

Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Park Siting Feasibility Study

PUBLIC MEETING #2

6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2024

**County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)
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Introductions



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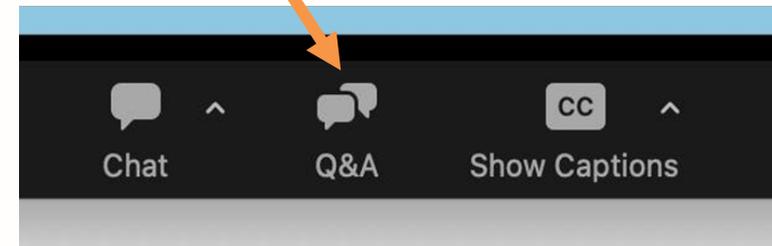
Housekeeping



- Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV)
- Zoom
- Recording
- Questions & Answers

How to Ask a Question in the Webinar:

Please submit
questions for the
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- Background of this Study
- Survey Results
- Recap Feedback from the Roundtable
- Tier 1 Site Selection Process
- Next Steps: Tier 2 Analysis
- Questions & Answers





- **How did you hear about the public meeting?**
- **Why did you decide to attend the meeting today?**





Background



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Direction from the County of San Diego
Board of Supervisors:

“Conduct the activities necessary to begin the process of siting an off-highway motor vehicle park in the County of San Diego, including conducting any necessary review under CEQA once a site is identified, and return to the Board as necessary.”



What is an OHV Park?



OHV parks provide trails, tracks and other outdoor recreation opportunities.

By designating space we can support Ohv user interests while helping to prevent unauthorized use on preserve/private lands – protecting natural and cultural resources.



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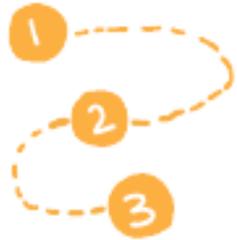
OHV Parks can have a variety of design features, for example:

- Restrooms and drinking water
- Camping and picnic areas
- Safe trails, central access and public facilities
- Interconnected trails of varying difficulty + the maintenance of those features
- Interpretive and educational activities
- Public safety perks such as onsite staff, patrols and links to law enforcement and emergency personnel
- Resource management prevent erosion, revegetate damaged areas, and put in place other safeguards to protect habitats



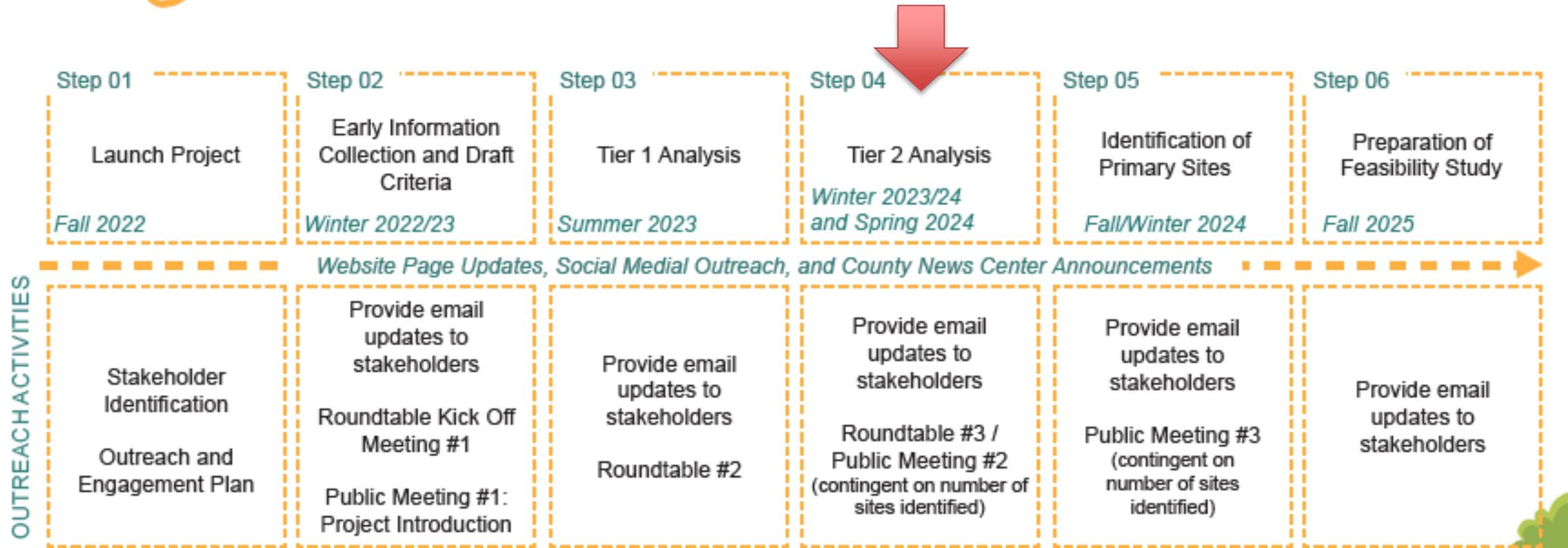
Schedule

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PROCESS

Outreach activities will take place from Fall 2022 to Fall 2025, as shown in the table below, to allow the community to inform the selection of potential park sites. Please note that the dates and times are subject to change. Please check the San Diego Parks and Recreation website link above for updates.





