end of the road to find the next several clues.

275. We fed the dog a bone so he won't bite  
Look for the chest. It's your right!

Be sure to lime the spot

276. The pirates left their ship and a treasure chest!  
You know the rest....

Be sure to lime the spot

277. Barnacles surround the dock  
The chest is not in hock. Please lime!

Barnacles were brought into the sea by the Naval planes and boats.

There's quite a bit of trash around here. Please help to keep the desert clean by picking some up with the trash bags available at the Hut. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Desert Clean Up will be held on May 7th.

278. Mutt & Jeff pilings to tie your boat  
If the sea was high, your chest would float.

Be sure to lime the spot

Walk south along the sea

279. The broken dock among the rocks  
A mini volcano near the chest and no locks

The dead tilapia you see is not caused by pollution but by lack of oxygen in the water or the water has been too cold for too long.

280. Once stood a majestic light pole  
The chest is hidden in a hole

Be sure to lime the spot

281. A hoot owl stands all by itself  
Hidden at the base, a chest hides wealth.

Be sure to lime the spot

Head back to your vehicle. Turn left before the rock pile. The concrete slab on your right was used as a base the the resort's water tank. Two ribbons tied to a dead bush on the left marks the way. Stay straight at fork.

282. See the hanging green grapes just fine  
With the chest to hold the wine.

Be sure to lime the spot

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Go south with sea to your left. Trails splits but goes back together.

283 Sling shot will make you hot  
nearby the chest... that's the spot

**Be sure to lime the spot**

Still heading south. 2 orange ribbons on bush mark the way. Turn right into wash where 2 more ribbons are.

284 On the right is an umbrella tree  
hiding a chest just for thee

**Be sure to lime the spot**

Go... turn left at two orange ribbons tied to a tree on left go straight. Two more orange ribbons show the way. Drop down into a wash and turn right. 2 more ribbons mark the turn.

285 A bridal bouquet thrown down in anger  
saw the chest and escaped the danger.

**Be sure to lime the spot**

Turn right into wash at the two tied ribbons. Turn left into wash at the next 2 orange ribbons. Go thru bushes.

286 The desert mistletoe hanging to the ground  
points to the chest is a small bush around

**Be sure to lime the spot**

Stay on the trail heading west; joining a bigger trail on right with 2 orange ribbons showing the way.

287 The letter "A" is easy to see  
at the base of the broken tree

**Be sure to lime the spot**

Go straight ahead towards Highway 86. Turn left at 2 ribbons. Then turn left at ribbons; heading towards the houses. Two more ribbons show the way.

288 A big gold nugget will make you rich  
hides the chest and gets you out of the ditch

**Be sure to lime the spot**

Trail merges - still heading west towards the highway. Go straight at fork where 2 ribbons are tied to a bush. Take right fork of trail towards the power poles.

289 On the right is a deer horn  
A chest is there so don't mourn.

**Be sure to lime the spot**

Turn right at two ribbons - will be heading north.

290 A tarantula sitting on a mound  
One leg up. The others down.

**Be sure to lime the spot**

291 A small white tooth on the right  
You think the fairy will come tonight?

**Be sure to lime the spot**

Cross small wash - still heading north.

292 Dead grape vines on the right  
Oh my! What a sight!

**Be sure to lime the spot**

293 While you're here, look around  
See the turtle on the ground.

**Be sure to lime the spot**

Take a left at the fork - ribbons tied to a tree. Cross a wash. Turn right into the wash at orange ribbons.

294 A chest is hidden in the beaver's dam  
Off to the right - get it and scram

**Be sure to lime the spot**

Still heading towards Hwy 86. Go down into main wash and turn left at big tree. Ribbon tied to bush. Still heading towards Hwy 86.

295 Someone embarrassed him. See his red face  
Could he be from the Indian race?

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Go... rocky... curve to right - ribbons show the way. Take a left at fork, heading towards a house. Rocky... Turn right into wash after 2 orange ties... curve... ribbons show the way.

296 Ladder to the sky  
will bring you a piece of pie

**Be sure to lime the spot**

Go... heading towards Highway 86. 2 orange ties mark the place to turn left at the fork. Really rocky! You can see the highway.

297 Snakes crawling into a hole  
The chest is next to a mole.

**Be sure to lime the spot**

298 A speckled Easter egg just for you  
The bunny's early - that's not new

**Be sure to lime the spot**

We have now gone 7 miles. Heading north... you can see Red Earth Casino, our biggest sponsor.

