CALIFORNIA DESERT VEHICLE PROGRAM

(BLM'S INTERIM CRITICAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR VEHICLE USE ON THE CALIFORNIA DESERT)

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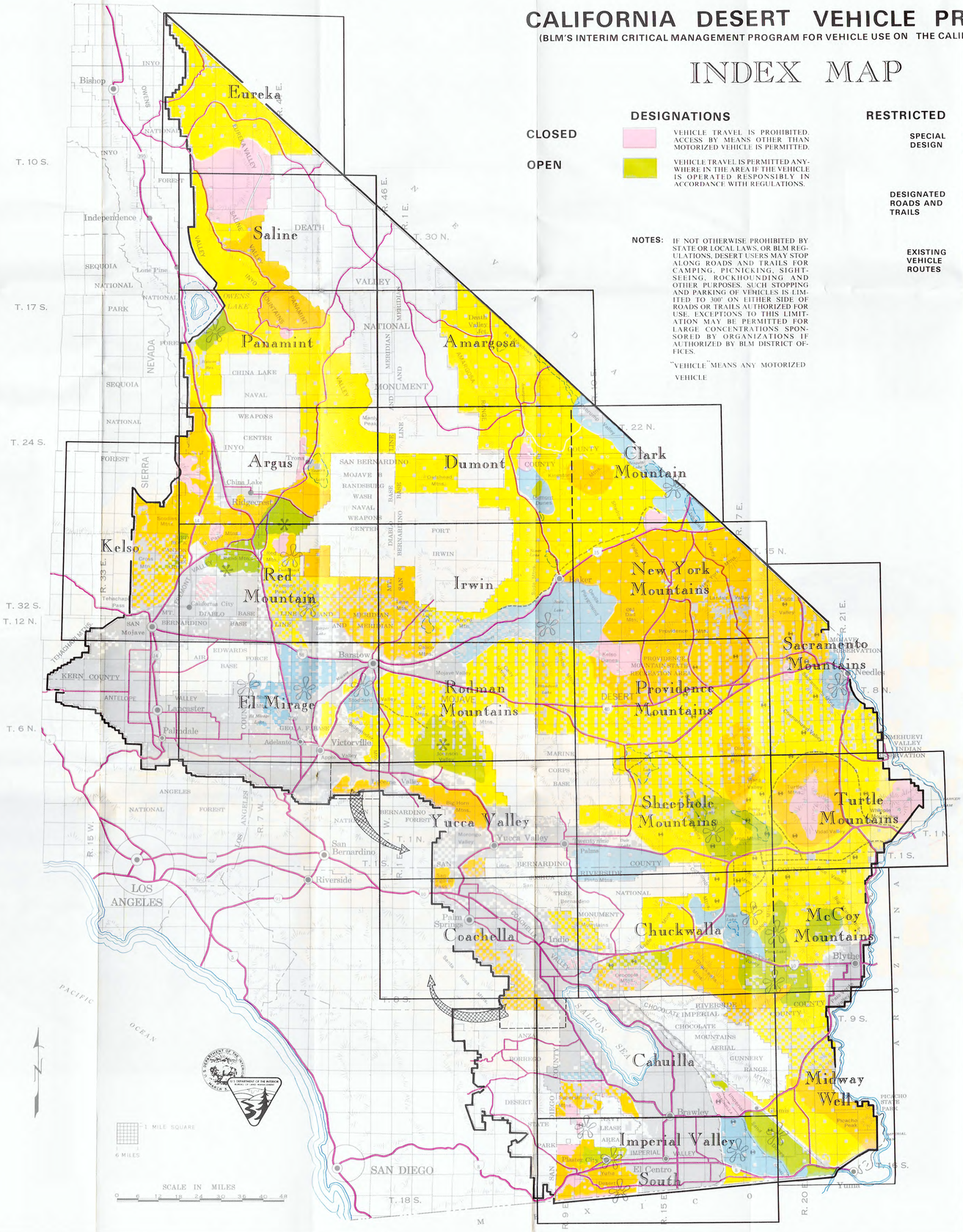

DESIGNATIONS

CLOSED — VEHICLE TRAVEL IS PROHIBITED. ACCESS BY MEANS OTHER THAN MOTORIZED VEHICLE IS PERMITTED.