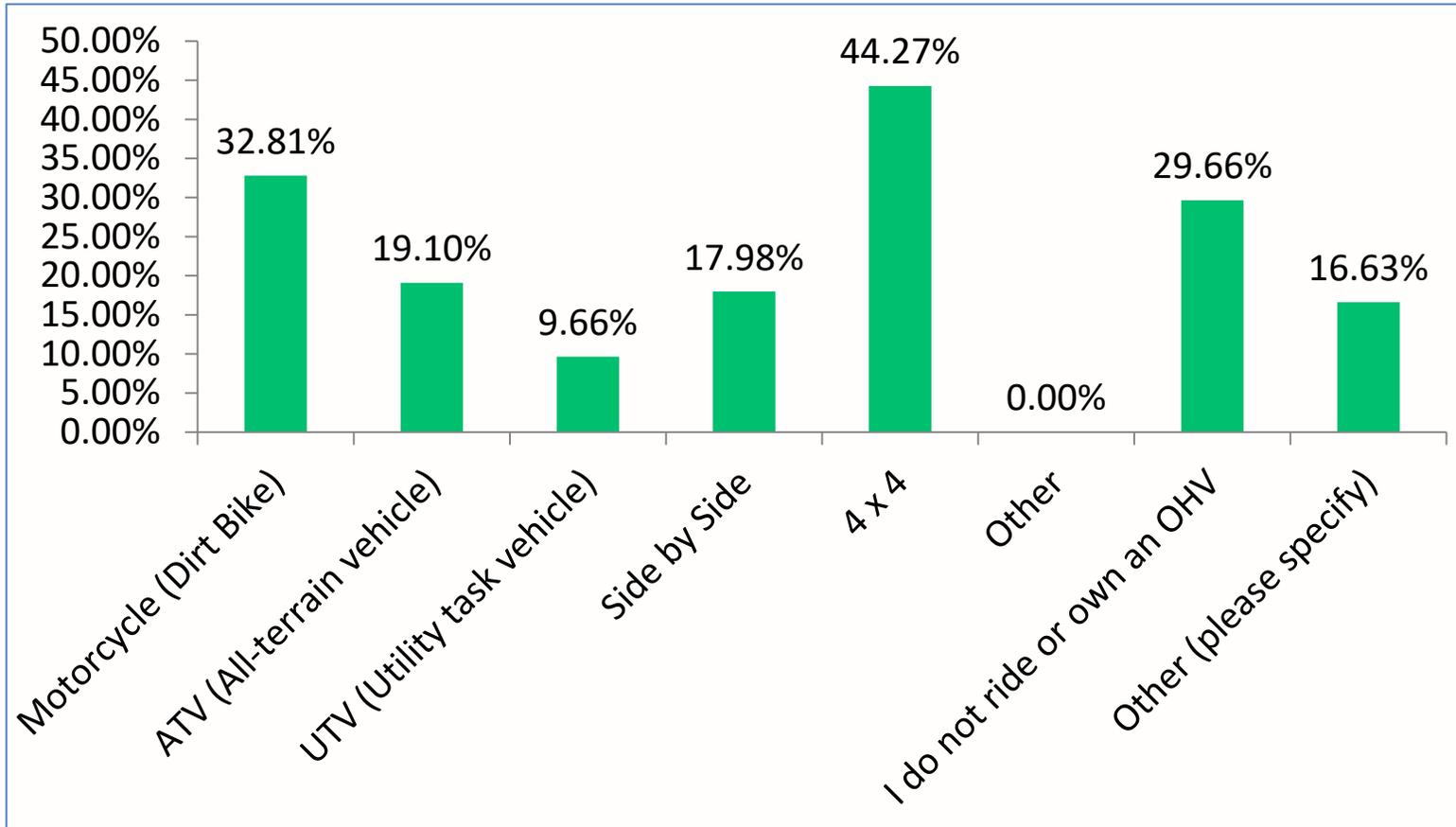
Survey Results



Question 6



Do you ride and/or own any of the following off-highway vehicle (OHV)? Select all that apply:



