

Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Park PUBLIC SURVEY RESULTS

Presented December 2023



Survey Summary



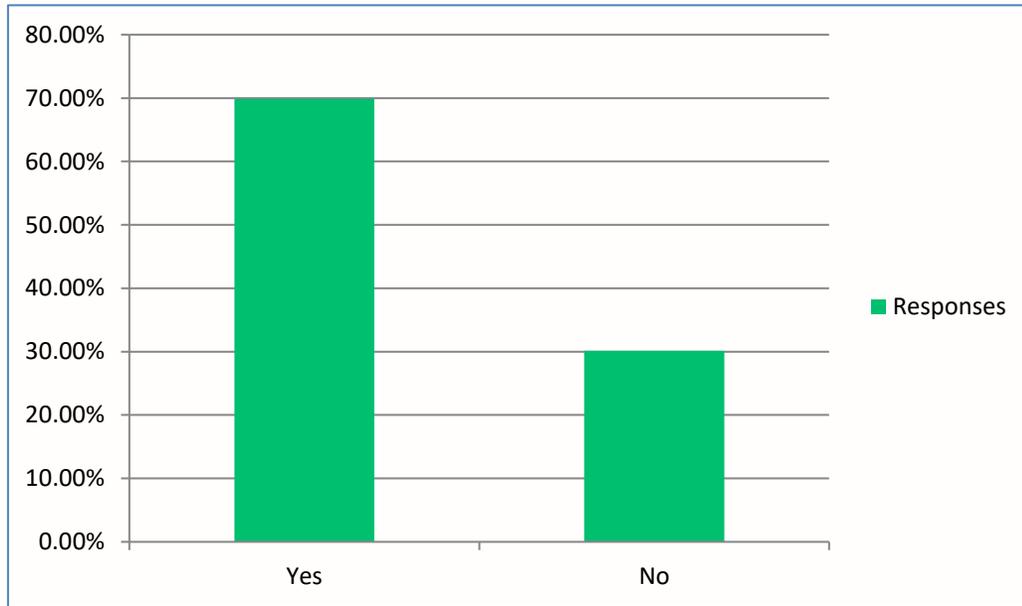
- **The OHV Survey was available online April 13 – May 1, 2023.**
- **Over 400 responses received.**
- **Results identified:**
 - ✓ OHV user demographics
 - ✓ Vehicle and riding style preferences
 - ✓ Facility location priorities
 - ✓ Facility programming preferences
 - ✓ Impacts and concerns
- **Results will help prioritize site selection and identify programming priorities for conceptual site design.**



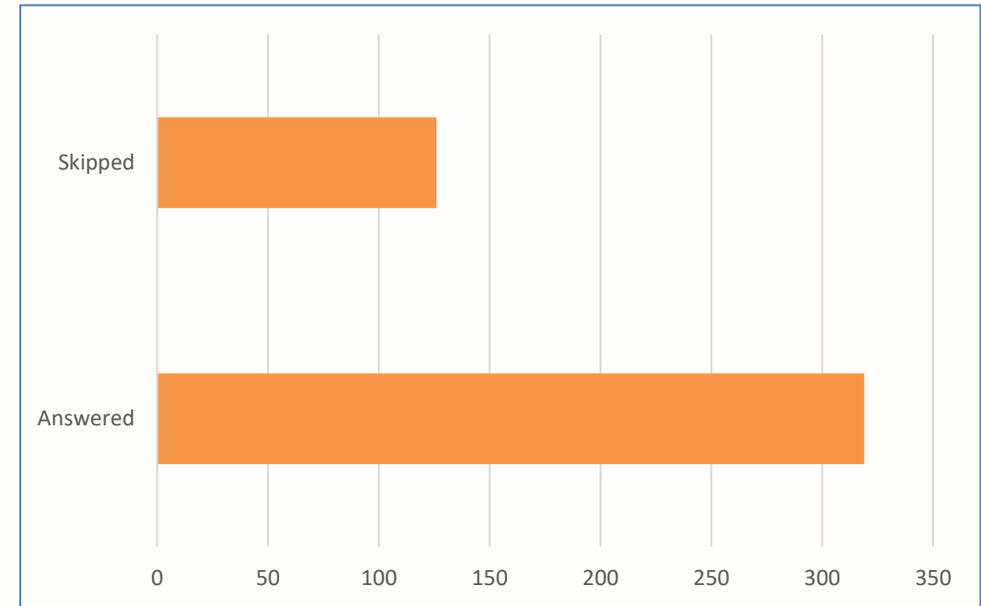
Questions 1 and 2



1. Would you like to be added to the mailing list to receive e-mail updates about the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Park Feasibility Study?



