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Chapter Summary

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VIII	Tactics and Techniques

The team found that LEOs working at the ISDRA on holiday weekends have been very innovative and creative in determining necessary tactics and techniques for dealing with unruly behavior. It appears much of this was done through "trial and success" or "trial and error." It has often been said that a given population of people will support and tolerate law enforcement only up to certain limits where the crowd begins to see it as intrusive. It is obvious that the BLM has found that limit with those that intend to participate in unruly behavior at the ISDRA. On the other hand, the BLM feels pressure from other groups of people to control the situation and make the ISDRA a safer place. This means that BLM LEOs must boldly go where no "BLM-er" has gone before. Because the BLM is in a position of providing an appropriate response, tactics must be employed that ensure the safety of the involved employees. This is best done in numbers and our LEOs have figured that out. The team observed the many LEOs present during the Presidents Weekend carry out their duties with utmost professionalism and effectiveness. One particular effective method is the use of K-9 units. There perhaps was no better tactic or technique for getting the attention of the "unruly" crowd.

The team did find several ways that tactics and techniques could be improved. The span of control between team leaders and members in the current tactics at the "sand drags" and Competition Hill gathering is a too large. This could be corrected by breaking up the large group into smaller squads that could be rotated in and out of the crowds. It also allows for some squads to be held in reserve for back-up or response to other areas. The team also thought that the incident commander (IC) should not be part of the group of LEOs that inserts into the crowd. Rather, the incident commander should be stationed at a control point with good crowd visibility. The IC would utilize "spotters" whose sole assignment would be to observe crowd behavior and report conditions to the IC. The IC uses information from "spotters" and LEOs in the squads to make deployment decisions or, ultimately, decisions to withdraw, should things become too dangerous. The team also believes that suspects and offenders need to be extracted from the crowd to safer control points to effect the arrest or issuance of citations. This could be done through use of a sand rail transportation vehicle by which the offender is transported immediately to a point where the arrest can be finished or citation issued outside of the crowd.

When planning for Incident Command System (ICS) operations and tactics, the team believes that a public information officer for the weekend operation would go a long way towards providing for a pro-active response should a given situation become media sensitive.

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Inspection Worksheet

Date: February 20, 2000

Worksheet #: 8

Office Evaluated: California Desert

Type of Evaluation: Special

By: National Law Enforcement Office

Worksheet Subject: Tactics and techniques

Findings:

1. The span of control between team leaders and members in the current tactics at the "sand drags" and Competition Hill gathering is a too large.
2. Spotters or "lookouts" are not being effectively utilized for spotting officer safety problems.
3. Law enforcement presence in the crowds was intermittent at best. The time taken in the crowds with citation issuance, arrests, and vehicle impounds was excessive.
4. Use of K-9 units appears to be a very effective tactic.
5. Public affairs concerning crowd situations and BLM enforcement posture appear to be reactionary.

Recommendations:

1. Crowd control team members need to be organized based upon small squads. An effective ICS needs to be set up where the IC remains at a command post or high point and directs the squads based upon crowd behavior and spotter information.
2. Spotters should be utilized at high points above an operation to watch for dangerous activities or changes in crowd behavior.
3. The small squads should be rotated in and out of the crowd rather than all the available officers at once.
4. Consideration should be given to placing a K-9 unit in the El Centro Field Office.
5. A public information officer should be part of the ICS team set up for the dunes operation.

Final Reviewing Officer	Title: Chief, National Law Enforcement Office	Signature:	Date:
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Implementation