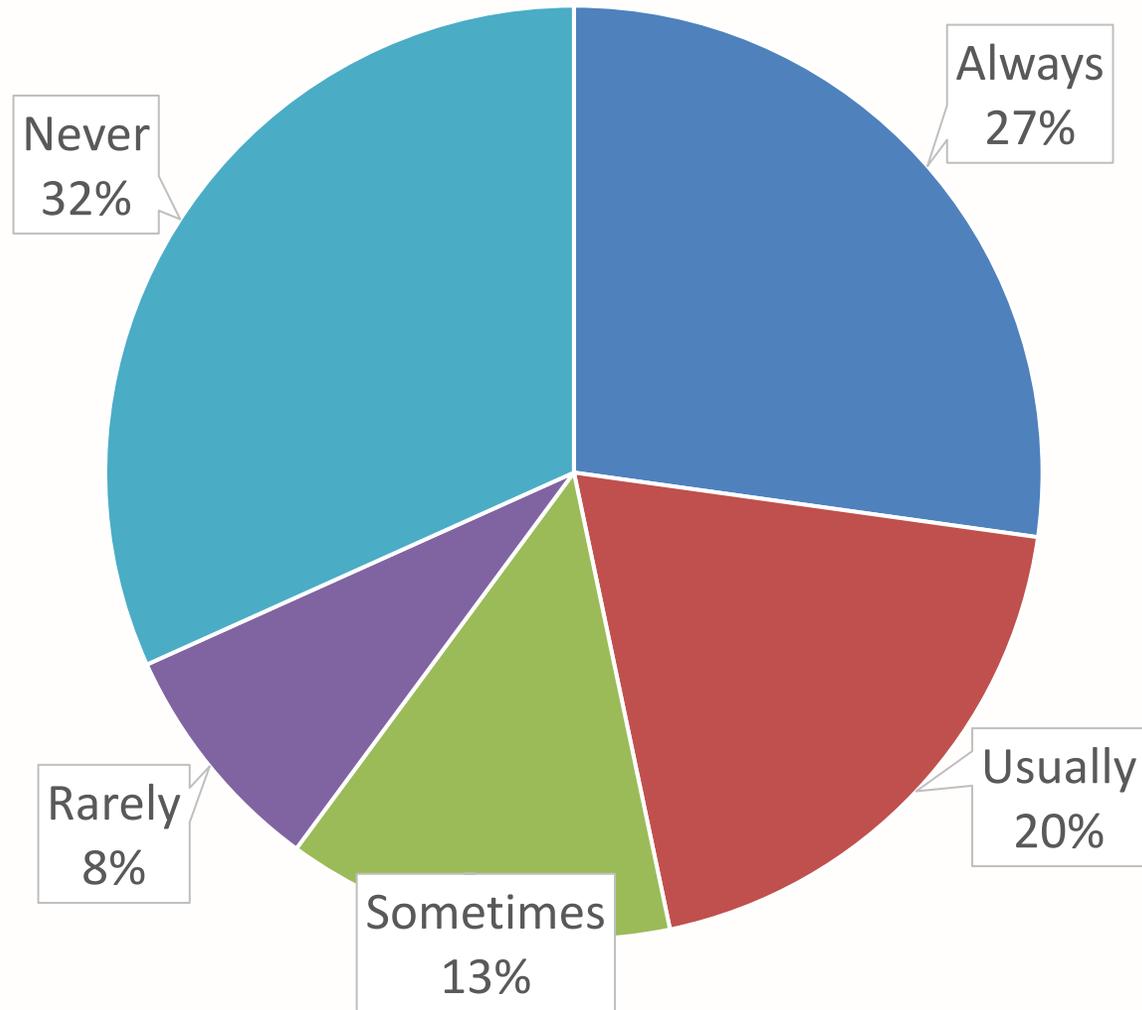
- ### OTHER RESPONSES (EXCERPTS FROM SURVEY)
- Electric OHV
 - E-bikes
 - Mountain bike
 - ATC
 - Cyclocross, gravel, dirt bike
 - Dune buggy
 - Jeep
 - Quad
 - Sand rail / sand car
 - UTV
 - RV & Golf Cart



Question 7



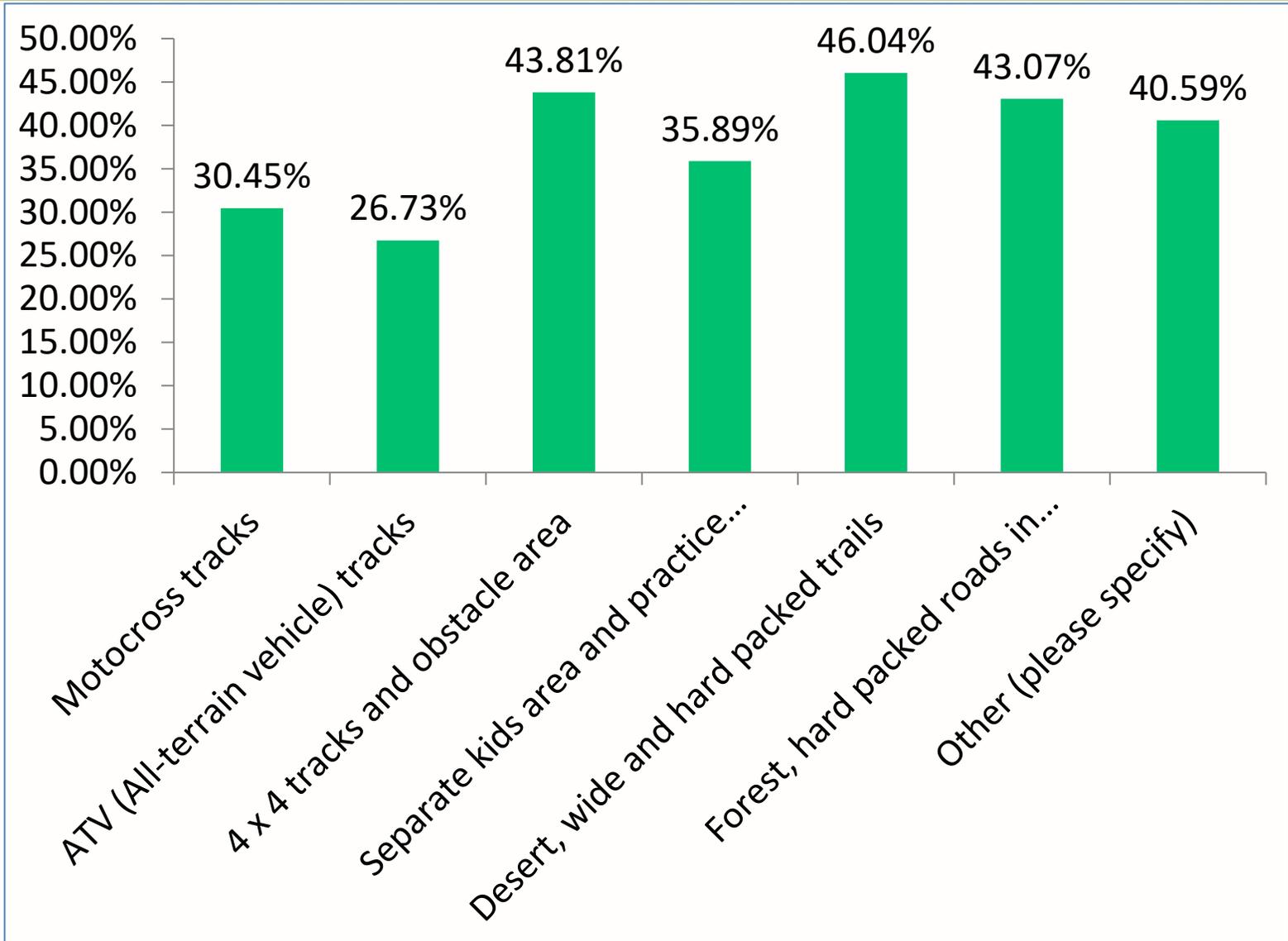
How often do you participate in OHV activities?



