

**HIGHLIGHTS
EL CENTRO FIELD OFFICE**

**California Desert District
Advisory Council Meeting**

June 8, 2013

Resources and Planning

BLM Action: Renewable Energy

Contact: Carrie Simmons, Resources Branch Chief

Status: The El Centro Field Office is currently working on 29 renewable energy projects. We have 2 solar development applications, 3 wind development applications, (2 authorized) 11 wind testing projects (8 authorized), 10 transmission line projects (5 authorized), and 3 geothermal leasing areas. Several of these projects have been authorized, and part of our workload is transitioning to ensuring compliance before, during and after construction.

BLM Action: Tule Wind Project

Contact: Brian Paul, Project Manager

Status: On April 10, 2012, the BLM issued a right-of-way grant to Iberdrola Renewables for the Tule Wind Project. This project will generate up to 186 megawatts of energy via 62 wind turbines on public lands. The BLM subsequently approved a limited Notice to Proceed for initial geotechnical testing on the site and the work commenced on November 5, 2012. In November 2012 nine geotech sites were tested. Geotech testing resumed on Monday, May 13, 2013 and should be complete by the end of June 2013. On March 7, 2013 the BLM issued an amended record of decision (ROD) approving the above-ground construction of the 138kv transmission line, as described in the proposed action, with a 1,100ft shift necessary to connect to the San Diego County approved substation on the Rough Acres Ranch parcel. The BLM is drafting a ROD that considers Iberdrola's request to build ancillary facilities on BLM administered lands in association with the Tule Wind Reduced Ridgeline component of the project.

BLM Action: East County (ECO) Substation

Contact: Brian Paul, Project Manager

Status: On December 19, 2012, the BLM issued a right-of-way grant to SDG&E for the ECO substation project. The right-of-way authorizes construction of a 138 kV transmission line across 10.44 acres of public land between the existing Boulevard substation and new ECO substation. On January 23, 2013, SDG&E submitted a request

for a notice to proceed (NTP) to the BLM for geotech work in the right-of-way. The BLM is currently reviewing preconstruction plans and documentation submitted by SDG&E. A request for an NTP for the 138 kV transmission line is anticipated by June 2013.

BLM Action: Ocotillo Express

Contact: Brian Paul, Project Manager

Status: On May 11, 2012, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar signed the Record of Decision approving the Ocotillo Express Wind Energy Facility (OWEF) and BLM issued the ROW grant. This project will generate up to energy via 112 wind turbines on public lands. Construction began in May 2102 and on December 27, 2012, Pattern notified the BLM that 94 turbines were connected to the grid via the Sunrise Powerlink and in commercial operation. The remaining turbines are expected to be online by June 2013. On the morning of May 16, 2013, the BLM was notified that a blade separated from Turbine 156 and fell to the ground. There were no injuries or damage to sensitive resources. In the interest of public safety, Pattern stopped operation of all turbines on the project and is working to identify the root cause and necessary corrective action. The BLM is in daily communication with Pattern and is also working with the County of Imperial. All parties are working to find an acceptable resolution of this matter.

BLM Action: Ocotillo Express Weed Management

Contact: Brian Paul, Project Manager

Status: On May 3, 2013 the Ocotillo Express Weed Environmental Assessment (EA) was made available for public comment. The comment period ended on May 17, 2013 with 9 comments received. The BLM is currently working on addressing those comments as we work through the decision making process. The EA analyzed the use of herbicides in combination with manual weed removal to reduce and control five invasive plant species found on approximately 730 acres with the OWEF project site. The EA can be found at this link:

http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/elcentro/nepa/ocotillo_express_wind.html

BLM Action: Ocotillo Sol

Contact: Noel Ludwig, Project Manager

Status: SDG&E submitted an application for the Ocotillo Sol project which would consist of a 115 acre solar PV project near the Imperial Valley Substation. If approved, the project would generate up to 25 MW of energy. The BLM issued a Notice of Availability for the draft EIS on April 20, 2012, and subsequently received 192 comments from 13 comment letters. As a result of on-going tribal consultation, an ethnographic study focusing on the immediate vicinity of the project area is being

prepared. The FEIS is scheduled to publish in July 2013 with a possible ROD in the fall of 2013.