Assigned to:	Date:
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UCR Offense		OFFENSE		OFFICES									
BLM Offense		BLM Sub-Offense		CA-060	CA-065	CA-066	CA-067	CA-068	CA-069	Totals			
13A Aggravated Assault	Public			0	0	0	1	0	0	1			
13B Simple Assault	Employee - Law Enforcement			0	0	0	2	0	0	2			
13B Simple Assault	Public			0	0	0	1	0	0	1			
13C Intimidation	Public			0	0	1	0	1	0	2			
200 Arson	Other		Other	0	0	1	0	1	0	2			
200 Arson	Structures		Other	0	0	0	0	0	1	1			
200 Arson	Wildland Resources		Government Property	0	7	0	1	1	0	9			
200 Arson	Wildland Resources		Other	0	0	0	0	1	0	1			
220 Burglary/B&E	Structures		Government Property	0	0	0	0	2	0	2			
220 Burglary/B&E	Structures		Other	0	1	0	0	0	0	1			
23D Theft From Buildings			Government Property	0	0	0	0	1	0	1			
23H Theft	Archaeological Resources(def by AR)		Government Property	0	0	0	0	2	0	2			
23H Theft	Desert Plants		Government Property	0	1	2	0	0	1	4			
23H Theft	Other		Government Property	0	0	0	0	1	1	2			
23H Theft	Other		Other	0	1	0	0	0	0	1			
23H Theft	Signs		Government Property	0	1	2	0	1	4	8			
23H Theft	Timber		Government Property	0	0	0	1	0	0	1			
240 Motor Vehicle Theft	Off Highway Vehicle		Other	0	1	0	0	4	0	5			
240 Motor Vehicle Theft	Other		Other	0	0	0	0	1	0	1			
240 Motor Vehicle Theft	Passenger Vehicle		Other	0	0	0	0	1	1	2			
290 Stolen Property Offenses			Government Property	0	0	0	0	1	1	2			
290 Vandalism	Aircraft		Government Property	0	0	0	0	1	0	1			
290 Vandalism	Desert Plants		Government Property	0	0	0	0	1	0	1			
290 Vandalism	Freshwood		Government Property	0	2	1	0	0	2	5			
290 Vandalism	Natural Feature		Government Property	0	0	0	0	1	0	1			
290 Vandalism	Other		Government Property	0	0	0	0	2	1	3			
290 Vandalism	Other		Other	0	1	0	1	0	0	2			
290 Vandalism	Range Improvements		Government Property	0	1	0	0	0	1	2			
290 Vandalism	Range Improvements		Other	0	0	0	0	0	2	2			
290 Vandalism	Signs		Government Property	0	12	2	0	5	2	21			
290 Vandalism	Structures		Government Property	0	2	2	0	1	1	6			
290 Vandalism	Structures		Other	0	0	0	1	1	1	3			
290 Vandalism	Tree Bark		Government Property	0	1	0	0	0	0	1			
290 Vandalism	Wildland Resources		Government Property	0	1	0	0	0	0	1			
35A Drug/Narcotic Vios	Marijuana		Manufacture/Cultivation	0	0	0	1	1	1	3			
35A Drug/Narcotic Vios	Marijuana		Unlawful Possession	0	1	2	9	16	0	28			
35A Drug/Narcotic Vios	Marijuana		Unlawful Use	0	0	0	1	0	0	1			

California Desert District
Incidents by Offense Type
1999

UCR Offense	OFFENSE		OFFICES							Totals
	BLM Offense	BLM Sub-Offense	CA-060	CA-065	CA-066	CA-067	CA-068	CA-069		
Camping	Over time limit		0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
Closures/Restriction Orders (8394.1 non-vehicular)			0	2	5	9	17	0	33	
Enclosures - Permit Use/Auth	Without license, permit, or authorization		0	0	2	0	1	0	3	
Endangered Species (Plant or Animal)	Other		0	0	2	0	0	0	2	
Endangered Species (Plant or Animal)	Unlawful Possession		0	0	1	0	0	1	2	
Endangered Species (Plant or Animal)	Unlawful take		0	1	0	0	0	1	2	
False Report/Information			0	0	0	0	4	0	4	
Fire - Non arson	Campfire violation		0	0	0	2	0	0	2	
Fire - Non arson	Unattended		0	0	0	0	2	2	4	
Fire - Non arson	Without license, permit, or authorization		0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
Fire Prevention Order (NOL)			0	0	0	0	6	0	6	
Fireworks	Unlawful Possession		0	2	0	0	0	0	2	
Fireworks	Unlawful use		0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
Game Animal	Unlawful take		0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
Game Animal	Violation of license/permit stipulation		0	0	2	0	0	0	2	
Grazing - Permit Use/Auth	Without license, permit, or authorization		0	1	0	0	1	0	2	
Hazardous Materials			0	0	1	9	9	7	26	
Hazardous Materials			0	0	2	4	6	4	16	
Hazardous/Injurious Devices (non-incendary)			0	1	0	0	0	1	2	
Interference w/BLM employees			0	0	0	3	1	0	4	
Interference w/Lawful Users or Users			0	1	3	0	0	0	4	
Liquid Waste Disposal	Other		0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
Liquid Waste Disposal	Unlawful Disposal		0	1	0	3	1	1	6	
Littering			0	1	8	30	17	3	59	
Livestock	Other		0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
Livestock	Unlawful Possession		0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
Natural Resources - Permit/Use Auth	Inadvertent taking/removal		0	0	1	1	0	0	2	
Natural Resources - Permit/Use Auth	Without license, permit, or authorization		0	0	3	0	1	0	4	
Non-game Animal	Violation of license/permit stipulation		0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
Occupancy - Permit/Use Auth	Violation of license/permit stipulation		0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
Occupancy - Permit/Use Auth	Without license, permit, or authorization		0	1	3	3	2	0	9	
Off Highway Vehicle	Closed Area		0	0	5	11	3	5	24	
Off Highway Vehicle	Off road or trail		0	7	14	21	6	3	51	
Off Highway Vehicle	Other state and local laws		0	6	27	260	75	39	407	
Passenger Vehicle	Closed Area		0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
Passenger Vehicle	Off road or trail		0	0	0	0	2	0	2	
Passenger Vehicle	Other state and local laws		0	0	6	27	6	0	39	