OPEN — VEHICLE TRAVEL IS PERMITTED ANYWHERE IN THE AREA IF THE VEHICLE IS OPERATED RESPONSIBLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS.

NOTES: IF NOT OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY STATE OR LOCAL LAWS, OR BLM REGULATIONS, DESERT USERS MAY STOP ALONG ROADS AND TRAILS FOR CAMPING, PICNICKING, SIGHTSEEING, ROCKHOUNDING AND OTHER PURPOSES. SUCH STOPPING AND PARKING OF VEHICLES IS LIMITED TO 300' ON EITHER SIDE OF ROADS OR TRAILS AUTHORIZED FOR USE. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS LIMITATION MAY BE PERMITTED FOR LARGE CONCENTRATIONS SPONSORED BY ORGANIZATIONS IF AUTHORIZED BY BLM DISTRICT OFFICES.

"VEHICLE" MEANS ANY MOTORIZED VEHICLE

RESTRICTED

SPECIAL DESIGN — PLANS WILL BE PREPARED IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND PUBLIC INTEREST GROUPS TO PROVIDE FOR VEHICLE USE AND RELATED FACILITIES SUCH AS CAMPING AREAS AND ACCESS ROADS. UNTIL PLANS ARE COMPLETED VEHICLE USE IS PERMITTED ONLY ON EXISTING VEHICLE ROUTES.

DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS — VEHICLE TRAVEL IS PERMITTED ONLY ON ROADS AND TRAILS DESIGNATED BY THE BUREAU. UNTIL DESIGNATION IS ACCOMPLISHED, VEHICULAR TRAVEL IS LIMITED TO EXISTING ROUTES AS DEFINED BELOW.

EXISTING VEHICLE ROUTES — EXISTING VEHICLE ROUTES ARE THOSE ESTABLISHED BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 1973, WITH SIGNIFICANT SURFACE EVIDENCE OF PRIOR VEHICLE TRAVEL AND A MINIMUM WIDTH OF TWO FEET. WIDENING OR EXTENDING OF THESE ROUTES IS PROHIBITED. IF NATURE ELIMINATES PORTIONS IT DOES NOT EXCLUDE VEHICLE USE.

SYMBOLS

BLM COMPETITIVE EVENT SYSTEM - ORGANIZED COMPETITIVE EVENTS ARE PERMITTED ONLY IN DESIGNATED AREAS ON DESIGNATED COURSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH BLM PROCEDURES, (EXCEPT THAT ENDURO EVENT APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED IN AREAS DESIGNATED "OPEN," "EXISTING VEHICLE ROUTES" AND "SPECIAL DESIGN.")

SPONSOR OPTION COMPETITIVE EVENT COURSES - NO BLM DESIGNED SYSTEM OF COURSES. SPONSORS MAY DESIGN THEIR OWN IN ACCORDANCE WITH BLM REQUIREMENTS.

THE GENERAL ALIGNMENT OF A CROSS COUNTRY COURSE WHERE A COMPETITIVE EVENT APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED UNDER BLM REGULATIONS.

CORRIDOR — THE GENERAL ALIGNMENT OF AN ACCESS ROUTE FOR VEHICLE USE UNDER SPECIAL MANAGEMENT.

PRIVATE AND STATE OWNED LANDS - THIS PROGRAM APPLIES ONLY TO THE U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT'S NATIONAL RESOURCE LANDS. WHERE A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF PRIVATE LANDS ARE INTERSPERSED WITH NATIONAL RESOURCE LANDS AND THERE IS NO DESIGNATION SYMBOL, VEHICLE TRAVEL IS LIMITED TO PUBLIC ROADS.

CALIFORNIA DESERT STUDY CONSERVATION AREA BOUNDARY

WARNING: UNEXPLODED MILITARY ORDNANCE SUCH AS SHELLS, BOMBS, ETC MAY BE FOUND IN THIS AREA. IF FOUND DO NOT TOUCH. NOTIFY NEAREST AUTHORITY. THESE HAZARDS MAY OCCUR IN OTHER UNKNOWN AREAS OF THE DESERT.