BLM Action: Campo Verde

Contact: Peter Godfrey, Project Manager

Status: A right-of-way application was submitted by Campo Verde Solar, LLC (First Solar) for a transmission line in September 2011. The project would connect a solar generation facility on private land to the Imperial Valley Substation via approximately one half mile of 230 kV above ground transmission line on public lands. The BLM published an Environmental Assessment (EA) on April 13, 2012 and a Decision Record was signed by the BLM on September 26, 2012 and construction is underway. The BLM anticipates that Campo Verde could provide power to the grid by September 2013.

BLM Action: ISEC South (formerly CSolar South)

Contact: Peter Godfrey, Project Manager

Status: On July 6, 2011, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar signed a Decision Record approving the CSolar South Project gen-tie line on BLM administered lands. The BLM subsequently issued a right-of-way grant for an above-ground 230 kV double circuit transmission line across approximately 1 mile of BLM administered lands. Up to 200 megawatts of photovoltaic energy per year will be transmitted across the line from the CSolar South Solar Field on nearby private land. Construction began around October 15, 2012, and the project is expected to be completed in the near future.

BLM Action: Centinela

Contact: Nicolle Gaddis, Project Manager

Status: On December 28, 2011, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar signed the Decision Record approving the Centinela Project gen-tie line on BLM administered lands. The BLM subsequently issued a right-of-way grant to authorize a 1.25 mile, above-ground 230 kV double circuit transmission line across 18.94 acres of BLM administered lands. The private land project will generate up to 275 megawatts of photovoltaic energy per year and interconnect with the Imperial Valley Substation. Construction began on BLM administered lands on November 1, 2012 with construction expected to be complete in the spring of 2014.

BLM Action: ISEC West (formerly CSolar West)

Contact: Nicolle Gaddis, Project Manager

Status: On August 23, 2011, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar signed the Decision Record approving the CSolar West gen-tie line on BLM administered lands. On August 23, 2011, the BLM issued a right-of-way grant for a 230 kV double circuit transmission line crossing approximately 4.75 miles of BLM administered land to interconnect with the Imperial Valley Substation. This private land project will generate up to 250 megawatts of photovoltaic energy. BLM issued a NTP for construction on May 23, 2013.

BLM Action: Archaeological and Paleontological Monitoring

Contact: Jeffrey D. Sahagun, Archaeologist/GIS Specialist

Status: Archaeologist/GIS Specialist Jeff Sahagun, Resources and Planning Branch Supervisor Carrie Simmons, and Dr. Thomas Demere of the Natural History Museum in San Diego, hiked to the Wind Caves in the Coyote Mountains Wilderness in order to monitor the condition of important paleontological fossils located on public lands. Dr. Demere also led Jeff and Carrie to a previously unrecorded rock art site. This site is unique in that the rock art is etched into the sandstone walls rather than pecked or painted. Near the rock art were several artifacts and invertebrate fossils.



Etched Rock Art Site in the Coyote Mountains Wilderness

BLM Action: Tribal Consultation

Contact: Christine McCollum, Archaeologist

Status: Government-to-government consultation with Native American Tribes on numerous planning, renewable energy and transmission projects continues to be a high priority for the El Centro Field Office. Tribal input plays an important role with these projects in reducing impacts to cultural resources. Mark Purdy, CDD Tribal Liaison, has provided assistance with outreach to Tribes by creating a renewable energy project calendar, which includes notifications and deadlines regarding the projects. The calendar is sent out regularly to Tribes and includes projects from the El Centro and Palm Springs offices.

BLM Action: Pyramid- American Girl-East Sand and Gravel Operation

Contact: Efe Erukanure, Geologist

Status: On January 10, 2013, the BLM issued Pyramid Construction and Aggregate Inc. (Pyramid) an authorization to proceed with operations under mineral materials contract CACA-49292. This was a competitive mineral material sales contract executed on January 25, 2008 authorizing removal and processing of 500,000 tons of waste rock within 40 acres of land in the former American Girl mine. The BLM completed an Environmental Assessment for this project and Pyramid has satisfied the required local, state and federal stipulations for executing the approved project. Pyramid began moving out materials in March 2013. The site was inspected by the BLM and Imperial County on April 13, 2013.