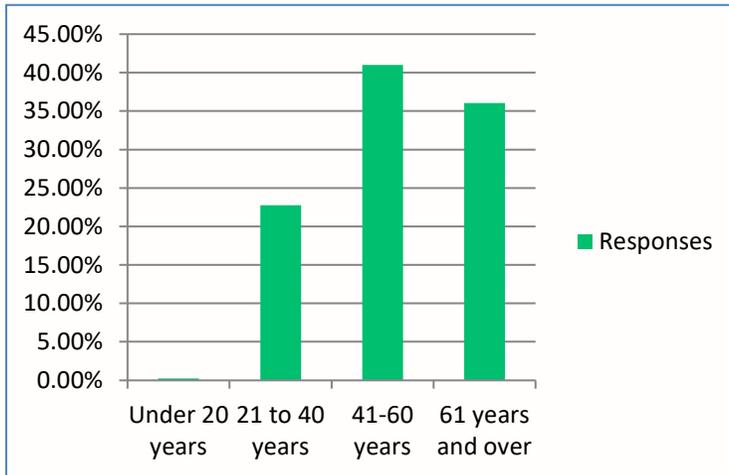
2. If yes, please add your e-mail address:



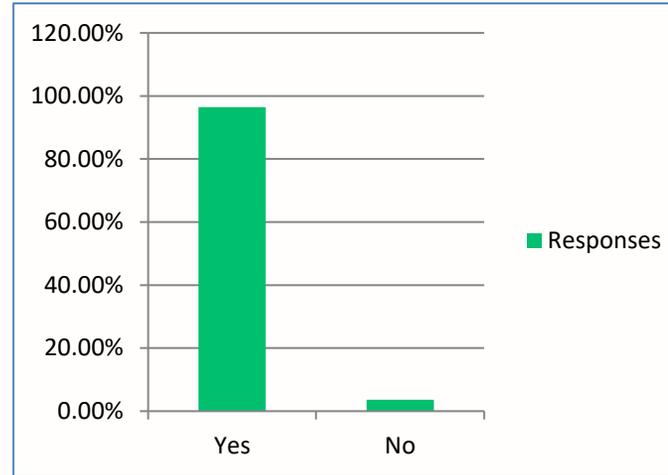
Questions 3, 4 and 5



3. What is your age group?



4. Are you a County of San Diego resident?



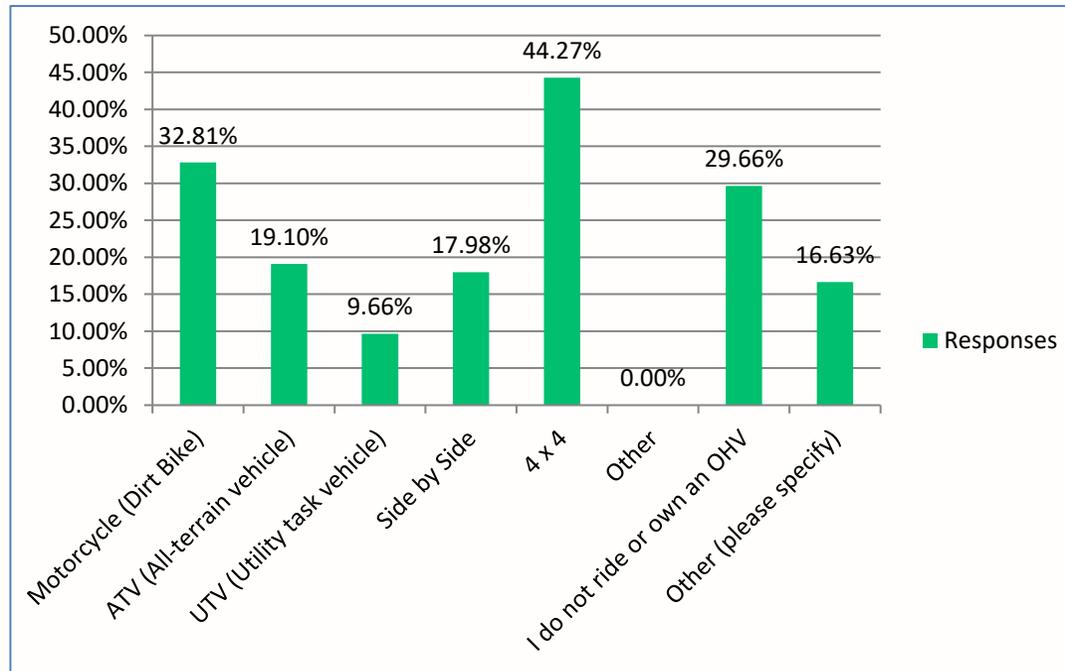
5. What is your Zip Code?