UCR Offense	OFFENSE		OFFICES						
	BLM Offense	BLM Sub-Offense	CA-050	CA-065	CA-066	CA-067	CA-068	CA-069	Totals
Protected Species (Plant or Animal)	Other		0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Protected Species (Plant or Animal)	Other state/focal laws		0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Protected Species (Plant or Animal)	Unlawful take		0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Regulations (NOL)			0	1	3	11	2	6	23
Resisting Arrest/Viol Notice			0	3	0	6	1	0	10
Right of Way - Permit/Use Auth	Without license permit, or authorization		0	1	3	0	2	0	6
Solid Waste Disposal/Dumping	Other		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solid Waste Disposal/Dumping	Unlawful Disposal		0	5	15	2	13	0	35
Special Recreation Use - Permit/Use	Non-payment, Fees		0	0	0	13	0	0	13
Special Recreation Use - Permit/Use	Violation of license/permit stipulation		0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Special Recreation Use - Permit/Use	Without license permit, or authorization		0	0	4	1	6	0	11
Supplemental Rules (Not otherwise listed)			0	0	0	103	1	0	104
Temporary Use - Permit/Use Auth	Without license permit, or authorization		0	0	0	0	3	1	4
WILD HORSE/BURRO	OTHER		0	1	0	0	1	0	2
WILD HORSE/BURRO	VIOLATION OF LICENSE/PERMIT		0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Wilderness - Permit/Use Auth	Inadvertent taking/removal		0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Wilderness - Permit/Use Auth	Without license permit, or authorization		0	1	2	0	6	6	15
Accident Investigation	Fatal		0	3	4	0	4	0	11
Accident Investigation	Non-Fatal		0	4	0	15	16	0	35
Accident Investigation	Other		0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Accident Investigation	Property damage only		0	1	0	2	4	0	7
Administrative Processes	Other		0	1	6	0	0	0	7
Assists	Law enforcement agency		0	6	25	3	17	3	54
Assists	Other		0	0	2	0	3	2	7
Assists	Public		0	0	1	2	3	5	20
Compliance Checks	Mining claim		0	0	0	0	2	3	5
Compliance Checks	Other		0	0	0	0	1	10	11
Compliance Checks	Permits		0	0	0	0	7	1	8
Compliance Checks	Range improvement		0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Compliance Checks	Wilderness Area		0	0	0	0	0	5	5
Criminal Warrants Served	Felony-Federal		0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Criminal Warrants Served	Misdemeanor-State/focal		0	0	3	0	2	0	5
External Affairs/Outreach	Other		0	0	1	0	2	1	4
External Affairs/Outreach	Other formal programs		0	0	0	0	0	1	1
External Affairs/Outreach	School programs		0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Fire - Non Arson	Human Caused		0	0	1	0	6	0	7
Off Highway Vehicle	Equipment violation(NOL)		0	0	1	26	0	0	27

