

Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA) Subgroup

Draft Proposed Structure

[based upon requests received from ISDRA Subgroup and input from BLM State and Field Offices]

Mission:

- Advice regarding long-range planning and resource management priorities (which may include the review of broad categories of allocation or expenditure of funds).
- Discussion and recommendations concerning potential infrastructure projects and significant operational changes.
- Review of season activities and identification of key issues, concerns, and potential approaches to address them.
- Discussion and advice about current and planned law enforcement activity, medical responses, maintenance activities, status and results of any environmental monitoring activities, and non-commercial special recreation permit fees.
- Communication of accurate and useful information between BLM and its interested constituencies and the public about the area and its management.

Expertise Needed from Members:

- California off-highway vehicle (OHV) interests
- Arizona OHV interests
- OHV organizations
- Imperial County
- Local community

Emphasis on persons representing actual ISDRA Dunes recreational users

Number of members: minimum of 7, maximum of 9 (odd number total); with at least 1 and preferably 2 from DAC.

Term:

3 year term, with option for consideration to serve a second term; staggered terms (1/3 each year)

Selection of Members and Election of Officers:

Interested persons submit applications to BLM per the application form. BLM submits recommendations to DAC for review and approval. Subgroup votes annually to choose Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Imperial County representative shall be appointed by the Imperial County Board of Supervisors.

Meeting Schedule:

Project 3 meetings per year, typically a pre-season, mid-season, and post-season meeting (with preference for at least 1 on a Saturday to encourage public participation). Permit electronic sessions (telephone conference call, webinar, etc.) with encouragement to provide materials, if available, and notice to public in advance.

Process for Reporting to DAC:

Subgroup prepares summary of meetings, Subgroup Chairperson submits report to DAC chair, and DAC chair distributes to DAC members (and BLM posts on DAC website for public) with 14-day comment period before forwarding report with any comments to BLM. [Note: the comment period does not preclude BLM field staff from taking interim action where information from the DAC subgroup or other sources indicates more immediate action is needed.]