Question 10



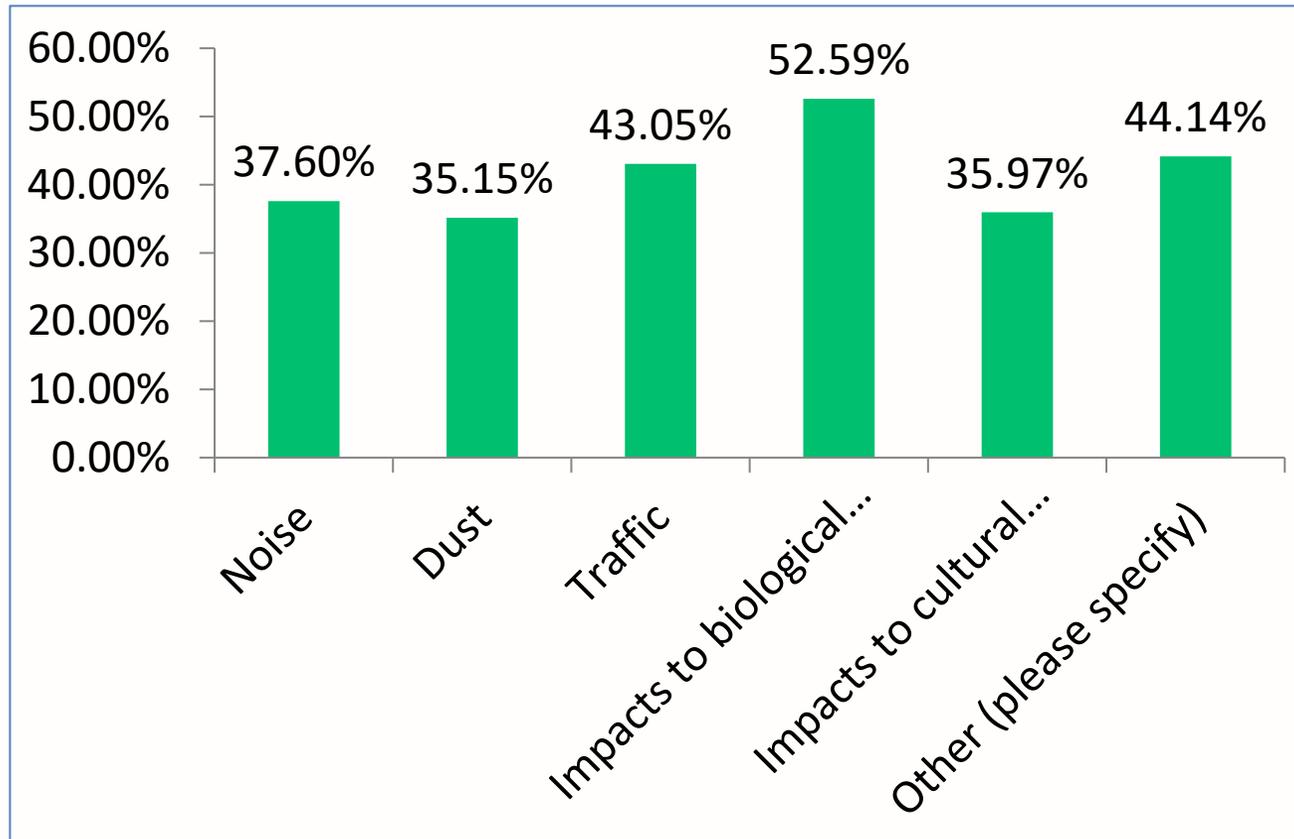
What type of features would you like to see in an OHV park?



Question 12



What would be your major concern with an OHV Park?



OTHER CONCERNS (EXCERPTS FROM SURVEY)

- Access
- Air pollution
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Fire accidents
- Environmental impacts to wildlife and humans
- Potential to cause wildfires
- Illegal expansion
- Liability by county
- Enforcement and safety personal
- family

VIEW THE FULL LIST

<https://www.sdparcs.org/content/sdparcs/en/park-pages/OffHighwayVehicles.html>



Question 13



PLEASE SHARE COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS (EXCERPTS FROM SURVEY)

- “New park will keep riders from illegally riding...”
- “More OHV areas are needed close-in, within 50 miles or less of downtown.”
- “My entire family has participated in off road activities for over 30 years in Southern California. I have three kids and I would love for them to be able to carry on these family activities...”
- “This facility is unnecessary and harmful to our county's ecology!”
- “Protecting our natural environment should be the primary concern.”
- “...consider a space that has already been damaged.”
- “Noise, impact to local vegetation and animal life.”