California Sheriff District
Incidents by Offense Type
1999

UCR Offense	OFFENSE						OFFICES							
	BLM Offense						BLM Sub-Offense							
	Off Highway Vehicle	Off Highway Vehicle	Off Highway Vehicle	Off Highway Vehicle	Off Highway Vehicle	Off Highway Vehicle	Helmet	CA-060 CA-065 CA-066 CA-067 CA-068 CA-069	CA-060 CA-065 CA-066 CA-067 CA-068 CA-069	CA-060 CA-065 CA-066 CA-067 CA-068 CA-069	Totals			
								0	1	0	42	0	43	
							Other	0	1	2	11	1	16	
							Other state/local laws	0	3	4	66	2	75	
							Reckless, Careless, Negligent	0	1	0	0	0	1	
							Registration violation	0	11	5	35	6	57	
							Speed	0	0	0	1	0	1	
							Stolen/recovered	0	0	0	1	0	1	
							Hit and run	0	0	1	0	0	1	
							Other	0	0	20	20	8	46	
							Other state/local laws	0	3	1	18	0	20	
							Reckless, Careless, Negligent	0	0	1	1	1	3	
							Registration violation	0	1	0	1	1	3	
							Speed	0	0	0	7	0	7	
							Stolen/recovered	0	0	4	0	3	8	
							Lost person	0	6	4	0	4	15	
							Medical aid	0	2	2	1	26	31	
							Other	0	0	0	0	0	2	
							Rescue person	0	0	2	2	1	5	
								0	1	0	4	6	14	
								0	2	2	0	7	13	
							Other	0	0	0	0	0	1	
							Presented	0	0	0	0	5	5	
							Taken-formal course	0	2	0	0	15	17	
							Taken-informal course	0	1	1	0	0	2	
							Government Property	0	2	0	0	1	3	
Total								1	132	256	977	454	158	1900

California Desert District
 Incident Action Taken and Disposition
 1998

Action Taken per Incident Reported

Office/Action Taken	Written Report	Field	Written	Warnings	Federal Notice	Federal Criminal Complaint	Arrest	Grand Jury Indictment	State Citation	Statute/Loss Criminal Complaint	Administrative / Civil Remedy	Activity Log Entry	Search Warrant	Field Office Total	Peak # of LE Rangers (1998)	Current # LE Rangers (1998)
California Desert	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Ridgecrest Field Office	72	2	50	2	44	0	17	0	30	1	1	4	1	132	10	9
Palm Springs Field Office	85	36	44	1	1	1	41	0	228	2	4	37	0	256	7	7
El Centro Field Office	56	1	624	1	1	1	15	0	6	1	1	19	0	972	13	4
Boron Field Office	162	13	132	0	0	0	15	0	0	1	1	90	1	441	15	8
Needles Field Office	94	0	48	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	8	1	154	5	4
Totals	469	54	918	2	78	0	208	5	6	159	3	1928	52	1928	52	28

Disposition per Incident Reported

Office/Disposition	Closed, Incident	Closed, Criminal	Closed, Civil	Closed, Conviction / Guilty Plea	Closed, Acquittal / Dismissal	Closed, Prosecution - Administrative	Decided	Closed, Referred for Civil/Administrative Action	Closed, Referred Other Agency	Closed, Unfounded	Open, Case Pending	Field Office Total
California Desert	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ridgecrest Field Office	64	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	0	17	132
Palm Springs Field Office	120	63	22	2	2	4	4	33	67	0	88	256
El Centro Field Office	173	613	29	2	2	6	6	52	6	0	41	972
Boron Field Office	207	145	3	0	0	1	1	4	4	0	37	441
Needles Field Office	96	12	1	0	0	6	12	144	7	0	198	154
Totals	663	873	57	6	2	12	144	7	198	1958	1958	

**Management Perspective of the Imperial Sand Dunes -
Presented to the L.E. Evaluation Team - February 2000**

In summer 1999, El Centro F.O. did an informal review of the Dunes operation to see what was going well, what could we improve, what was within the capability of the ECFO, CDD, or California BLM, and what was bigger than that and required a policy change, more resources, etc. We discussed this within the office, with other Chief Rangers and Managers, and with the Dunes Technical Review Team (TRT) of dunes users. Findings/needs:

a) a more concerted LE, EMS (emergency medical services) and VSS (visitor services) effort, specifically

