

Talking Points

- BLM off-highway vehicle (OHV) management is guided by two Executive Orders, Nixon 1972 and Carter 1977 and regulations from 1979. Three manuals were released in 1982.
- Many more vehicles exist today, with off-highway capabilities far in excess of what was contemplated when guidance and existing land use plans were developed
- A National OHV Strategy is being developed to address the myriad of resource concerns and land use conflicts

Examples: Special management area encroachment, soil water and air impacts, effects on threatened and endangered or sensitive species, recreation conflicts.

- The strategy to be developed is not “top down” but a public process to look at what is happening collectively throughout the west and obtain ideas and solutions from the public to use in the preparation of guidance.
- The public process will include a series of listening meetings at the State and local level across the West, announced through local news releases this summer. The BLM headquarters office will set the date and location of any national meetings.
- A component of the public process will be the involvement of the RACs. They have been invited to participate through regularly scheduled meetings or special sessions.
- Public comment can be provided either electronically through BLMs national web-site at www.blm.gov, through a mailer sent or handed-out to interested publics, or through one of the public meetings.
- Solutions proposed by the public will be used by BLM to develop “Guidance for Local Solutions”. Local implementation will vary depending on local needs and circumstances. It may result in such actions as local land use plan amendments, inventories, education programs, new partnerships or a variety of other on-the-ground accomplishments or improvement actions.
- Our goal is to complete the public input of solutions by the end of August, provide field offices with an opportunity for review , then have the guidance available for local implementation by the end of November 2000.