BLM Action: Bighorn Sheep Capture, Jacumba Mountains Wilderness

Contact: John Johnson, Wilderness Coordinator

Status: The project is a cooperative effort between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the BLM to research Peninsular Ranges Bighorn Sheep (PRBS) demographics and movement from the Interstate 8 (I-8) south to the U.S./Mexico border. The project is intended to help achieve the goals identified in the Recovery Plan, namely to monitor the PRBS population abundance, distribution and recruitment and research habitat use/dispersal. In addition data provided by the project may help the BLM more effectively manage PRBS populations on the BLM lands. Helicopter landings associated with captures, releases, or emergencies could occur in any portion of the Jacumba Mountains Wilderness. Sheep captured within wilderness will be transported to a processing site outside of the wilderness within In-Ko-Pah Gorge for collaring/processing and then returned to the original capture site. A Notice of Proposed Action (NOPA) was sent out to the public in March 2013, with a 30 day comment period that since closed. No comments were received. The project is expected to begin in the fall of 2013.

Recreation

BLM Action: Special Recreation Permits

Contact: Dallas Meeks, Recreation Planner

Status: The El Centro Field Office received 21 applications for SRP permits for events beginning in September 2012 through September 2013. Eleven of the applications for AMA District 38 races within the Plaster City and Superstition Open OHV Areas, two for Rocketry events in the Plaster City East Open Area, one for a quad drag race within the Imperial Sand Dunes, one for an Equestrian event within McCain Valley and one for a 4X4 touring event within the Superstition Mountain Open Area. In addition, the El Centro Field Office received three applications for “rock crawling” events for the Devils Canyon trail and two applications for bicycle events; parts of which ran through Chariot Canyon in Eastern San Diego County. All events that occurred since September were successful and no serious safety issues were noted. Currently, the El Centro Field Office has received nine SRP applications for FY2014.

BLM Action: DAC ISDRA Sub Group Update

Contact: Teri Raml, Desert District Manager (Designated Federal Officer)

Status: On March 20th, 2013, BLM announced the selection of two new ISDRA Subgroup members, Ed Stovin, representing OHV Organizations, and Tom Acuna, representing CA OHV interests. They replace Larry Jowdy, the Vice Chair who had been on the sub-group since 1999, and Bob Mason of the American Sand Association.

