Vehicle and Camping Closures

Vehicle and camping closures are in effect to conserve the habitat of several plant and animal species found within the dunes, including the desert tortoise as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

Closures are located in the Mammoth Wash area, the southwestern central portion, and near the Mexican border. Motorized travel is not permitted within the closure boundaries. These closures are marked with posts and "No Motorized Vehicles" signs.

A camping closure is located on the eastern edge of the dunes between Washes 33 and 70. While camping is not allowed within this closure, it is open to motorized travel. This closure is marked with posts and "No Camping" signs.

Desert Advisory Committee Subgroup

The subgroup operates under the authority of the California Desert Advisory Committee and provides input to the BLM regarding issues pertinent to the ISD. Members represent the public, biologist at BLM's El Centro Field Office or the ISD, and a certified safety course or is milk-vetch, a silvery

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Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle (ROV) Laws.

• A person operating an ROV shall be at least 16 years of age or be directly supervised in the vehicle by a parent or guardian by an adult who has a valid driver's license (CVC 38360).

• Safety helmets are required for operators and passengers of ROVs (CVC 38046).

• A seatbelt and shoulder belt or safety harness are required to be worn when an ROV is in operation (CVC 38360a).

• Passengers in ROVs must be able to grasp the handrail while properly restrained with their hands or be secured with restraints (CVC 38044).

• Operators of ROVs: Be at least 14 years old, wear a valid driver's license and be able to have their back against the seatbelt (CVC 38046a).

• Ability to Reach and Operate Controls: Persons Under 14: A parent, guardian, or supervisor shall not allow a child under 14 years of age to operate an OHV in a manner that violates CVC 38304 (CVC 38046).

Recruitment of the operator of an off-highway motor vehicle shall be permitted for operation at night (CVC 38304).

Noise Restrictions. OHV noise emissions shall be limited to not more than 96 dB if manufactured on or after January 1, 1986, and not more than 101 dB if manufactured prior to January 1, 1986 (CVC 38304). Please visit http://ohv.parks.ca.gov for more information.

Carrying Passengers. ATVs operators may not operate an ATV with passengers unless the vehicle is designed for passengers and has a seat belt and shoulder harness systems. Mules may be transported on the vehicle and extend 5 feet from the head of the animal to the tail of the horse (CVC 38304).

State of California Off-Highway Vehicle Laws

This section does not address all California OHV laws. Please refer to the California Department of Motor Vehicles and other state agencies for more information. Visit http://ohv.parks.ca.gov for more information. (Revised CVC 38660)

California Highway Patrol

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) is located near the state border between California and Nevada. The CHP provides law enforcement services to the state's highways, including investigations into OHV accidents or incidents.

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