

Community Focus Statement E: Grow the local economy in a manner consistent with the rural character of Homestead Valley

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Action Statement E.3: In partnership with surrounding communities and landowners, establish trails for off-highway vehicles (OHVs). Promote and encourage the responsible use of OHVs through signs, amenities, and educational campaigns while advocating with local and federal agencies to prohibit OHV use that threatens sensitive natural environments or local quality of life.*

Benchmark: The Community OHV Committee educates community members and visitors in the responsible use of OHV in Homestead Valley Communities.

Champion: Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

Estimated Cost: \$500 – up, depending on Project scope.

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Create a Community OHV Committee, to act as a liaison between Homestead Valley communities, outside communities/land owners, and other OHV or environmental organizations as applicable.	Champion	Month 1	California Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1164
2. Develop a list of community concerns, issues, and regulations that address OHV recreation.	Community OHV Committee	Month 2	San Bernardino County Sheriff Department http://cms.sbcounty.gov/sheriff/PatrolStations/YuccaValley.aspx
3. Create a marketing and educational outreach program, designed to encourage responsible use of OHV in the community.	Community OHV Committee	Month 3 - ongoing	San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, <i>WVLY OHV Law Enforcement Application</i> , February 25, 2010
4. Identify and apply for grants that support maintenance, administration, enforcement, restoration, and conservation of trails, trailheads, areas, and other facilities associated with the use of OHVs, and programs involving OHMVR safety or education.	Community OHV Committee	Month 6 - ongoing	Sharetrails, <i>Wheels of the Forest: The San Bernardino National Forest Service OHV Volunteers</i> http://archive.sharetrails.org/node/9066
5. Encourage the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Yucca Valley Station to contact and organize citizen volunteers (Reserve Deputies and Search and Rescue) who are certified in OHV riding and can aid the Yucca Valley Station by joining a community OHV committee for traffic control and law enforcement exposure.	Community OHV Committee	Month 6 - ongoing	Southern California Mountains Foundation, Off Highway Vehicle Program http://mountainsfoundation.org/off-highway-vehicles
6. Have trained volunteers ride routes in the community on all-terrain vehicles or OHVs, providing information and watching for illegal trail use, missing signs, or hazardous trail conditions.	Community OHV Committee, citizen volunteers	On-going	Bureau of Land Management California https://www.blm.gov/california
*Organizations already exist to promote responsible trail maintenance and OHV recreation. Some community members want to ban OHV.			