299 Here's a hamburger with no fries  
Guess what? You'll find a prize.

**Be sure to lime the spot**

Go... passing a while pole with red top. Turn right into wash, heading towards the sea. 2 ribbons show the way

300 A Dutchman lost a small wooden shoe  
Oh! Boo hoo, boo hoo.

**Be sure to lime the spot**

Keep heading towards the sea.

301 A rearing horse is not so close  
Is it time for the post?

**Be sure to lime the spot**

Go... rocky... turn left at ties and right into the wash. Still heading towards the sea.

302 A fried egg upon a rock  
It must have gotten very hot

**Be sure to lime the spot**

Go... between bushes. Curve to right. Curve to left. Curve to right. Join a wash. Tree hanging over trail. Curve to left... turn right into wash.

303 There's a cheetah ready to pounce  
on the chest before a bounce

**Be sure to lime the spot**

Go... Straight at fork, towards the sea and Lido Palms. Left at fork with big dead branch and ribbons. Left at wash.

304 A nest of spiders on the hill  
Grab it fast, if you will

**Be sure to lime the spot**

Trail curves to left. Across a wash, heading towards hills... across a wash. Trail curves right, heading north. Cross a small wash.

305 Off to the right, see an abandoned pelican's nest  
He took the prizes but left the chest.

**Be sure to lime the spot**

Go... cross small trail, heading north. Turn left into wash at orange tied ribbons. Tree on right. Left at fork.

306 A snake standing ready to bite  
He's trying to create such a fright.

**Be sure to lime the spot**

Go... right at fork between two trees. Cross a trail. Long branch in trail. Ribbon tied to tree on left is just to make sure you're still on our trail.

Go... Trail joins a wash from the right.

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307 A lizard heading west  
So, we gave him a chest.  
Take left fork, next to tree. Go between trees

Be sure to lime the spot

308 A curvy arch within a tree  
Hides a chest for you or me.

Be sure to lime the spot

Go... joining wash - still heading toward the highway. Join another wash and now seeing Red Earth Casino. Stay left at fork, heading right for the Casino and Truck Stop. Joining wash. Stay right at fork. Turn right before bridge at Hwy 86 (now on service road). Cross a wash and pass the turn off to Norm Niver Road.

309 There's a tree dwelling from the past  
A chest is here, forever last.

Be sure to lime the spot

Cross wash... still heading north.

310 Dream a dream, make a wish  
The wishbone's there for you to bare.

Be sure to lime the spot

We've now gone 11½ miles. Go... heading north. Cross the wash. Go across pavement.

311 Longhorn skull, we see  
A pretty chest to be

Be sure to lime the spot

Head north, cross another wash

312 Father Time's beard hangs to the ground  
I'm sure a chest is there to be found.

Be sure to lime the spot

Cross another wash. Drop down into the next wash and turn right at orange ties.

313 A snow capped rock just to the right  
Look in the bushes behind and see the light

Be sure to lime the spot

Go... We're now in the wash along Salton Sea Beach

314 Look at the angry snake  
Piggy backin a baby snake

Be sure to lime the spot

Go...

315 Miniature Mt. Rushmore with no faces  
hiding the chest, we left few traces

Be sure to lime the spot

We are now done. Hope you enjoyed the trail.

**Head on back to the Hut to  
enjoy a great BBQ by Holly May's  
and dance to the live music by  
The Blue Nights.**

**Don't forget to get some tickets for the UTV raffle!  
If you are the lucky winner...  
Can I have a ride?**

Lupin Loop 2011

Lavender chests numbered 316 - 360. The run starts at Tule Wash and highway 86 [ 10 miles south of the hut] and proceeds east towards the sea. The run is about 15 miles long. This run has several turns that are marked with blue and orange ties. You must pay close attention to the clues and ties to keep from getting lost. We did the run with a suzuki sidekick and some spots were tight for us.

316. Strike out with the bowling balls. LIME IT.

317. A girls best friend, Find the white diamond in the wall. LIME IT.

Tie at walk in.

318./319. enter the cliff, follow the path, search for the treasure and be fast. Ones in the scary hair bush and the other is waiting in the wall. LIME IT.

320. Stop for a break at the giant tree, You will find a treasure and be full of glee. LIME IT.  
Turn right onto pole line road heading south.