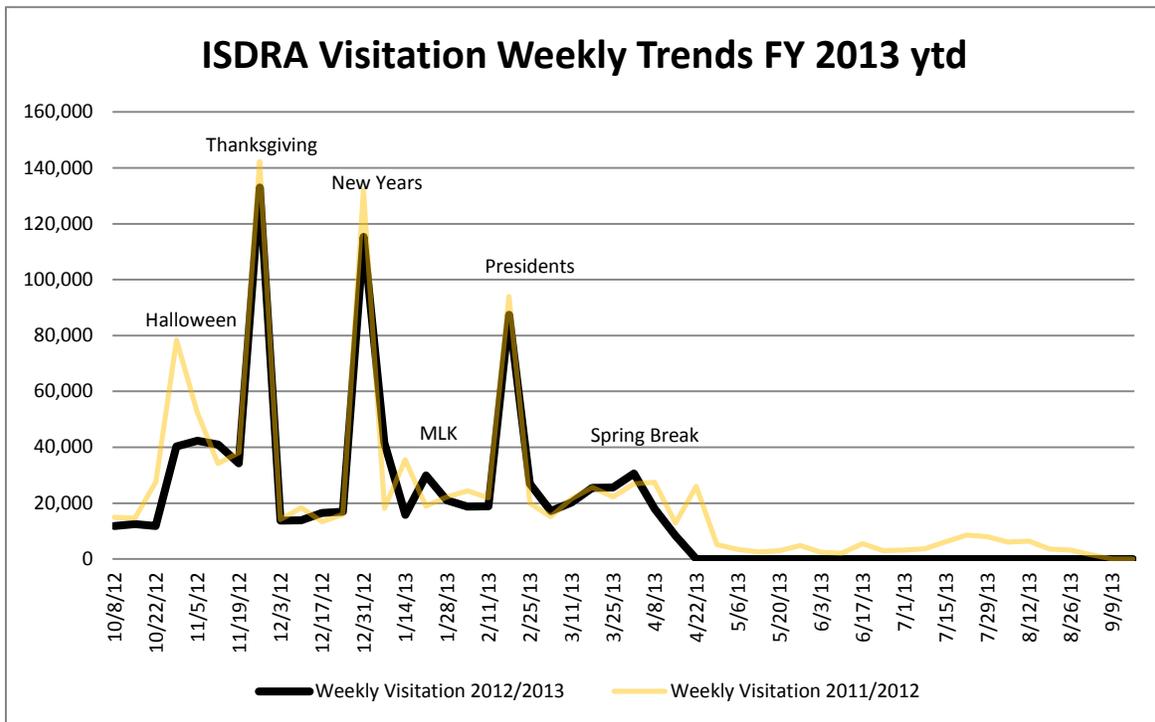
BLM Action: ISDRA Update

Contact: Neil Hamada, ISDRA Dunes Manager

Status:

- YTD FY 2013 visitation is 900,308 a 10% decrease compared to the same time last year.
- Ranger Stations are scheduled to close on Friday, April 19th due to increasing temperatures and decreasing visitation.
- All EMS/ Rescue Seasonal Park Rangers have been released from duty. One permanent Park Ranger and one Intern Park Ranger remain on staff. Several seasonal positions for FY 2014 are being advertised on www.usajobs.opm.gov through the end of August; however we are unsure how sequestration will affect the hiring process.
- OHV Grant funded projects
 - Current projects
 - Closure signing.
 - Trash collection through May.

- EMS / Rescue service.
 - Law enforcement patrols.
 - New applications for next grant cycle
 - ECFO Law Enforcement (part ISDRA) - \$600,000
 - ISDRA Education - \$10,000 for map reprinting
 - ISDRA Ground Ops - \$145,000 for facility maintenance.
 - ISDRA Safety - \$105,000 for EMS/Rescue services.
- Holiday Weekends – BLM received positive comments from visitor contacts regarding the improved family atmosphere, and cleanliness of the restrooms.
 - Presidents’ Day visitation was 87,463, down from last year’s visitation.
 - The table below summarizes some of the statistics from the holiday weekends. These statistics do not include the non-holiday weekends.



	Halloween	Thanksgiving	New Years	Presidents' Day
Visitation	82,000	133,000	115,000	87,000
Medical Incidents	41	94	37	45
L.E. Contacts	6,074	7,932	10,507	7,283
L.E. Warnings	1,123	1,122	1,040	1,206
Citations	408	507	463	446
Arrests	43	32	55	32

- Education programs
 - Continued emphasis on: OHV safety and new ROV laws, RAMP, and Business Plan.
 - The BLM's Official ISDRA webpage (www.blm.gov/ca/isdra) was viewed 83,833 times between September, 2012 and March 2013. The permit information, law enforcement questions, camping information, and RAMP were the most popular sites.
 - ISDRA Facebook (www.facebook.com/blmimperialsanddunes) currently over 1,366 likes since September 2012. At peak, over 30,000 people were reached in one week. Discussion/Notification topics have included: Sand removal and campground maintenance work, littering, emergency road closures, emergency phone line inoperable, MLK Clean up event, ISDRA history, Photo Friday, ISDRA job postings, meeting notifications, safety messages, holiday weekend updates, ATV safety classes, traffic /road updates, wildlife education, fee program information, partnerships, lots of photos, and more.
 - Continue to work together with UDG to provide guides, maps, Frisbees, and "Dune Guard" shirts, at ISDRA.
 - Worked together with American Desert Foundation to fill ATV safety classes this season.
 - Partnered with Imperial County, UDG, ASA, and Kawasaki to fund new kiosk panels for next season.

BLM Action: ISDRA Facility Maintenance

Contact: Neil Hamada, ISDRA Dunes Manager

Status: Complaints were received on Facebook about the road leading into Ogilby Camp Area after the road was degraded by storms. Reports indicated RVs were getting stuck in deep sand. BLM repaired the road in February result in in the following Facebook feedback:

[Paul Herbert](#) Woohoo, looks like ogilby road is getting some much needed love.