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See the OHV web page under “Survey Results”

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Roundtable Feedback



Roundtable Feedback



Two Roundtable Meetings were hosted in summer and winter 2023.

Key Themes

- Reduce wildfire potential; consider fire access and rescue service response times
- Consider places where people can go for a day but also after work
- Add amenities like restrooms and camping – even playgrounds
- Consider parallel tracks for multiple types of OHVs (such as ebikes)
- Avoid culturally sensitive and tribal sites
- Consider placement around watersheds
- Be cognizant of preserve/conserved land, environmental protections





Tier 1: Site Selection Process



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TIER 1 DATA LAYER		
DESCRIPTION	Constraint	Opportunity
Agricultural Preserve	✓	
Agricultural Preserve Contract	✓	
Conserved Lands	✓	
Critical Habitat (16 species layers)	✓	
Developable Land		✓
Indian Reservations	✓	
Military Bases and Ranges	✓	
MSCP_SouthCo_HABITRAK	✓	
Preliminary East County MSCP	✓	✓
Preliminary North County MSCP	✓	✓
Public Utility Mitigation Sites	✓	
Rarewaters with T&E Species	✓	
San Diego City's Master Habitat Planning Area	✓	
San Diego County Planned Land Use	✓	✓
Slopes	✓	✓
South County MSCP	✓	✓
Trail /Road Erosion Hazard	✓	✓
Vegetation Communities	✓	✓
Wetlands	✓	
Wilderness Areas	✓	
Wind Erosion Potential	✓	✓

GOAL:

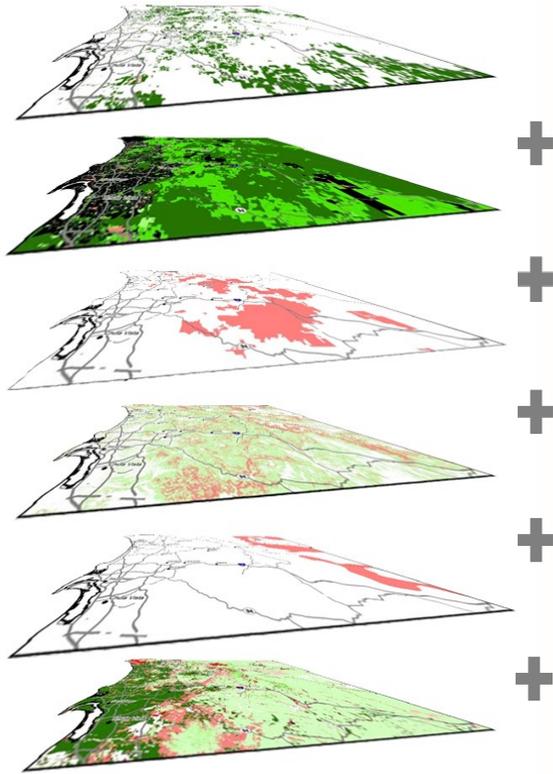
Compile GIS data representing opportunities and constraints to prepare a map of potential locations for an OHV park in San Diego County.

HOW IT WORKED:

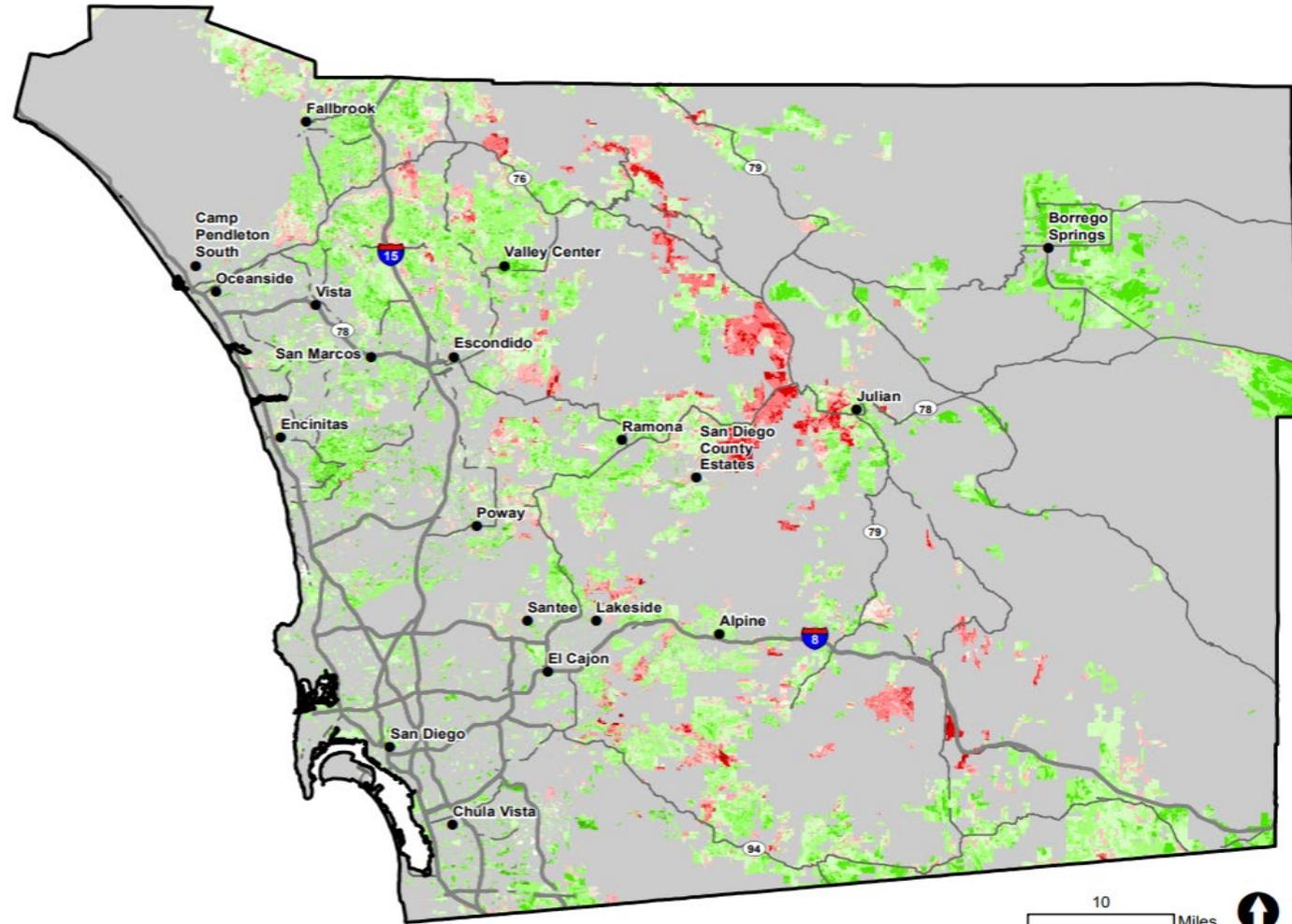
- ✓ Create a list of opportunities and constraints
- ✓ Review layers by landowner
- ✓ Assign values to each
 - Layer attributes scored +5 to -5
 - Excluded areas were given a value of -1000
- ✓ Analyze GIS data, reevaluate
- ✓ Identify feasible locations on non-protected property
- ✓ Involve staff and conduct outreach
- ✓ Assess/identify priority areas for OHV park consideration
- ✓ Continue outreach process

Tier 1 Site Analysis

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[... 37 GIS layers]



Tier 1 Site Analysis

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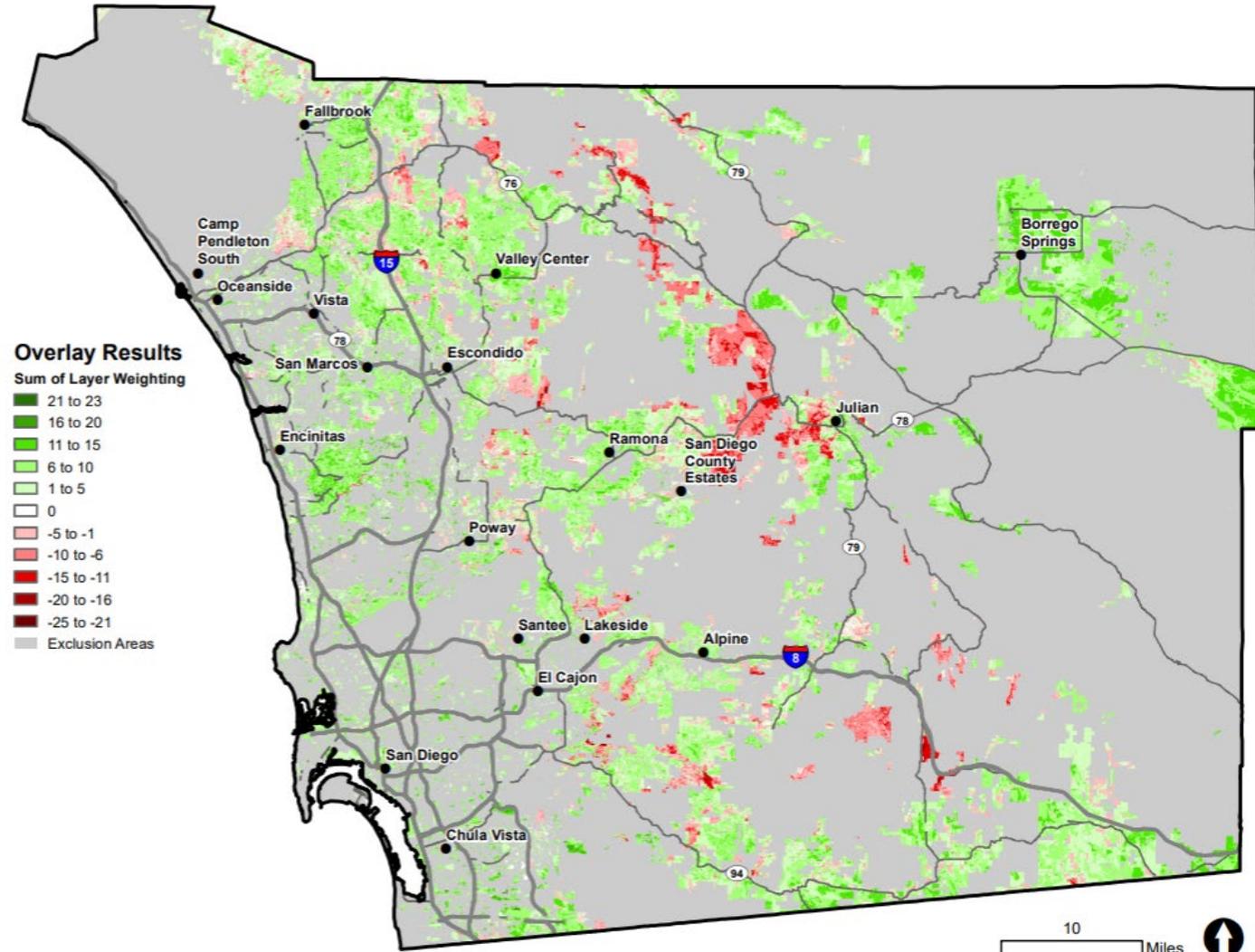


