
APPENDIX J

J.1 RECOMMENDED OFF-HIGHWAY-VEHICLE MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

**Bureau of Land Management
Northwest California Resource Advisory Council
Recommended Off-Highway-Vehicle Management Guidelines**

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The guidelines for Off-Highway-Vehicle management are the methods and practices determined to be appropriate to ensure that BLM Land Health Standards can be met, or that significant progress can be made toward meeting the standards. The guidelines were designated to provide direction, yet offer flexibility, for implementation through OHV designations, activity plans and permit terms and conditions.

Guideline 1: OHV use will not be allowed on streambanks, riparian/wetland areas. Where needed, crossings will be bridged or hardened.

Guideline 2: OHV use will not impair proper ecological function.

Guideline 3: OHV use requires review/action during/after periods of high use and or stress (fire, flood, drought). OHV closure may be appropriate in response to factors such as accelerated erosion or loss of natural barriers to off-road use.

Guideline 4: Plans for OHV use must consider other resources and uses (livestock grazing, other types of recreation, archaeological sites, wildlife, mineral resources extraction, timber management etc.) and be coordinated with other users of public lands. Management of OHV Use should be sensitive to the creation and management of areas for quiet activities.

Guideline 5: OHV use will be managed to provide for the maintenance and reproduction of desired plant species and the achievement of the potential natural vegetation or desired plant communities.

Guideline 6: OHV special events will require permits that will include site specific, measurable terms and conditions.

Guideline 7: OHV projects that are subject to California OHV grant funding shall comply with that program's requirements as well as Land Health Standards. Tread Lightly concepts and non-proliferation principles will be included in permits.

Guideline 8: OHV use must consider habitat requirements for fish and wildlife

Guideline 9: OHV management practices must consider soil erodibility. Route designation and OHV management will be based on erosion hazard ratings.

Guideline 10: The spread of noxious weeds by OHV use will be combated through public education efforts, and vehicle cleaning requirements, or other measures, where appropriate.

Guideline 11: Locate routes, trails and developments away from sensitive areas.

Guideline 12: OHV related activities will be managed to protect and maintain watersheds, water quality and erosion control measures..

Guideline 13: Use various communication and interpretive measures and user groups to inform public land visitors about an ethic of public land use.

Guideline 14: OHV utilization and impacts will be monitored using currently accepted practices and techniques.

Guideline 15: “Open” OHV use areas must be specifically designated.