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CALIFORNIA DESERT CONSERVATION AREA

Congress established the California Desert Conservation Area in 1976 with the goal of providing "for the immediate and future protection and administration of the public lands in the California Desert within the framework of a program of multiple use and sustained yield, and the maintenance of environmental quality."

Provision for the desert conservation area was included in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (Public Law 94-579), sometimes called the "BLM Organic Act."

Congress noted that the California Desert contains a variety of natural, cultural and economic resources "that are uniquely located adjacent to an area of large population."

Congress adopted the two-pronged approach begun earlier by the Bureau of Land Management's desert program: Concurrent elements of comprehensive, long-range planning and interim critical management actions pending completion of an overall plan.

The Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, is to prepare and implement a plan for the management, use, development and protection of public lands within the conservation area.

A program of interim management "to manage, use and protect the public lands, and their resources now in danger of destruction" is authorized for the period between passage of the Act and completion of the long-range plan.

The law provided for a California Desert Conservation Area Advisory Committee to advise BLM on development and implementation of the plan.

A program of law enforcement, including a uniformed desert ranger force, also was authorized; and search and rescue was made an assigned mission of BLM where no other emergency forces are available.

The California Desert Conservation Area contains some 25 million acres, or about one-fourth of the land surface of California. About 12½ million acres is National Resource Land administred by BLM, in addition to approximately 5 million acres of military and National Park lands.

The enabling Act said the use of all California desert resources can and should be managed "to conserve these resources for future generations, and to provide present and future use and enjoyment, particularly outdoor recreation uses, including the use, where appropriate of off-road recreational vehicles."

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

As the nation's principal conservation agency, the Department of the Interior has responsibility for most of our nationally owned public lands and natural resources. This includes fostering the wisest use of our land and water resources, protecting our fish and wildlife, preserving the environmental and cultural values of our national parks and historical places, and providing for the enjoyment of life through outdoor recreation. The Department assesses our energy and mineral resources and works to assure that their development is in the best interests of all our people. The Department also has a major responsibility for American Indian reservation communities and for people who live in Island Territories under U.S. administration.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

The Bureau of Land Management, an agency of the Department of the Interior, is responsible for the conservation, management and development of 473 million acres of National Resource Lands, 20 percent of the land area of the United States and 60 percent of all federally owned lands. In addition, BLM has administrative responsibility for public mineral resources on 369 million acres of private and other federally owned lands, and for approximately 1.1 billion acres of the Outer Continental Shelf. National Resource Lands are managed for multiple-use, including timber, minerals, livestock grazing, wildlife, watershed, wilderness and outdoor recreation.

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CALIFORNIA DESERT

MIDWAY WELL

CONSERVATION AREA

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RIVERSIDE DISTRICT

CALIFORNIA DESERT CONSERVATION AREA

MIDWAY WELL

(SHOWING OFF-ROAD VEHICLE MANAGEMENT USE DESIGNATIONS)

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SCALE

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LEGEND

- FREEWAY OR DIVIDED HIGHWAY
- ALLWEATHER ROAD
- SEASONAL USE ROAD
- PRIMITIVE ROAD
- TRAIL
- CALIFORNIA DESERT CONSERVATION AREA BOUNDARY
- MILITARY RESERVATION BOUNDARY
- U.S. INTERSTATE HIGHWAY (5)
- U.S. HIGHWAY (95)
- STATE HIGHWAY (95)
- BLM ROAD (1825)
- BLM OFFICE
- BLM RECREATION SITE
- MINE QUARRY OR SHAFT
- CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLE TRAVEL (CLOSED)

PRIVATE AND STATE OWNED LANDS

OPEN

SPECIAL DESIGN

EXISTING VEHICLE ROUTES

CLOSED

DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS

OTHER NATIONAL RESOURCE LANDS

SEE CALIFORNIA DESERT VEHICLE PROGRAM MAP ON REVERSE FOR DEFINITIONS

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