February 7 at 8:30am Via mobile · Like · 1

[Tim Wight](#) Thank you very much!

That road was in dire need of maintenance.

February 7 at 11:48am Via mobile · Like

[Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area](#) You are welcome! We hope to see you out in the sand!

February 7 at 11:59am · Like

[Eric Lokken](#) Gordon Wells next I hope. I'm too old for vehicle recovery. Keep up the good work . Thanks to all involved.

February 7 at 12:39pm · Like

[Michelle Verna](#) Fantastic!!! Shhh, please don't tell anyone. We like having the area to ourselves.

February 7 at 6:45pm · Like

[Marc P Walston](#) Looks like a government job..... For sure!!

February 7 at 8:07pm via mobile · [Like](#)

[Kevin Perry](#) Thank you - We love the Ogilby area, but hated the road. No we have the best of both worlds - Thanks again!

February 14 at 7:24am · [Like](#)

[Darcy Grizzle](#) yes it was wonderful driving into Ogilby this Presidents day, you did a great job on the road.

February 23 at 8:12am · [Like](#)

- Toilet pumping contract was extended and will be out for bid this summer.
- Trash collection contract continues and expires at the end of the FY 2014 season.
- ISDRA's one seasonal maintenance worker providing service through mid May. He continues to get compliments on the cleanliness of the toilets but struggles to keep up with costly vandalism and repairs.
- The newly installed toilet paper hangers allowed for sufficient supply for visitors during holidays. This allowed BLM to schedule a daily cleaning route without running out of paper.
- Sand removal has been a priority during the spring winds and repairs have been completed on Midway Campground pad, Wash Road, and Ogilby Camp Road. BLM has been able to keep all roads and campgrounds open during the 2012/13 dunes season.
- Buttercup Ranger Station parking lot had repairs completed around the walkways where the asphalt was heaping.
- Cahuilla Ranger Station roof repairs have been completed.



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BLM Action: ISDRA RAMP Update

Contact: Greg Hill / Neil Hamada

Status: Protests have been addressed, briefings have been completed, waiting for one more non-BLM approval before ROD is signed and plan is printed.

BLM Action: Volunteers

Contact: Neil Hamada

Status: Homer Himes, camp host at Buttercup Ranger Station, is still working full time. He works on site all year and continues to maintain the facility, vault toilets, vehicle counters, and campground. He also greets the constant flow of visitors throughout the year and provides them information about the area, OHV safety information, and educates visitors about the historic Plank Road.

We are currently recruiting volunteers to be camp hosts. For more information, visit <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/elcentro/recreation/ohvs/isdra/dunesinfo/volunteers.html>

When the toilet cleaning contract expired, Homer stepped up and began maintaining the vault toilets in the southern portion of the dunes. It became apparent that he needed to have the right equipment to do the job. The BLM maintenance staff built him a trailer out of scrap material, hung the UDG magnet on the trailer, and Homer pulls it behind a donated ROV from Kawasaki.



Figure 1 - Nails in Buttercup collected in the first 100 yards.



Figure 2 - Homer, donated ROV, donated magnet, and trailer made from scrap materials.

BLM Action: ECFO Law Enforcement Update

Contact: Ian Canaan, Chief Law Enforcement Ranger

Status: El Centro Field Office Law Enforcement staff is in the process of bringing the 2012-2013 OHV season to a close. In doing so, best practices are being identified for the 2013-2014 season, and changes are being implemented.

Some of the cost savings measures already implemented are:

1. Reducing the length of the holiday details.
2. Reducing the number of detailed Rangers from outside states. The current size of the details will be maintained for the foreseeable future. This level of staffing is the minimum to maintain a safe environment for the recreating public and also for the staff.
3. Increasing the number of Forest Service Law Enforcement Officers requested. This is primarily because of the short travel distances, minimizing overtime and travel costs.
4. Negotiated lodging rates at a local hotel, instead of the standard government rate.
5. Increased utilization of NAF El Centro.

