



RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE COMMISSION

• Frank Heyming • Larry Riddle • Anthony Migliore • Brian Nestande • Meg Grossglass •

MINUTES

Thursday, June 11, 2009 – 10:00 A.M.

BLM Offices

1201 Bird Center Drive

Palm Springs, CA 92262

Members Present

Members Present:

Meg Grossglass, Vice Chair
Jon Christensen
Ryan Stendell

Staff Present:

Jim Fagelson
Lynda Gregory
(4th District)

BLM Representatives:

John Kalish – Field Director
Greg Hill – Environmental Coordinator
Dan Westermeyer – Recreation Specialist
Della Asuagbor – Realty Specialist

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. GUEST SPEAKER

None

4. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

None

5. OPEN DISCUSSION

The Bureau of Land Management property is managed according to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act that governs the leasing or disposition of public lands controlled by BLM. Under this act, BLM lands may be leased to governmental entities for no cost if the proposed use is for recreational purposes. Final conveyance of the land may also be at no cost if for recreational purposes or the sale can be significantly reduced to \$10 per acre under the Special Pricing Program Uses.

BLM stated that they would lease the County three sections of land at no cost while we development the plans for an OHV Park and construct the necessary facilities. Upon completion of the facilities and the initial operation of the Park, BLM would then proceed to convey the property to the County for either no cost or limited cost.

The current Desert Conservation Area Plan recommends establishment of an OHV managed use area at Drop 31 with emphasis on camping, trail riding and exploration along designated routes, trails and open washes. No changes to the Area Plan would be required if designated trails were the primary use of the Drop 31 area.

Application to BLM for the lease of the property is the first step. The application would include a site plan, development plan and management plan for Drop 31 that would include a timetable of actions and a draft design for all designated trails. Upon application to BLM, they would review the documents and make a decision.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m. Due to the summer heat, vacations schedules and travel plans, Commission meetings will be suspended during July and August. The next meeting will be held on September 10, 2009.