321. At the rocky "Y" look to the left and you will see why. LIME IT.

322. Look to the left, an old tombstone you'll see, there be treasures. LIME IT.

323. In the field of gold lies a dead branch, you'll find the treasure with just a little push. LIME IT.

324. A bit of old ireland in the wash- a bright green bush, the treasure to be found near the ground. LIME IT.

325. After your dinner stack your plates, the treasure is served, it's not to late. LIME IT.

326. Look for the log - take 40 paces out, the treasure is there, no doubt. LIME IT.

327. Wondering about, there will be the old plow shoe, holding the treasure just for you. LIME IT.

328. At the little dirt mound the treasure will be found. LIME IT.

Ties on right

329. Head toward the mountain of sandstone, Look for the treasure at the highest point. LIME IT.

330. look for the sleeping lizard pointing to the east, when you find your treasure you will be pleased. LIME IT.

Back on pole line road

331. Dinner was heavy but oh so good, it tilted the table, A measure of desert will be your treasure. LIME IT.

Turn left into the wash just past the 3 blue ties on the power pole.

332. The treasure can be found in the keyhole. LIME IT.

333. Across from the tumbled cliff you'll see a boot, so collect your loot. LIME IT.

334. There is a iceberg in the trail, the treasure will be found, no fail. LIME IT.

335. On the "T" top table the treasure will be, all you have to do is look and see. LIME IT.

336. A turtle crawls along the rim holding the treasure and hoping to spin. LIME IT.

337. My heart belongs to you and a bountiful treasure too. LIME IT.

338. A big sharks tooth, a dentists dream, a treasure will be found it would seem. LIME IT.

339. The balls are scattered, but it won't matter, the treasure will be so much fatter. LIME IT.

340. There's a rare piece of stake with a treasure for you to take. LIME IT.

341. Above there's rock pointing to the sky guarding the bush where your treasure will lie. LIME IT.

342. Elephants like peanuts and so do we, we put a treasure right there for you to see. LIME IT.

343. Two slabs stand erect, don't be a wreck, your treasure will be found. LIME IT.

344. The Starship Enterprise feel from the sky, bringing down a treasure, it's no lie. LIME IT.  
Turn right at the ties going into a narrow wash.

345. The haunted oak [or wanna-be] holds more than spooky things, there are treasures to see. LIME IT.

346. Dress up for the graduation and don't forget your cap, while you're there get a treasure in a snap. LIME IT.

347. Let your head rest on the big pillow and take a nap, beneath you will find treasure in a snap. LIME IT.  
Follow the ties up out of the wash

Turn Right at pole line road than turn left at the wash. Ties mark the left into the wash

348. See the baby pig standing all alone, He's holding the treasure to find his way home. LIME IT.

349. Up on high you will see the paw waving as you go by, If you stop you'll have a treasure and be able to say goodbye. LIME IT.

350. Three green and yellow trees for a rest, take a brief moment and look for a chest. LIME IT.

351. Pull to the drive-up window and pick up a treat, there's treasure there along with the drinks. LIME IT.

352. Pig "leg" got lost and left something behind, go check it out, a treasure you might find. LIME IT.

353. Among the chocolate cookies a boomerang lies with treasure hidden for all who try. LIME IT.  
Walk in at the ties.

354. Enter and look for a snack, a slab of bacon is waiting with treasure to take back. LIME IT.

355. Look in the peep hole and the treasure is there, and you don't even have to stare. LIME IT.  
Back on the trail.

356. Under the creepy old tree, get out and look, there's a treasure to see. LIME IT.  
At the ties up and out of the wash and go north along the freeway. Go Go Go Go until you come to the next wash marked with ties. Down into the wash and go right.

357. Look for a cave above mud rocks, there is a treasure there, beneath the white rock. LIME IT.

358. Surfs up; look for the board to grab a ride, and there the treasure will hide. LIME IT.

359. Caves in the wall, a shark fin to guard, your treasure is there, to find ain't hard. LIME IT.

360. The last clue on the trail on the white board that stands, the treasure is in the palm or your hand. LIME IT.

Dirt in my hair

Sand in my eyes

It's been a fun day

I'm not telling a lie

Sponsor, Helen Burns (pictured below) along with President of the Dune Busters, Ray Ellis, were the two main individuals that coordinated the first Treasure Trails event in 1966. We have them to thank for the fabulous event we we now have today. Helen passed away in 1994.



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So we are sorry if your name does not appear.

## GPS Run 2011

The GPS run starts about 10 miles south of the hut with 45 treasures located at GPS points. All treasures are located near {just a few steps} of a existing trail. The chests are orange.