- a more comprehensive plan for the busy season of major holiday weekends
 - the need to pull in more resources - personnel and equipment
 - better coordination between the LE, EMS and VSS staffs
- b) more participation from other LE agencies

Improvements in 1999-2000 Dunes season

1) better operational plan

a) clear priorities for LE staff, putting a high priority on more serious incidents like DUI, minors in possession, open container, assaults, also on implementing the fee demo program. A lower priority was put on minor infractions such as double riding, riding without a helmet, etc. These priorities were developed internally and presented to the TRT for their input.

b) better coordination within CDD and with the State Office in securing resources. As a result, pulled in more LE staff than ever before, at or close to our goal for each holiday. Better radio communication through use of the Riverside Sheriff's Office portable system and dispatching and borrowing of NIFC radios.

This has clearly improved our on-the-ground capability, but has not been easy. Has required an inordinate amount of time from ECFO, CDD and State Office to recruit these resources. Has caused us to overextend our budget, even though we have fielded fewer EMS and VSS personnel than needed, which reduces public service and puts more of a load on LE staff to perform these functions.

2) more participation from other LE agencies, especially Imperial County Sheriff's Office

a) To solicit help from the Sheriff, have used a two staged approach

i) in fall 1999, signed a LE Agreement with him to pay off-duty deputies to augment our LE staff, handle more serious crimes like assaults, and transport offenders to jail. The Sheriff and the County Board of Supervisors are concerned re: the growing problems at the dunes, such as the incidents over Thanksgiving 1999, in that they strain the counties resources (hospitals, jails, personnel) and create a bad image of the dunes.

ii) in February 2000, met again with the Sheriff and asked him to take a greater role in the dunes, which are in his jurisdiction. He responded favorably and wants to pull together a mobile interagency LE coalition and seek funding for it through a combined green sticker grant for personnel and equipment (off-highway vehicles, radio/dispatching).

Results on Ground/What We Have Learned

- are making a dent, have a more visible presence, are receiving positive comments, are creating a backlash from the offending users
- have issued notably more citations/made arrests for more serious infractions
- is increased interest/concern (especially since Thanksgiving) in the OHV community.

environmentalists, regional media, the 2 US Senators Offices.

a) OHVs - the #1 concern they have expressed in surveys conducted by the TRT and in the 7 recent public meetings to rewrite the Dunes plan is safety and law enforcement.

b) the Sierra Club is focusing in on the dunes, the effect of the users on sensitive resources like adjoining wilderness and tortoise habitat and on a listed plant species; and that their belief that BLM is putting all or too much of its LE staff in the Dunes at the expense of other sensitive areas such as the Yuha Desert and Jacumba Wilderness Area.

- we've become more aware of the extent of the challenge in getting a handle on the problem areas in the dunes.

a) a bad element of young rowdies more interested in partying and lawless behavior than offroading has come to the dunes as a destination point.

b) we are questioning whether we have enough officers with proper training and equipment in crowd control to safely tackle the problem areas.

c) we are open through revision of the Dunes management plan to ways to change management strategies for the dunes, e.g. implementing carrying capacity, rules like no alcohol out of camps, etc.

Needs

ECFO has a strong need for a greater local LE (and EMS) capability on a seasonal basis, as well as more effective equipment, particularly the radio system. Local LE includes mainly BLM and the Sheriff. It takes a major effort in terms of time and money to gear up for the 6 holiday weekends, which overwhelms our ability to adequately manage other priority PD programs and is very expensive. Flying in NPS SET teams and out-of-state BLM rangers often requires equipping them with vehicles and other equipment. There are several ways to seasonally increase the ECFO staff, which is clearly undermanned:

a) shared LE rangers with another BLM or other agency office

b) seasonal rangers, like NPS

c) an increase above the 9 LE rangers on the ECFO T.O. Several of these could be assigned to Northern California/Oregon for summer projects/details.

BLM can't afford to do all of this alone, need to support the Sheriff's proposal for an interagency mobile LE coalition.

Also need to improve our ability to use the federal court system, many federal citations are dropped by the magistrate due to workload priorities.

