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**STAFF REPORT:** Federal Legislative Update  
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**SUBJECT:** Federal Legislation Affecting California

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**Summary**

This report provides summary excerpts and status of bills that impact the Off- Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Program. Information contained in this report is accurate as of April 14, 2022.

**2021 - 2023 117th US CONGRESS FEDERAL LEGISLATION UPDATE**

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**S. 904 (Risch): Modernizing Access to our Public Land Act (MAPLand) Act**

Summary: This bill directs the Department of the Interior, the Forest Service, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to jointly develop and adopt interagency standards to ensure compatibility and interoperability among federal databases for the collection and dissemination of outdoor recreation data and digital maps related to federal lands. This is a companion bill to H.R. 3113.

*The bill's key off-highway vehicle provisions:*

The bill would make available, within three years after enactment, digital maps that indicate the types of vehicles that are allowed on each segment of the roads and trails on Federal lands, including the permissibility of off-highway vehicles.

Status: 2/28/22 The bill was reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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**S. 1459 (Padilla): Protecting Unique and Beautiful Landscapes by Investing in California (PUBLIC) Lands Act**

Summary: This bill sets forth provisions concerning the restoration, economic development, and conservation of, and recreational access to, certain public lands in California. This is a companion bill to H.R. 803 and H.R. 878.

*The bill's key off-highway vehicle provisions:*

As related to the Elk Camp Ridge Recreation Trail managed by the U.S. Forest Service in Del Norte County, the bill would designate and require monitoring of the trail for use by mountain bicycles and off-highway vehicles.

Status: 10/19/21 The bill was heard by the Committee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining.

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**S. 1527 (Lee): A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide that State law shall apply to the use of motor vehicles on roads within a System unit**

Summary: This bill would amend Title 54 of United States Code to require that the State in which a National Park System unit is located shall apply to the use of motor vehicles (including off-highway vehicles) on roads within a system unit.

Status: 6/23/21 The bill was heard before the Committee on National Parks.

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**H.R. 693 (Chu): San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act**

Summary: This bill would establish the San Gabriel National Recreation Area as a unit of the National Park System in California.

*The bill's key off-highway vehicle provisions:*

The bill would establish a 22-member Advisory Council to include two members that would represent the interests of outdoor recreation, including off-highway vehicle recreation, within the San Gabriel National Recreation Area.

Status: 2/2/21 Introduced as successor bill to H.R. 2215 last session.

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### **H.R. 803 (DeGette): Protecting America's Wilderness and Public Lands Act**

Summary: This bill sets forth provisions concerning the restoration, economic development, and conservation of, and recreational access to, certain public lands in California. This is a companion bill to S. 1459 and essentially similar to H.R. 878.

*The bill's key off-highway vehicle provisions:*

As related to the Elk Camp Ridge Recreation Trail managed by the U.S. Forest Service in Del Norte County, the bill would designate and require monitoring of the trail for use by mountain bicycles and off-highway vehicles.

Status: 2/26/21 The bill passed the House and was sent to the Senate for consideration.

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### **H.R. 878 (Huffman): Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act**

Summary: This bill contains provisions concerning the restoration, economic development, conservation of, and recreational access to, certain public lands in Northern California. This is the companion bill to S. 1459 and essentially similar to H.R. 803.

*The bill's key off-highway vehicle provisions:*

The bill would designate the Elk Camp Ridge Recreation Trail in Del Norte County for off-highway vehicle or mountain bike usage. The bill would additionally require the Secretary of the Interior to annually assess the effects of off-highway vehicle and mountain bicycle use on the trail, land in close proximity to the trail, as well as plants, wildlife, and wildlife habitat.

Status: 2/5/21 Introduced as a successor bill to H.R. 2250 last session.

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### **H.R. 973 (Carbajal): Central Coast Heritage Protection Act**

Summary: This bill would designate specified parcels of land in the Los Padres National Forest and the Bakersfield Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management as wilderness areas.

*The bill's key off-highway vehicle provisions:*

The bill would require that not later than six years after the date of enactment of the Act, the Secretary of Agriculture (acting through the Chief of the Forest Service) shall study the feasibility of opening a new trail, for vehicles measuring 50 inches or less, connecting Forest Service Highway 95 to the existing off-highway vehicle trail system, in the Ballinger Canyon off-highway vehicle area.

Status: 2/11/21 Introduced as a successor bill to H.R. 2199 last session.

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### **H.R. 1864 (Welch): RTP Full Funding Act of 2021**

Summary: This bill would amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to funding the recreational trails program, to require a study to determine the best available estimate of the total amount of nonhighway recreational fuel taxes received by the Secretary of the Treasury, and for other purposes.

Status: 3/11/21 Introduced as a successor bill to H.R. 5797 last session.

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### **H.R. 3113 (Moore): Modernizing Access to our Public Land Act (MAPLand) Act**

Summary: This bill directs the Department of the Interior, the Forest Service, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to jointly develop and adopt interagency standards to ensure compatibility and interoperability among federal databases for the collection and dissemination of outdoor recreation data and digital maps related to federal lands. This is a companion bill to S. 904.

*The bill's key off-highway vehicle provisions:*

The bill would make available, within three years after enactment, digital maps that indicate the types of vehicles that are allowed on each segment of the roads and trails on Federal lands, including the permissibility of off-highway vehicles.

Status: 4/6/22 The bill passed both chambers and was sent to the President for signature or veto.

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### **H.R. 5355 (Oberholte): Desert Community Lands Act**

Summary: This bill would convey certain Federal land to to the cities/towns of Apple Valley, Twentynine Palms, Barstow, and Victorville California.

*The bill's key off-highway vehicle provisions:*

The bill would convey 4,630 acres of land to the Town of Apple Valley to be known as the Apple Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area. The purpose of conveyance would be to establish a centralized off-highway vehicle recreational park to discourage the use of off-highway vehicles on other lands designated as environmentally sensitive. The bill would convey easements to other cities/towns for other uses.

Status: 9/23/21 The bill was introduced.

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**Commission Action**

For information only.

**Attachments**

None