



Located in the Mojave Desert of Southern California, Stoddard Valley OHV Recreation Area offers a diverse landscape for off-highway vehicle recreation. It is characterized by steep rocky mountains, rolling hills, open valleys, and winding sandy washes.



The triangular shaped riding areas is formed by Interstate 15 and California Highway 247 (Barstow Road), immediately south of Barstow. Most visitors access the area to the east, off Interstate 15 at Outlet Center Drive (Sidewinder Road) or at the Hodge Road exit, to the south.

From Barstow take California Highway 247 (Barstow Road exit from I-15) and go south 10 miles, turn either on Stoddard Valley Road or on to the access road behind the Slash-X-Café. All entrances are dirt roads.

Most area visitors ride motorcycles or ATVs, or tour the area in four-wheel drive vehicles. The easily accessed area off Outlet Center Drive is used extensively for OHV free play.

The eastern portions of the area and the Stoddard Mountains are considered the most challenging places in the park to ride. The broad expanse of the central valley and southern portions are for the novice and are used to improve skill of the rider. There are areas to the west of the Slash X entrance that become a challenge for the intermediate rider. This 53,000 acre open riding area will offer a challenge to every degree of expertise and type of vehicle from the motocross racers to the beginning Quad rider. Four wheel drive clubs offer events in this area because it has diverse landscape and a riding experience for everyone.

This area is used extensively for competition racing event by permit. There are many occasions for hiking, rock scrambling, rock hounding, plant viewing, bird and wildlife watching. The desert tortoise, a state and federally listed threatened species, are found within the riding area.

SAFETY

- * ANY GLASS Container is prohibited in the Stoddard area.
- * **SHOOTING IS NOT ALLOWED IN THE STODDARD VALLEY OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AREA** (except for shotguns during hunting season).
- * Possession and/or discharge of fireworks is *prohibited*.
- * Firewood containing nails, screws, and other metal hardware is prohibited at all Barstow area OHV Open Areas, including Stoddard.

CAMPING/TRASH

- * Camping is allowed anywhere within the riding area that does not block travel on a road, but is limited to a maximum of a 14 day stay. Enjoy your stay!
- * Burning of tires, magnesium, wires, petroleum products or any other hazardous or explosive material is *prohibited*.
- * **Pack it in - Pack it out.— There is no trash collection provided at Stoddard OHV Recreation Area.**
- * Draining of holding tanks, littering and trash dumping is prohibited. **PLEASE TAKE YOUR TRASH WITH YOU.** Thank you.

NOTE: DEEP MINE SHAFTS EXIST IN THE RIDING AREA! PLEASE AVOID THESE AREAS AND STAY AWAY FROM MINE SHAFTS!