BLM Rangers attacked on Thanksgiving Weekend

by Jim Kilberg

APPENDIX 3

Chaos reigned in the Southern California desert over the Thanksgiving weekend. Reports of 60,000 to 110,000 campers and ORV enthusiasts were in the Algodones Dunes in eastern Imperial County over the long weekend. Imperial Valley Press newspaper reports of drunken driving, alcohol and drug violations, riots and attacks on law enforcement officers have been confirmed in discussions with BLM staff and BLM Field Office Manager Greg Thomsen. Attacks on federal employees and law enforcement officers have not occurred in the past. One BLM employee was "run over" by a dune buggy and received a broken hand. BLM staff and rangers were assigned to work in the dunes, leaving the rest of the Public Lands resource areas with special management prescriptions and restrictions related to use of motorized vehicles unguarded without any BLM presence. Throughout the rest of Imperial County there were hundreds or thousands of motor homes camped along with their even more numerous motorcycles, three-wheelers and 4 wheel drive ORVs.

Vehicles were observed repeatedly ignoring BLM's posted signs stating that off road vehicle travel in Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) and lands designated for Limited Use is allowed only when posted as "open." Wilderness areas were clearly posted as being closed to all travel by motorized vehicles...where those signs had not been removed or destroyed by repeatedly being run over by vehicles. There was illegal "cross country" off-road travel by motorcycles and other ORVs both in the ACECs and in the Wilderness Areas, both during daylight and after the moon came up. Repeated calls to BLM emergency dispatch resulted in no rangers being sent to areas from which violations were being reported. I was told that there was no possibility of any law enforcement unless people were dying or there were dead bodies. In response to trespass, BLM ranger station said it was the jurisdiction of the County Sheriff's office. The Sheriff's dispatcher said it was BLM's responsibility since the ORVs were coming from public lands and onto private property.

It was obvious from the newspaper accounts that crowds were out of control in the dunes with 50-60 law enforcement officers in addition to other BLM resource staff, and illegal ORV activity caused much permanent damage to sensitive resources and wilderness areas where there was no BLM presence elsewhere in the county. To date there are confirmed reports of illegal OHV activity in the North Algodones Dunes, Indian Pass, Pichacho, Jacumba Mountains, and Coyote Mountains Wilderness Areas. A magnificent table dune in the Jacumba Wilderness was heavily damaged, in part, because BLM failed to dispatch any ranger even after reports of vehicle activity in part of the wilderness area from which ORV entry was made. Citations could

have been issued if a ranger had been present. BLM secured the approval of a Conservation Agreement, rather than an ESA listing which it had earlier sought for the flat-tailed horned lizard, to establish Flat-Tailed Horn Lizard (FTHL) Management Areas in four major habitat areas, including 3 ACECs in Imperial County. No BLM ranger was dispatched even after several reports of cross-country travel through the Yuha Desert ACEC and FTFL Management Area.

Management decisions are responsible for determining the allocation of staff time and financial resources for fulfilling the agency's mandate for resource protection of America's Public Lands managed on behalf of the American Public. However, a tenderness toward OHV use, influenced by the California Green Sticker money collected for licensing OHVs and from the Fee Demonstration project in the Algodones Dunes appears to have resulted in a failure of BLM to afford protection to sensitive resource areas such as ACECs, wildlife habitat management areas, and wilderness areas. Repeatedly blaming management decisions or inadequate funding and inadequate staffing has resulted in much irreparable damage to resources and resource areas for which BLM has specific management requirements by its own Plans, including the California Desert District Conservation Area Plan, and as required by the Federal Land Management and Policy Act.

What happened over the Thanksgiving weekend must not happen again, either in terms of threats to federal employees or to public lands resources!

Grand Opening of the Los Angeles River Center

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy will celebrate the opening of the Los Angeles River Center on Saturday, March 4, at 10:00 am. The River Center is located at 57 West Avenue 26.

On Wednesday, March 1, the Conservancy will host reception and dinner at the River Center in support of Propositions 12 & 13. Special guests will include Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa, Secretary of Resources Management, Nichols, Executive Director of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Joe Edmiston and Ed Begly, Jr. RSVP to Ron Concoff at 310-636-1654.

