



## ORBA - A Trade Association for Motorized Off-Road Businesses

Below is a list of meetings that ORBA attended during the month of July.

**July 1, 2009** - Scoping meeting for Sterling Energy Solar One/Calico Project NE of Barstow, CA. The location of this project could possibly result in loss of access to trails in and around the Cady Mountains.

**July 8, 2009** - Freeman Operational Review Team (Truckhaven, CA) - This small working group advises CA State Parks on interim policies and procedures for managing the Freeman properties, located just north of the Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area, while a management plan is being created for the area.

**July 9, 2009** - Tour of proposed Wilderness area outside of Blythe, CA. ORBA and local stakeholders are working on a compromise that would allow continued OHV use but prohibit other types of development and protect the natural environment.

**July 14, 2009** - San Bernardino National Forest Volunteer Association - This meeting is attended by several OHV leaders along with staff from the Forest Service. The discussion at the meeting surrounded grants for the area, including coming up with a good map for the OHV trails.

**July 14, 2009** - Meeting with various OHV enthusiasts to gain on the ground knowledge of the proposed Sterling Energy Solar One/Calico Project in NE of Barstow, CA. Maps of the trails in the area were discussed as well as possible alternatives and things the project applicant could do so access to the area north of the project would remain open to OHV use.

**July 21, 2009** - Quarterly BLM/OHV Leadership meeting at the Moreno Valley CDD office. All field offices send representatives to this meeting.

**July 30, 2009** - Scoping meeting for proposed solar project in Lucerne Valley, CA. The proposed project site is not far from the Johnson Valley OHV Area.



## HOW ORBA WORKS FOR YOU

**Work with local, state & federal land managers to ensure access to public lands.**

**Protect, promote and represent the off-road recreation industry.**

**Educate state and local leaders about the economic value of our industry.**

**Utilize lobbyists to be pro-active on political issues.**

**Utilize an attorney to work through the various administrative processes and litigate on issues when necessary.**

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## Congressman Issa Wilderness Bill

Congressman Darrell Issa intends to introduce a Wilderness bill that will increase the size of the current Beauty Mountain Wilderness Area and the Agua Tibia Wilderness Area by over 20,000 acres. Both areas are located in Riverside, CA. ORBA will work with the Congressman to try and ensure any legal routes in the area remain open.

## Best in The Desert - Reno to Vegas Race

Back in January ORBA attended a scoping meeting about this race. Casey Folks was increasing the mileage of this race to almost 1000 miles. This fact required the BLM to do some additional environmental analysis. ORBA submitted a comment letter and put out a press release with template a letter that enabled end users to easily send something to the BLM in support of this event. We were recently notified that the environmental analysis is complete and Casey will get a permit to hold this event.

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## SB 435 – This Legislation Would Require Smog Checks for On-Road Motorcycles in California

This bill has been put on hold by the author. It received a good amount of opposition in committee. We are concerned with the consumer converted dual sport bikes that legally converted their dirt bikes to a dual registration status. The state of California has bigger issues to deal with than smog checks for on-road motorcycles, to say the least! We will continue to monitor it if it moves forward.



## Nextlight Solar's Silver State South Solar Project and Silver State North Solar Project

This project is proposed to be located on 7,840 acres of BLM public land east of Primm, Nevada. The proposed projects, combined, would produce approximately 400 megawatts of electricity. ORBA submitted scoping comments on this project and will follow it through the environmental analysis in an attempt to reduce or mitigate any impact it will have on OHV recreation.



## BLM -Six Western States Solar Energy Development Programmatic EIS

The BLM is preparing an EIS to guide solar energy development in the six western states. ORBA intends to submit scoping comments that encourages the BLM to provide mitigation and/or alternatives that offer compensation for loss of OHV opportunity.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

**Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
California Desert Advisory Commission**  
Friday, August 28, 2009, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, August 29, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Riverside Marriott, 3400 Market St., Riverside CA 92501

**Sand Sports Super Show**  
September, 18, 19 and 20  
The Orange County Fair and Event Center, Costa Mesa, CA  
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