Question 6



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 bike, gravel bike, dirt bike
- Dune buggy
- Jeep
- Quad
- Sand rail / sand car
- UTV
- RV & Golf Cart



Question 6 cont...



OTHER RESPONSES (EXCERPTS FROM SURVEY)

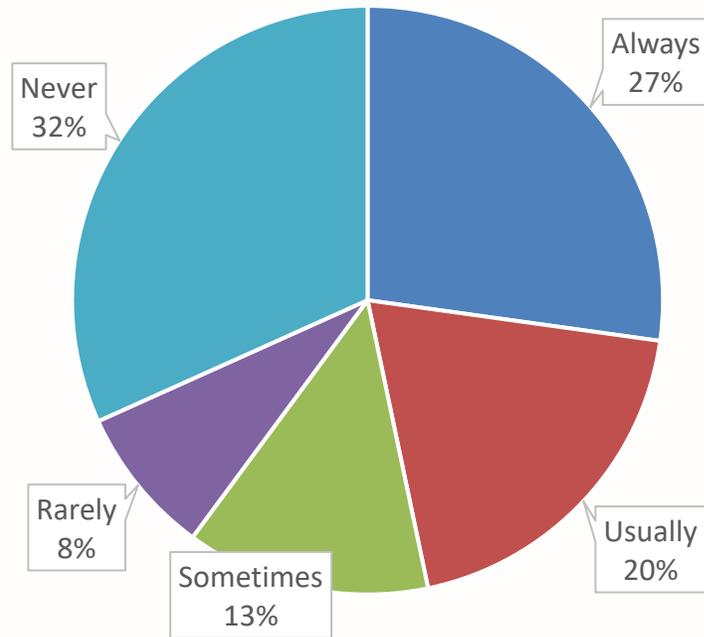
- “A horse can not share space with OHVs as well as a love of nature and hiking that also can not share space with destructive HOVs that belong on roads not natural areas.”
- “All are an assault on nature, wild lands and community. Also terrible for the air and climate.”
- “Would never support access for motorized vehicles on public lands.”
- “Concerned about the loss of habitat, birds & animals.”
- “Concerned that other plug-in recreational electrics are not included in this process. I am thinking of unicycles, skateboards and other.”
- “I'm interested in protecting undeveloped areas from environmental harm from off-road vehicles.”
- “I do own and ride horses in the county and I enjoy hiking and observing the county's natural habitat. OHVs not only disturb wildlife habitat but can be harmful and/or deadly when interfacing with horses.”