Some of the pending cost savings measures are:

1. Shared law enforcement positions with other states and districts, specifically during the summer months. The offices selected to participate in this program will fund all Ranger expenses while the Ranger is working in their office.
2. Adjustments to the fleet, specifically the type of vehicles utilized by Rangers.
3. Requesting additional funding from the Washington Office.
4. El Centro Law Enforcement was recently awarded a Polaris TRAILS grant for protective equipment for Rangers and OHV accessories. This included new helmets, goggles and backpacks for each Ranger, and new LED lighting and GPS for two OHV's.

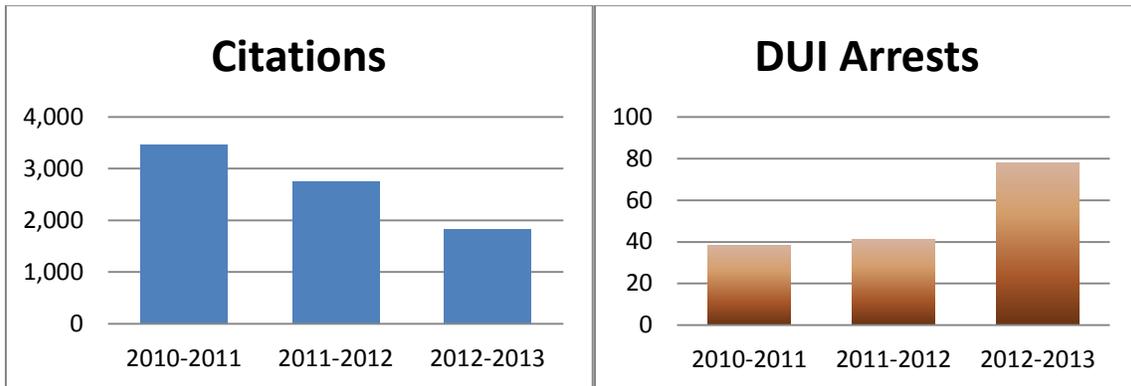
The El Centro Field Office is currently staffed with 12 Law Enforcement Rangers. The authorized staff is 16. Included in the 12 are a Chief Ranger, Supervisory Ranger and 2 San Diego Resident Rangers. Eleven of the 12 Rangers are fully functional, with one in the final phase of his training. As funding allows, it is critical to get the vacant Supervisory Ranger position filled.

2012-2013 Holiday Weekend Season Activity

Total Law Enforcement Contacts	31,963	Notes
Total Warning Issued	4,491	14% of total contacts
Total Citations Issued	1,824	5% of total contacts

2012-2013 Season when compared to two previous seasons:

	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	Notes
Citations	3,465	2,750	1,824	Decrease of 48% from 2010-11 and 34% from 2011-12
DUI Arrests	38	41	78	Increase of 105% from 2010-11 and 90% from 2011-12
Total Arrests	144	104	161	Increase of 54% from 2011-2012
Visitation	453,000	469,000	417,000	Decrease of 8% from 2010-11 and 11% from 2011-2012



Although visitation has dropped, law enforcement activity has increased, especially as it related to crimes. DUI arrests were the highest they have been in recent years. Similarly, narcotics arrests saw a substantial increase, primarily felony cases involving the distribution, possession with the intent to distribute and possession of felony drugs.

For the 2013-2014 OHV Season we will staff an OHV team during all holiday weekends. This team will focus on the areas which are inaccessible to other patrol vehicles. Closure areas, areas with large concentrations of people and DUI enforcement will be the primary objectives of the OHV team. These Rangers will primarily utilize UTV/ROV's and ATV's equipped with law enforcement equipment.

In addition to ISDRA OHV related activity, Rangers are also busy with non-ISDRA land management cases. We are currently working on four trespass/conversion cases and several substantial unlawful dumping cases. We are also working a number of cases involving commercial operations on public land, without permits or approval. These cases are significant to the protection of public lands

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BLM Action: Emergency Medical Services / Search and Rescue Update

Contact: Brian Puckett, Park Ranger

Status: Over the past 2012/2013 season, EMS/SAR calls were down 20% from FY12, but were on par with FY11. This season, we noticed differences and trends in both injuries and severity between north and south dunes. In general, patients in the north dunes tended to be more severe status, were in more remote areas, and we received fewer minor injury patients. In the south dunes, patients tended to be moderate status in accessible areas with about the same numbers of minor injury patients as years past. Five fatalities occurred, one as the result of OHV trauma.