361. 33.14.874 115.57.453 Under a round rock.
362. 33.14.771 115.57.576 Under rock on ledge
363. 33.14.910 115.57.557 Behind rock
364. 33.15.085 115.57.533 In the bush
365. 33.15.151 115.57.577 On the big rock
366. 33.15.368 115.57.599 In the green bush
367. 33.15.230 115.57.800 Round rock with a split
368. 33.15.076 115.57.755 In rock pile with a stick
369. 33.14.986 115.57.734 In a big bush
370. 33.14.944 115.57.744 Under a dead branch
371. 33.14.892 115.57.737 In a dead branch
372. 33.14.823 115.57.842 Under a big rock
373. 33.14.771 115.57.942 On a sand stone ledge
374. 33.14.683 115.58.011 In the rock pile
375. 33.14.554 115.58.064 Under the flat rock
376. 33.14.546 115.58.186 Under the big rock
377. 33.14.543 115.58.264 Under rock on dirt mound
378. 33.14.616 115.58.323 Under rock
379. 33.14.625 115.58.492 Green bush at the turn-a-round
380. 33.14.461 115.58.323 on a little hill
381. 33.14.436 115.58.216 In a branch on the hill
382. 33.14.424 115.58.079 Near a sand stone peak
383. 33.14.389 115.57.875 Under the broken peanut
384. 33.14.339 115.57.839 Near sandstone on ledge
385. 33.14.312 115.57.947 Under flat rock by white rock
386. 33.14.285 115.58.026 In the gravel on ledge
387. 33.14.219 115.58.111 In cave on the wall
388. 33.14.264 115.57.996 Under the ledge with gravel on top
389. 33.14.372 115.57.832 Under the white rock

390. 33.14.440 115.57.740 In the big green tree  
 391. 33.14.622 115.57.616 In the rock pile  
 392. 33.14.621 115.57.826 Under the sand stone  
 393. 33.14.547 115.57.900 The balancing rock  
 394. 33.14.719 115.57.984 In the lone bush  
 395. 33.14.719 115.57.783 Under the big rock  
 396. 33.14.739 115.57.769 behind vertical sandstone  
 397. 33.14.867 115.57.694 In the little rock village  
 398. 33.14.815 115.57.688 On black rock ledge  
 399. 33.14.711 115.57.690 Under a flat rock  
 400. 33.14.637 115.57.683 on the hill  
 401. 33.15.343 115.57.480 Under white top rock  
 402. 33.15.444 115.57.382 In the crack of the rock  
 403. 33.15.081 115.57.381 In the tree  
 404. 33.15.089 115.57.477 Behind a big sandstone bowl  
 405. For your last chest, looking where you started will be best. In plain sight,  
 your treasure will be, look closely and you will see. 33.22.460 116.00.558

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## HOLD THE MUSTARD

*How you can help eradicate*

*Sahara mustard:*

- Walk your property often looking for seedlings and mature plants (especially check near your road).
- Involve children in the search — they have a keen eye, it's a good science lesson, and after all, it's their inheritance we're talking about.
- Hand pull seedlings, rock and all, carefully hub-ho just at the site of the seedling — being careful not to disturb the seeds and seedlings.
- Pull larger plants using gloves (the leaves are very irritating) and using garden tools to ensure you've pulled the complete root.
- Dispose of all plant material in a biodegradable trash bag — a flowering plant can re-root and seedpods can mature even when the plant is uprooted. Take no chances.
- Enjoy your time in the outdoors that for each weed you pull you've saved yourself from having to pull 1000s of weeds.

*Join with others:*

MJCA, in partnership with the Joshua Tree National Park volunteer program, has adopted a west oasis of 29 Palms. You can help MJCA in holding the Sahara Mustard from taking over this area and learn first hand just how effective interrupting seed production can be if done year after year.

To be alerted to volunteer opportunities for this important "Hold the Mustard" project, please email your contact information to info@mjcaconservation.org or send a note to MJCA, P.O. Box 218, Twenty-nine Palms, CA 92277. Please include the subject line.... Hold The Mustard.



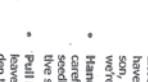
Sahara mustard crowds out the native wild flowers in parts of the Mojave Basin in 2005



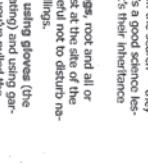
Sahara mustard seedling



Dried Sahara mustard stuck in a native creosote



Sahara mustard takes over clear-cut land next to a road and creates a fuel-rich fire hazard in 2006



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