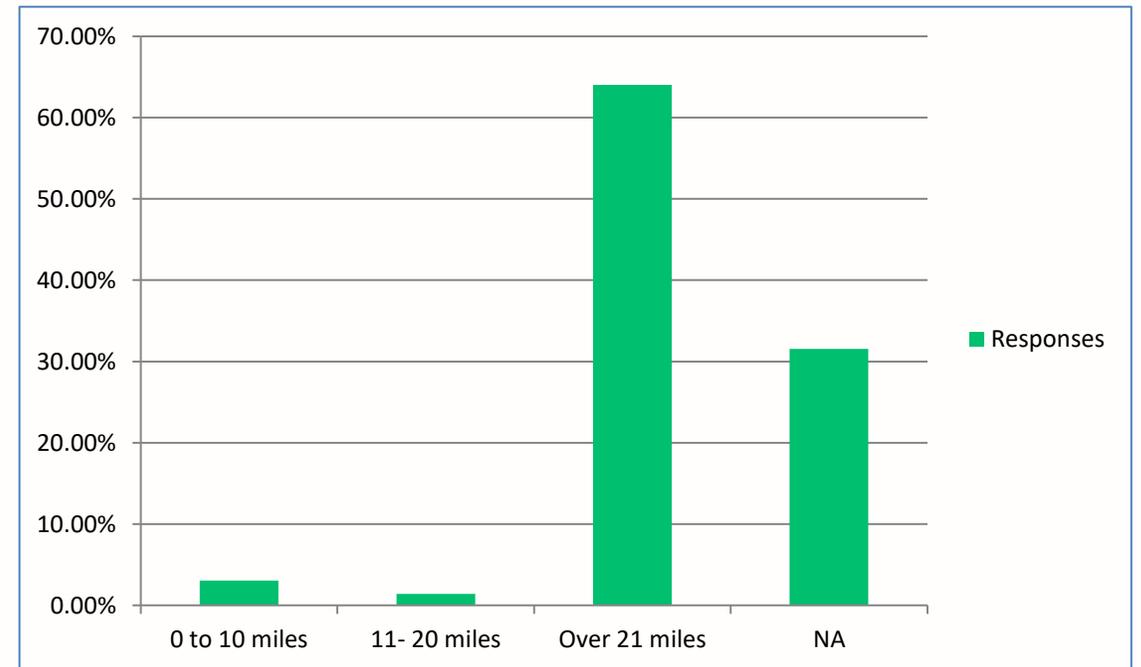
Questions 7 & 8



7. How often do you participate in off-highway vehicle (OHV) activities?



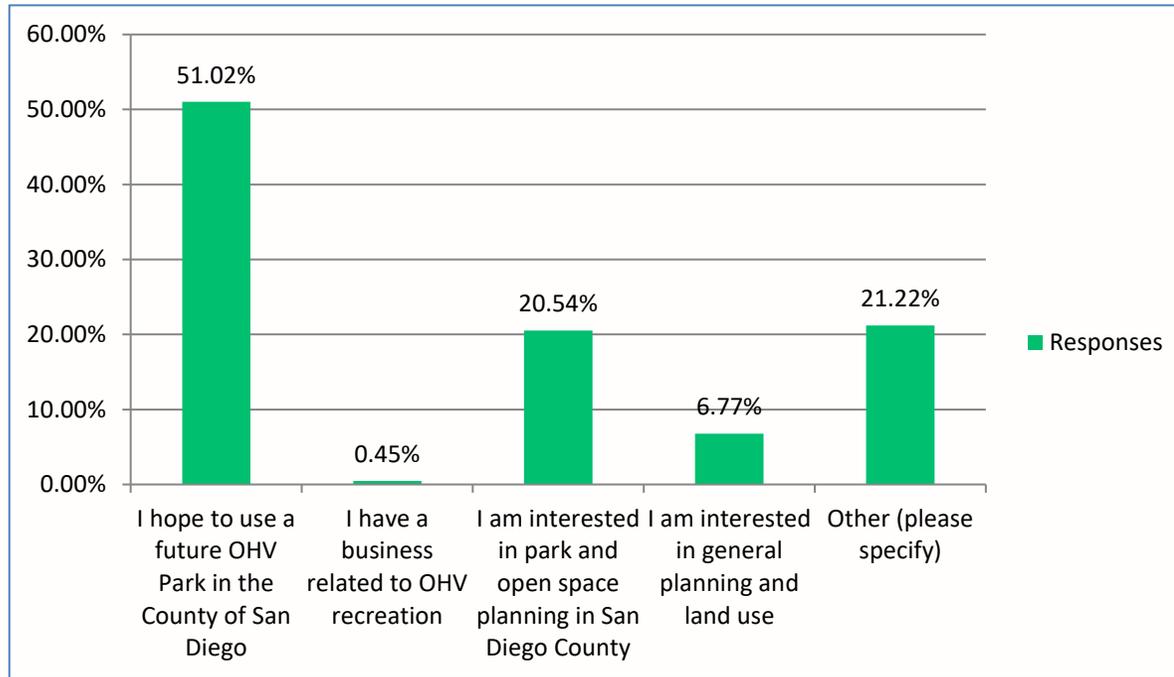
8. If so, how far do you typically travel to reach the location where you conduct off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreational activities?