Results of TRT Survey

Priorities: 1=not important, 5=very important. Numbers represent averages of all responses in a given camp area. Age item: Since age was requested by group, this number is the average of the median age of each age group.

Camp Spot: buttercup

Average priority ratings. Number of responses: 176

<i>Average age</i>	<i>more camp sites</i>	<i>more rest rooms</i>	<i>Better vehicle access</i>	<i>More dumpsters</i>	<i>Need for beach cleaner</i>
39.31	2.34	2.90	2.52	3.36	3.03
<i>dust abatement</i>	<i>dui enforcement</i>	<i>speed enforcement</i>	<i>Enforce safety registration</i>	<i>Ability to report crimes</i>	
2.29	3.51	3.63	3.63	3.70	
<i>Enforce Quiet time</i>	<i>Fee enforcement</i>	<i>RV dump</i>	<i># that are families</i>	<i>Number of days spent yearly at the ISDRA</i>	<i># that will volunteer</i>
2.75	2.96	3.57	171	18.21	37
Method of Camping					
<i>tent</i>	<i>motel</i>	<i>self_cont</i>	<i>non_self_cont</i>	<i>overnight</i>	
28	24	29	24	31	

Results of TRT Survey

Priorities: 1=not important, 5=very important. Numbers represent averages of all responses in a given camp area. Age item: Since age was requested by group, this number is the average of the median age of each age group.

Camp Spot: gocko		Average priority ratings. Number of responses: 166				
Average age	more camp sites	more rest rooms	Better vehicle access	More dumpsters	Need for beach cleaner	
38.16	3.76	3.08	2.96	3.42	3.40	
dust abatement	dui enforcement	speed enforcement	Enforce safety registration		Ability to report crimes	
2.81	3.15	3.08	3.08		3.28	
Enforce Quiet time	Fee enforcement	RV dump	# that are families	Number of days spent yearly at the ISDRA	# that will volunteer	
2.22	2.60	3.54	167	20.40	118	
Method of Camping						
tent	motel	self_cont	non_self_cont	overnight		
56	50	62	50	65		

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Camp Spot: glamis

Average priority ratings. Number of responses: 426

Average age	more camp sites	more rest rooms	Better vehicle access	More dumpsters	Need for beach cleaner
35.00	2.58	3.19	2.70	3.70	2.95
dust abatement	dui enforcement	speed enforcement	Enforce safety registration	Ability to report crimes	
2.79	3.21	3.22	3.22	3.40	
Enforce Quiet time	Fee enforcement	RV dump	# that are families	Number of days spent yearly at the ISDRA	# that will volunteer
2.28	2.80	3.17	423	17.83	244
Method of Camping					
tent	motel	self_cont	non_self_cont	overnight	
148	130	163	131	174	

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Camp Spot: gordons Average priority ratings. Number of responses: 116

Average age	more camp sites	more rest rooms	Better vehicle access	More dumpsters	Need for beach cleaner
39.33	2.22	2.92	2.79	3.49	2.24
dust abatement	dui enforcement	speed enforcement	Enforce safety registration		Ability to report crimes
2.36	3.03	3.47	3.47		3.17
Enforce Quiet time	Fee enforcement	RV dump	# that are families	Number of days spent yearly at the ISDRA	# that will volunteer
2.43	2.41	3.38	115	20.82	75
Method of Camping					
tent	motel	self_cont	non_self_cont	overnight	
58	52	62	53	66	

Results of TRT Survey

Priorities: 1=not important, 5=very important. Numbers represent averages of all responses in a given camp area. Age item: Since age was requested by group, this number is the average of the median age of each age group.

All responses:

Average priority ratings. Number of responses: 908

Average age	more camp sites	more rest rooms	Better vehicle access	More dumpsters	Need for beach cleaner
37.10	2.70	3.08	2.72	3.58	2.94
dust abatement	dui enforcement	speed enforcement	Enforce safety registration		Ability to report crimes
2.83	3.23	3.31	3.31		3.41
Enforce Quiet time	Fee enforcement	RV dump	# that are families	Number of days spent yearly at the ISDRA	# that will volunteer
2.37	2.84	3.35	901	18.83	483

Percentage that are families: 99.23%

Method of Camping

tent	motel	self_cont	non_self_cont	overnight
298	284	330	285	351