Aggregated potential sites using GIS overlay and analysis

- ✓ Scores 10 or greater
- ✓ Areas > 500 acres

Reevaluated areas closer to OHV users

- ✓ Scores 5 or greater
- ✓ Areas > 300 acres

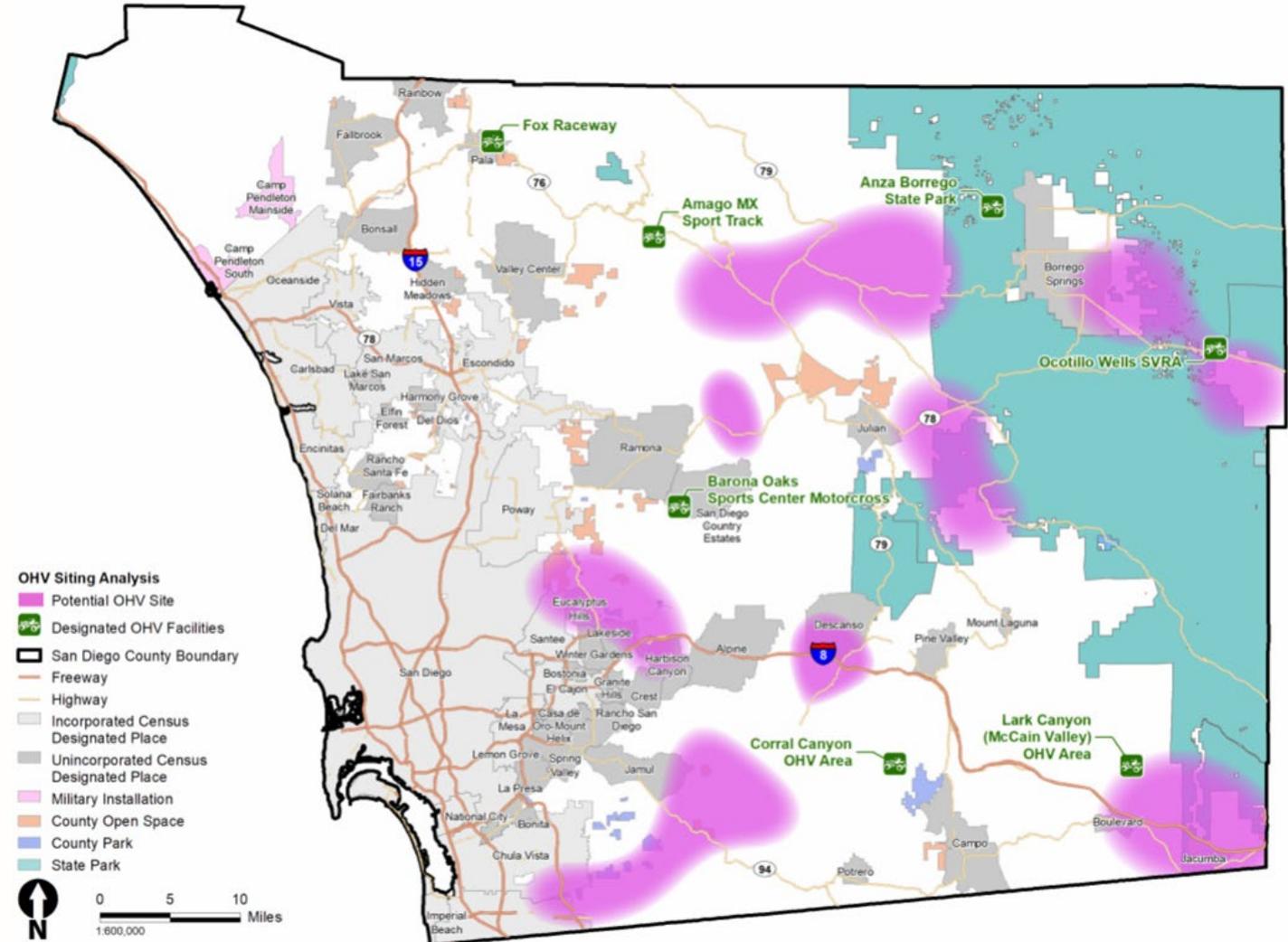


Tier 1 Site Analysis

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- ✓ Completed high-level evaluation to select 21 high scoring sites.
- ✓ Performed in-depth review to prioritize sites from that list.