Question 9



9. Please identify your primary interest in this Off-Highway Vehicle OHV Feasibility Study:



OTHER RESPONSES (EXCERPTS FROM THE SURVEY)

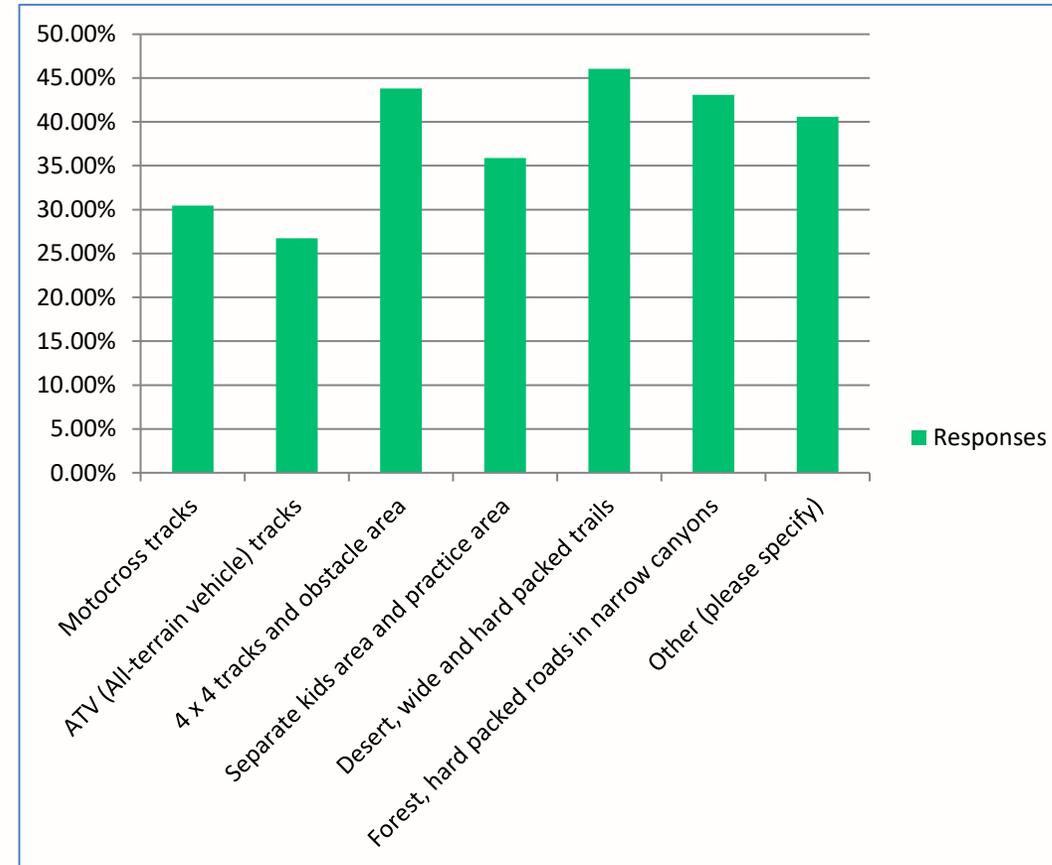
- “Interested in preventing environmental impacts associated with greenhouse gas emissions, habitat destruction, cultural resource destruction, and air and noise pollution.”
- “Concerned about impacts to wildlife habitat, ecosystem, climate crisis.”
- “I believe that OHVs should be strictly regulated and controlled to protect wildlife.”
- “I hope to use future OHV open space areas less than 5 miles away.”
- “I remember the fun I used to have off roading when I was younger.”
- “Interested in protecting multi use land for backpacking and camping.”
- “I am interested is seeing this OHV park is not approved.”
- “I don't want to see it in my area.”
- “I oppose additional use of land for OHV parks.”
- “I oppose the idea.”
- “I oppose the proposed park over concerns about environmental degradation and habitat destruction.”
- “I oppose this proposition.”



Question 10



10. What type of features would you like to see in an off-highway vehicle (OHV) park? Please select all that apply:



Question 10 continued...



