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### **Press Releases**

**UPDATE:** [The long-awaited Forest Service proposal for new regulations on OHVs was released on July 7, 2004](#)

[October 8, 2003](#) FEDERAL COURT MAINTAINS OFF-ROAD VEHICLE BAN AT ALGODONES DUNES FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE

[August 5, 2003](#) WILDLIFE AGENCY PROPOSES 52,780 ACRES OF ALGODONES DUNES FOR CRITICAL HABITAT PROTECTION; Biologists' Science-based Approach Recognizes Off-road Threats and BLM Plan Failures

[July 2, 2003](#) BUSH PLAN TO ROLL BACK DUNES CONSERVATION FACES BROAD CHALLENGE; Twelve Groups, Local Citizens Target BLM Off-road Plan

[June 26, 2003](#) STATE SUED OVER PLAN TO SPRAY GRAPEVINE PEST

[June 25, 2003](#) FEDERAL COURT UPHOLDS OFF-ROAD VEHICLE BAN AT ALGODONES DUNES; Industry Loses Anti-environmental Lawsuit

[June 24, 2003](#) BUSH ADMINISTRATION FACES LEGAL CHALLENGE TO CALIFORNIA DESERT OFF-ROAD PLAN; BLM's Plan Would Interfere With Conservation, Wildlife and Air Quality

[May 28, 2003](#) LOCKYER URGED TO HELP HUMBOLDT DA's TIMBER FRAUD CASE; Watchdog Group Calls Attorney General's Reluctance "Travesty of Justice"

[May 23, 2003](#) SECRETARY NORTON IGNORES BALANCE AND BEST SCIENCE WITH PERMIT TO OPEN DUNES HABITAT TO ORVs; BLM's Final Plan is Even Worse Than Bad Draft, Conservationists Will Sue

### **LOS PADRES UPDATE:**

[May 14, 2003](#) FOREST SERVICE VOWS CULTURAL RESOURCE UPGRADE AT LOS PADRES; Agency Responds to Employee Charges

[April 8, 2003](#) SECRETARY NORTON IGNORES BALANCE AND BEST SCIENCE WITH PERMIT TO OPEN DUNES HABITAT TO ORVs; Wildlife Agency Pressured to Rely on Industry Report, Ignore Other Experts and Science; Conservationists Will Sue

[November 12, 2002](#) L.A. AIR POLLUTION TRADING GETS LOW MARKS FROM EPA; Report Dampens President's "Clear Skies" Projections

[October 28, 2002](#) KLAMATH RIVER WATER LEVELS SET UNDER POLITICAL PRESSURE; Congressional Leaders Call for Hearings, Whistleblower Protection

## **UPDATE: California blames fish kill on low water flows**

[October 9, 2002](#) ARCHAEOLOGICAL TREASURES RUINED IN LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST; Report: Supervisor Retaliated Against Employee Whistleblowers

[September 27, 2002](#) GARBAGE RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION TRASHING ENDANGERED SPECIES AND DESERT PUBLIC LANDS; Conservationists challenge work on line to haul L.A.'s trash to dump at Eagle Mountain next to Joshua Tree NP

[September 6, 2002](#) BUSH ADMINISTRATION FACES LEGAL CHALLENGE TO 5.5M ACRE CALIFORNIA DESERT LAND PLAN; BLM's NECO Plan Reduces Conservation, Harms Desert Tortoise, Biodiversity and Wilderness

[September 5, 2002](#) CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE PASSES GOVERNMENT LAWYER WHISTLEBLOWER BILL; First Major State to Free Public Agency Attorneys to Reveal Confidential Information

[May 2, 2002](#) LAWSUIT CHALLENGES SIERRA LOGGING; Complaint Says Department of Forestry is Short-cutting Timber Harvest Approvals,

[Water Board Requests More Staff.](#)    [See the resolution.](#)    [Water Board letter to CDF.](#)

[February 14, 2002](#) Joint Release: CONSERVATIONISTS TO ENJOY AND MONITOR ALGODONES DUNES OVER PRESIDENTS DAY WEEKEND

[January 30, 2002](#) BLM REASSIGNS KEY SO. CAL. MANAGER AFTER POLITICAL PRESSURE BY OFF-ROAD AND GRAZING INTERESTS

[December 21, 2001](#) CONSERVATIONISTS TAKE TO THE SAND IN DUNES DEFENSE MISSION: Environmental Monitoring At Dunes Stepped Up Over Holidays

[Conservation Groups Back US BLM's Move to Limit Livestock Grazing on Public Lands](#)

[BLM Violates Court Order on Tortoise Protection](#)

[Bush & Norton's BLM Ignoring Grazing Settlement to Protect Desert Tortoise](#)

["Near Riot" Conditions in Desert, Says Government Report](#)

[Environmentalists & BLM Agree to Protect Large Areas of Algodones Dunes](#)

[State Fish & Game Told to Facilitate Logging](#)

[Governor Intervenes for Pacific Lumber](#)

[Davis Neglects Toxic Problems](#)

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## **Surveys**

[1999 California Department of Toxic Substances Control Survey](#)

[1998 California Department of Fish & Game Survey](#)

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## White Papers

[Ruined Relics](#)

[Tortoise on the Half-Shell](#)

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## Other Activities

[September 12, 2001](#) PEER Comments to CA Energy Commission

[PEER Letter to California BLM](#)

*California's Failed Forest Policy*, a report based on interviews with with Dept. of Fish & Game Employees:

Read the [report](#) in Word format.

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2000 report on the status of the Dept. of Toxic Substances Control:

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