Statistics for this season include the North Dunes having 77% of total EMS calls, with 83% of all helicopter transports, 47% of all ground ambulance transports, and 87% of all severe patients. The South Dunes had 23% of total EMS calls, 15% of all helicopter transports, 53% of all ground ambulance transports, and 13% of all severe patients.

These differences led to different levels of staffing, vehicle use, and response.

As a result of the ISDRA EMS summit the BLM coordinated last year, we have been able to follow up on ISDRA patients that have been transferred out of county. We have been able to document outcomes on 85% of our patients transported out by helicopter, and of those patients, the three leading diagnosis were: 45% were diagnosed with a moderate to severe traumatic brain injury, 45% diagnosed with significant spinal cord and vertebral trauma, and 39% were diagnosed with moderate to severe internal injuries which resulted in immediate surgery. These patients were operating all types of OHV's, and in general, they were utilizing protective equipment at the time of injury.

With the call and severity differences, staffing and response levels varied dependent on location. The Glamis/Gecko area was staffed with 2/3^{rds} of our seasonal park rangers and lead by a Permanent Park Ranger Paramedic. The Gordons Well / Greys Well areas were staffed by the remaining seasonals and lead by an intern Park Ranger EMT. We hired a total of seven seasonal Park Rangers whose seasons were shortened four weeks each due sequestration.

We have been partnering with Imperial County EMS Department, US Border Patrol, and El Centro Regional Medical Center to provide greater EMS training opportunities to ISDRA staff. This includes co-sponsoring and instructing the first Advanced EMT course in Imperial County to meet National Registry requirements which will result in greater levels of care provided in the field by ISDRA staff. One intern Park Ranger and

one Law Enforcement Ranger have successfully completed the classroom phase and are currently working both in hospital and in ambulances for the clinical and field training phases. Further education opportunities will include greater partnerships and training with US Border Patrol to help provide increased and enhanced EMS to ISDRA visitors.

We have applied for CA OHV Safety grant funding to help supplement EMS expenditures for the 2013/2014 season in the ISDRA. Based on the outcome of that grant funding, we will be looking to hire seasonal Park Rangers along with purchasing supplies and equipment to help provide EMS in the ISDRA, however the specifics will depend on the levels of funding awarded. Summer projects will include maintaining vehicles (both trucks and sand rails), closing the ranger stations, closing out grants, and prep work and set up for the 2013/2014 season.



We recently received a few compliments that we wanted to share with you. This was received via e-mail:

Thank You to your staff!!!!

I wanted to send a heartfelt THANK YOU to the staff of the Cahuilla Ranger Station. My family was camping at Glamis for the New Year's holiday on Gecko road pad 2, on December 28th around 9:00 pm my son was injured with a broken femur about 20 feet from camp. Your staff was dispatched and provided us excellent service. The -----family wanted to let you know that your staff showed much compassion, acted promptly by dispatching necessary medical support; they made a very stressful situation bearable for our family. We appreciate the services you provide to us at Glamis and the job you do. We wanted to personally Thank you for this. Your staff obviously loves their jobs and it shows! Thank you very much!!!Sincerely, The ----- Family

The following was posted at <http://www.ivpressonline.com/opinion/ivp-opinion-our-view-dunes-season-comes-to-a-close-20130404,0,3062650.story>. The quote was in the "Our View" section of the Imperial Valley Press.

"As much as UDG and local sheriff's deputies and ambulance drivers do during the dunes season, no one works harder than U.S. Bureau of Land Management rangers charged with keeping order in the sand."

"Some visitors think a getaway to the dunes means a getaway from the rules of society. People imbibing things that shouldn't be imbibed, or shouldn't be imbibed so freely, can be a big problem at the dunes.

The rangers are tasked with putting such folks back in line and also making sure dunes riders indulge in their passion with as much safety as possible. And the wonderful thing is the rangers generally keep order in the dunes with smiles on their faces.”