IMPORTANT RULES AND REGULATIONS

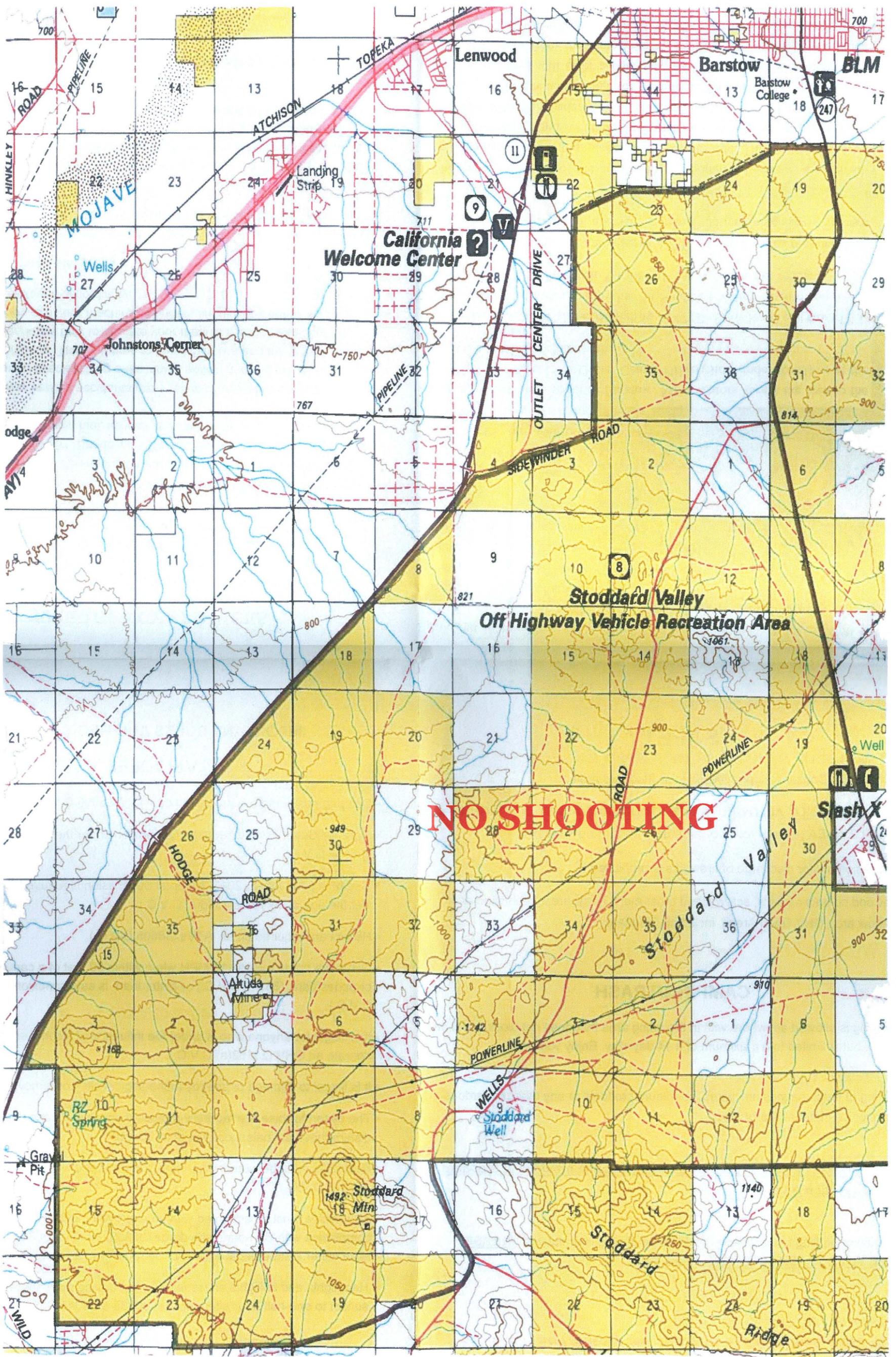
VEHICLES

- * Carrying passengers is prohibited on ATVs (38506 C.V.C.).
- * Parental Supervision is required for children under the age of 14 years. (38504 C.V.C.).
- * Beginning January 1, 2013, Parental Supervision is required for children under the age of 16 years. (38600 C.V.C.)
- * Helmet are required on all ATVs (38505 C.V.C.).
- * OHVs are not to exceed 15 MPH when within 50 feet of a campsite, animals, or pedestrians (38310 C.V.C.) or faster than is safe conditions (38305 C.V.C.).
- * It is illegal for anyone who is under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs to operate an OHV (23152(a) C.V.C.).
- * It is illegal to damage or destroy archeological sites or remove artifacts.
- * The desert tortoise is a federally protected species. Please do not handle or disturb these animals. **Look but don't Touch!**
- * Seat belts must be worn if your vehicle is equipped with them (27315 C.V.C.).
- * All vehicles must be equipped with an approved muffler, or spark arrester in compliance with CA sound standards (38355, 38365 & 38366 C.V.C.) and have either a street-legal license or be registered as an off-highway vehicle.
- * Headlights and taillights are required when driving from one-half hour before sunset to one-half hour after sunrise (38335 & 38345 C.V.C.).



DO NOT BURN WOOD PALLETS

Victorville BLM-Surface Management Status Map



EMERGENCY SERVICES

If **Emergency Services** are required, your first response should be to **call 911**. The nearest Law Enforcement Ranger can be contacted by calling the **Federal Interagency Communication Center (FICC)** at

1-888- 233-6518 (emergency only).

Food and fuel: Are available at the Outlet Center and Lenwood Road exits in Barstow, California. The nearest medical facility is Barstow Community Hospital (760) 256-1761, Barstow, California. Be sure you have the necessities of food, water, maps, fuel, as well as some knowledge of the area before exploring.

Most off-highway vehicle accidents are a result of inexperience with machine or the area, overreaching ones' riding ability, drinking alcohol, or a combination of these. Take the time to know the area and the terrain. Wear the proper gear, know how to operate your machine, and think about the limits of both you and your machine! All riders should look out for hazards and adjust their speed accordingly.

Slow down in camp-site areas!

Lost Person: If a member of your party becomes lost, **remain calm**. Make a note of where the person was last seen and at what time. Call 911 to report the situation.

Injured Person: It is usually best not to transport an injured person away from an accident scene before medical personnel arrive. Moving a victim improperly can make an injury worse, particularly when the injury is to the head, neck, or back area. If possible, send someone or call 911 to report the incident.

CELLULAR PHONE SERVICE AT STODDARD IS NOT RELIABLE IN SOME LOCATIONS.

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For more information about Stoddard OHV Recreation Area or other riding areas.