

**Community Focus Statement E:** Improve roads and other public infrastructure throughout the community while preserving the desert landscape and rural character.

**E5**

**Action Statement E.5:** *Manage off-highway vehicle (OHV) use within the community boundaries through creation of an educational campaign to better educate OHV users on existing laws and legal use of their vehicles.*

**Benchmark:** Creation of educational materials and maps for OHV users.

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

**Estimated Cost:** \$500 - \$1,500



*Off-roading in desert communities can damage the unique environmental features. Photo source: Anonymous*

Off-highway vehicles such as all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and dirt bikes can disturb the tranquility of neighboring residents, businesses, and visitors, as well as damage the environment. Off-highway vehicle (OHV) use is allowed in designated areas of federal and state lands and allowed on private property in conformance with regulatory codes. Issues arise when use of OHVs occurs outside these areas on local roads or illegally on other's property. Some communities such as Johnson Valley have created brochures and signs to the locally designated areas and inform visitors of legal areas. They also work with OHV groups to pass on information to reduce impacts to the community.

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Develop an OHV Committee of interested parties	Champion with Morongo Basin MAC	Month 1	California State Parks OHMVR Division Grants and Cooperative Agreements: <a href="http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1164">http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1164</a>
2. Develop informational and educational pamphlets (for example, Frequently Asked Questions [FAQ] and Things You Should Know brochures) that address educational topic areas such as having proper OHV registrations, laws regarding operation on streets and private property, and maps with designated OHV routes.	OHV Committee	Months 2–4, on-going	Joshua Tree National Park Backcountry Roads: <a href="https://www.nps.gov/jotr/planyourvisit/backcountry-roads.htm">https://www.nps.gov/jotr/planyourvisit/backcountry-roads.htm</a>  Tread Lightly Education Program: <a href="https://www.treadlightly.org/quick-tips-for-responsible-atv-riding/">https://www.treadlightly.org/quick-tips-for-responsible-atv-riding/</a>
3. Partner with community businesses and members to display and distribute the informational and educational pamphlets on a regular basis.	OHV Committee	On-going	USDA Manager’s Perceptions of issues and Actions for Off-Highway Vehicle Management on National Forests in California: <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/psw/publications/documents/psw_rp250/psw_rp250.pdf">http://www.fs.fed.us/psw/publications/documents/psw_rp250/psw_rp250.pdf</a>
4. Add information to existing community and visitor-oriented websites	OHV Committee	Month 2 – 6	