OTHER RESPONSES (EXCERPTS FROM THE SURVEY)

- “Asphalt Track.”
- “Law enforcement of existing rules, strict protection of habitat, good maintenance and oversight.”
- “Camping area, RV, and restrooms”
- “Archery and gun range.”
- “Technical hills & rock crawling.”
- “One-way Tracks/Paths/Trail network.”
- “Routes of travel for maintenance and firefighting vehicles etc. Motorized vehicles either gasoline-powered or electric power should be prohibited.”
- “Hill climb, soft sand area but not in desert.”
- “Human or electric power ONLY
- “No motocross tracks.”
- “Trials and enduro obstacle area, separate area for basic dirt bike skills.”
- “Careful avoidance of damage to wild plants and animals and the habitat which sustains them.”
- “Education to participants on their impact on wildlife and environment.”
- “Habitat reconstruction.”
- “How to minimize negative impact of off- road recreation.”
- “OHV parks should be located in developed areas where they will not adversely impact wildlife habitat.”
- “On already disturbed and noisy private land such as near airports, freeways--no disruption of habitat.”
- “Can’t we just have a quiet and serene area without noisy polluting machines?”
- “I am totally opposed to the creation of an OHV park; It's destructive nature should not be allowed in a biodiversity hot spot like San Diego County.”
- “I oppose the use of land for OHV parks.”
- “San Diego has 2 OHV. We should not be destroying sensitive habitat and making more carbon emissions.”
- “Sand.”



Question 11



11. Are there other off-highway vehicle (OHV) amenities that you would like to see in an OHV Park?

RESPONSES (EXCERPTS FROM THE SURVEY)

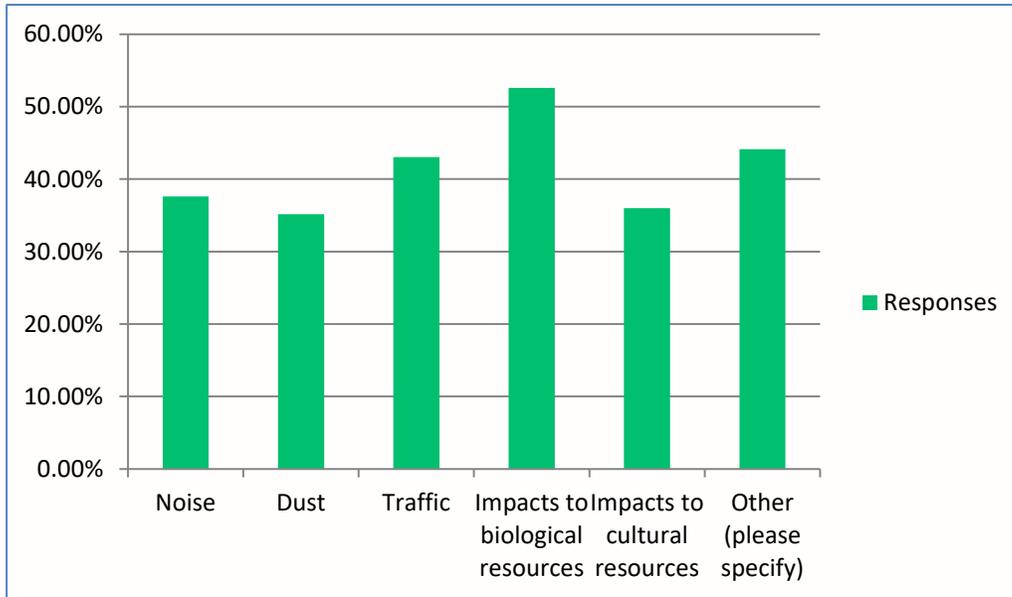
- Camp sites
- Restroom facilities
- Day and overnight uses area
- Staging and Parking
- Accessible location
- Signage, Security and Services
- Posted and enforced requirements
- Business opportunities
- Trails with Cleveland national forest access
- ATV and 4x4
- Natural desert terrain
- Grade separated routes of travel for hikers versus off-road bicycles
- Multiple tracks from beginners to expert.
- Please keep those side by sides out! They're load, fast, & dangerous to motorcycles & ATVs
- Testing, skills and trial track areas
- Faster loops like desert terrain. Good visibility for safety.
- Separate different classes of vehicles for safety.
- Separate side by sides and motorcycles. They are too dangerous to share trails.
- Safe area to ride without traveling so far.
- Sand / Asphalt track
- Observation point, kids designated ohv area
- A separate area for family riding or perhaps days/times that are dedicated to different levels of riders.
- Track for quads
- Single track, one-way directional trails
- Four different trails with degree of difficulties.
- 4x4 levels of trail rock crawling challenges
- Enforcement of strict rules
- Hiking and walking are better uses of the space
- A hospital because it's so dangerous California needs to get its priorities straight.
- No. I am opposed to having an OHV park
- None. No new parks. Prioritize other less destructive uses of natural lands, hiking, biking, etc.
- Let the State handle OHV
- Locating the park in an area previously disturbed and not impacting habitat.
- I would like to see sufficient funding to protect wild areas from illegal trails in natural areas.
- Locate a new OHV park at a previously disturbed site with few natural and cultural resource values, not in natural habitat.
- It should be trails only, not large open riding areas.