Next Steps

Tier 2:

Site Selection Process

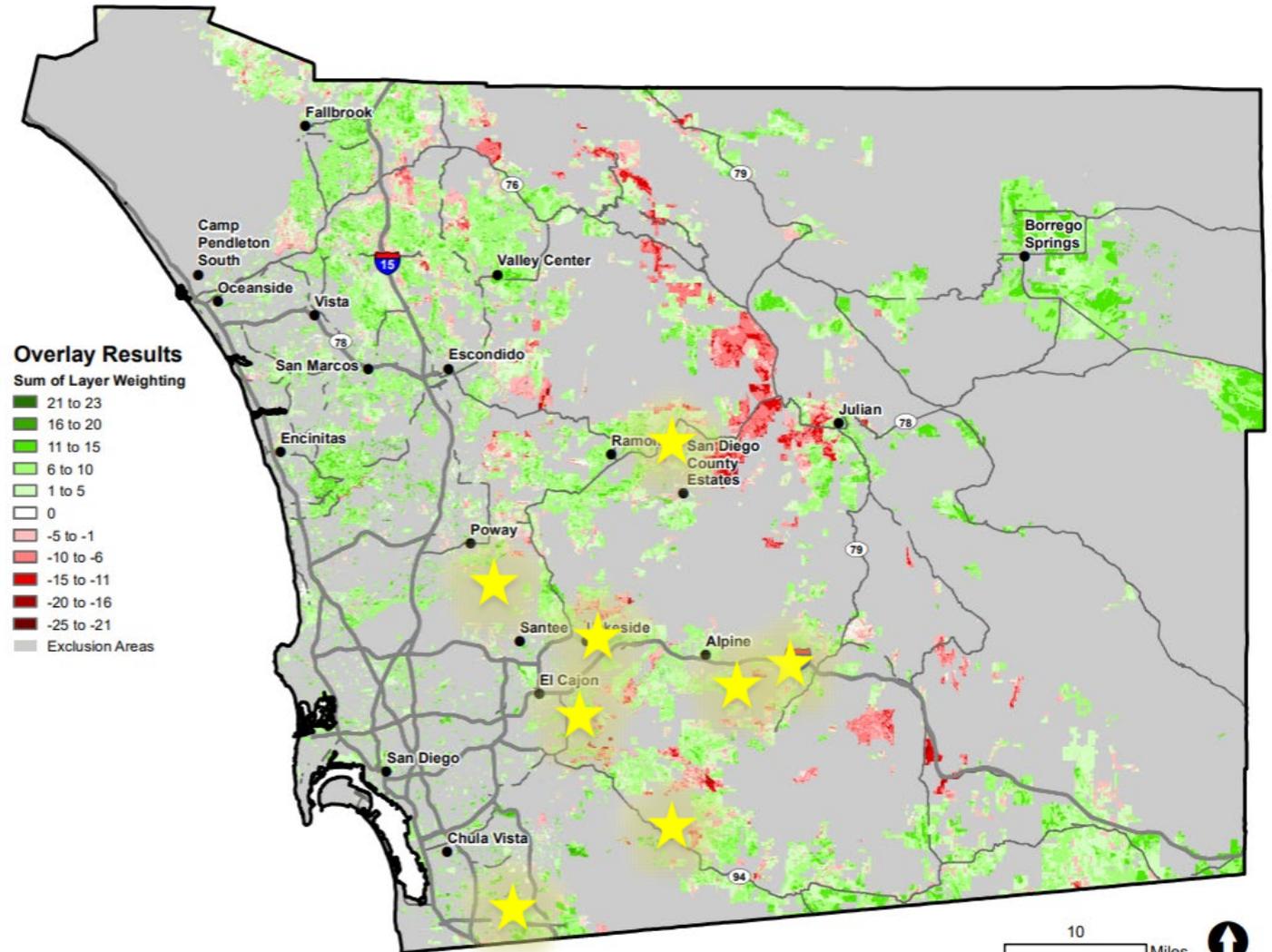


Draft Tier 2 Site Analysis



Tentative sites were selected for further evaluation based on:

- Acquisition/ownership
- Public and roundtable feedback
- Proximity to existing OHVs
- Homeland Security and U.S. Customs and Border Patrol activity
- Known site challenges and opportunities



Next Steps: Tier 2 Site Analysis



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Tier Criteria			
GIS Layer	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
<p>Geographic Information System priority analysis includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Habitat preserves, conservation areas, land features, hi/low quality habitat, and military/tribal lands •Topographical constraints, access, and safety •Outreach and feedback •Aggregated continuous 500 acres •Property ownership •Existing off-highway vehicle facilities 	<p>Tier 1 analysis will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Off-highway vehicle and geographical priorities •Roundtable, public outreach, and staff feedback •Development constraints and opportunities •Economic and operation and maintenance considerations 	<p>Tier 2 analysis will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Detailed site review •Desktop review of cultural and biological resources •Economic analysis for market supply and demand •Accessibility and location •Off-highway vehicle case study review •Willing-seller letter •Roundtable and public feedback 	<p>Tier 3 analysis will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Evaluation of function and programming opportunities •Economic analysis and benefits •Comparison to case study •Preparation and evaluation of concept plans



Learn More



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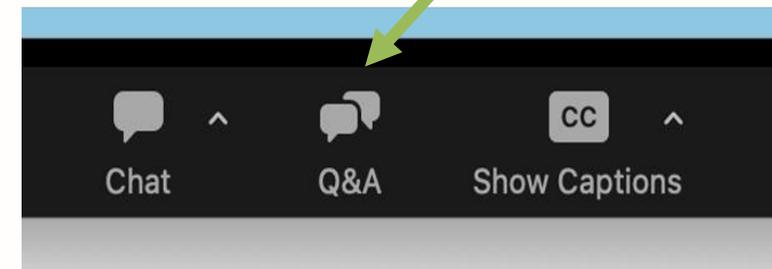




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