Question 12



12. What would be your major concern with an OHV Park Facility? Select all that apply:



CONCERNS (EXCERPTS FROM THE SURVEY)

- “Access.”
- “Air pollution.”
- “Greenhouse gas emissions.”
- “Carbon dioxide pollution.”
- “Climate impacts.”
- “Fire accidents.”
- “Danger especially to children in areas without regular policing and regulation.”
- “Encounters with other recreationists (such as hikers, photographers, birders, equestrians, etc.) which can be dangerous.”
- “Encouraging people to buy off-road vehicles that would likely be used illegally on biologically sensitive lands.”
- “Environmental impacts on wildlife & humans.”
- Vandalism.”
- “Potential to cause wildfires.”
- “Illegal expansion.”
- “It being far. Desert is already so far away.”
- “Lack of supervision.”
- “Liability by county.”
- “Litter.”
- “Enforcement and safety personal.”
- “Overcrowding.”
- “Parking.”
- “People disrespecting the part
- “Pollution from exhaust and noise
- “Safety concerns.”
- “The lack of an area close to town where we wouldn't have to use a lot of fuel to get there and spend more quality time with my family.”
- “Vandalism and environmental destruction.”
- “Vehicle emissions.”
- “Waste of scarce funds.”



Question 13



13. Please share any other comments or suggestions for this study.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS (EXCERPTS FROM THE SURVEY)

- “Local park for ohv will keep younger generations from illegally riding or having to travel to far for the activities.”
- “Close-in OHV areas have been closed and not replaced. More riding and OHV areas are needed close-in, within 50 miles or less of downtown.”
- “Find the people that set up the Ocotillo Wells training center.”
- “For such a large county, its important to provide all types of activities for residents and visitors so its important to serve the off road and OHV community would be very interested and excited for one or more ohv parks in San Diego county. I believe more legal riding areas would also help to reduce illegal riding in restricted areas by affording residents more easily accessible legal areas.”
- “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 as the grow and ultimate start families of their own.
- “My experience in Utah is that development of designated OHV trails and parks is an essential part of regulating OHV traffic and minimizing environmental damage. It also encourages the formation of clubs or groups, which foster self-regulation in the OHV community.”
- “We are excited to see fair use of the land being proposed and hope to see more areas for residents to enjoy their preferred type of recreation! Thank you!”
- “We need an OHV park desperately. We used to have 2 OHV parks- Miramar and Palm Avenue. The off-road community has been ignored for far too long.”
- “This facility is unnecessary and harmful to our county's ecology. We already have 2 OHVs in San Diego County!”
- “The kind of harm to the environment a new OHV would create isn’t something the county should be promoting.”
- “The county roads should be safe for all to use. Especially us taxpayers. Please do not make it for off road vehicles. Not safe for others. And too much pollution from these vehicles.”
- “Tax-payer money should not be used to increase the use of fossil fuels. This activity affects the health of humans and wildlife. If there needs to more sites for OHVs then the sites should be put near industrial areas where the air quality is poor, the noise is high. This could happen next to airports or freeways.”
- “Protecting our natural environment should be the primary concern.”
- “The choice of sight should be determined by finding somewhere that is been already heavily degraded environmentally. Riding should be limited to Trails only, no open area riding at all!”
- “Please let this space remain natural and consider a space that has already been damaged to revitalize for vehicle use.”
- “Noise, impact to local vegetation and animal life. Destruction of habitat by off-road vehicles. Also drug and alcohol abuse in those areas so they would have to be patrolled by some sort of law enforcement.”

