

Bureau of Land Management  
Quarterly Report  
December 30, 2014

**1. Route Monitoring and Compliance**

**a. Summary of Monitoring/Enforcement Effort – Update from September 2014 Quarterly Report**

BLM law enforcement (LE) Rangers conducted 343 compliance checks (e.g., wilderness, Area of Critical Environmental Concern, cultural sites) and 207 enforcement contacts within the West Mojave planning area. Of these 207 enforcement contacts, 162 pertained directly to off-route (43 CFR 8341.1(b)), closed area (43 CFR 8341.1(c), CA VC 38301(b)), wilderness (43 CFR 6302.20(d)), National Scenic Trail (43 CFR 8351.1-1(a)), or other motor vehicle violations. Written reports were prepared for some of these violations as part of the Incident Management and Response System (IMARS) in support of pending investigations. Table 1 provides an overview of LE actions by patrol sector within the West Mojave planning area.

<b>Table 1. Overview Of Law Enforcement Actions By Patrol Sector Within The West Mojave Planning Area Since September 2014 Quarterly Report</b>					
<b>Patrol Sector</b>	<b>Compliance Checks</b>	<b>Federal Violation Notice</b>	<b>State/Local Citation</b>	<b>Written Warning</b>	<b>Written Report Filed</b>
<i><b>Barstow</b></i>					
81	28	5	0	3	17
82	75	8	0	16	0
83	18	3	0	4	0
84	21	3	0	14	0
85	9	0	0	0	0
86	8	0	0	0	0
<i><b>Ridgecrest</b></i>					
1	3	0	0	0	0
2	1	1	0	0	0
3	21	0	0	3	2
4	18	0	0	0	2
5	16	0	0	0	5
6	49	7	0	24	28
7	61	0	0	0	62
<i><b>Needles</b></i>					
92	0	0	0	0	0
<i><b>Palm Springs</b></i>					
2	15	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>116</b>

**b. Maintenance and Restoration Actions – Update from September 2014 Quarterly Report**

BLM personnel and Friends of Jawbone staff performed route maintenance on 12 miles of designated routes that access the Trona Pinnacles National Natural Landmark within the South Searles Subregion. Work included placement of 649 tons of base rock, grading, and route signing. Additionally, staff placed boulder barriers at popular parking areas and trail intersections within the Rademacher Hills Viewshed area of the Ridgecrest Subregion.

In the Jawbone and Rand Subregions, barrier fences and gates were repaired.

BLM personnel and members of the Student Conservation Association (SCA) Desert Restoration Corps conducted education and outreach during the Thanksgiving weekend to inform the visiting public about the rules of conduct related to recreational use of public lands. Additionally, the SCA Desert Restoration Corps started working on desert restoration projects in the Grass Valley, Golden Valley, and El Paso Mountains wilderness areas, and within the Rands Subregion.

Within the Black Mountain and Rattlesnake Canyon Subregions, BLM personnel and members of the SCA Wilderness Corps installed 43 wilderness boundary and designated route signs; restored (e.g., raked and placed vertical mulch over) 565 feet of unauthorized trail; and removed trash from public lands.

Within the Calico Mountain Subregion, BLM personnel and the Farmworkers Institute of Education and Leadership Development restored (e.g., raked and placed vertical mulch over) 15 incursions within line-of sight-from a designated route; repaired 150 feet of barrier fence; and installed 41 designated route signs and Limited Use Area signs.

Route signs and Limited Use Area signs were replaced on numerous routes within the Stoddard Valley, Johnson Valley, Newberry Rodman, and Fremont Peak Subregions.

**2. Kiosks – Update from September 2014 Quarterly Report**

BLM continued to perform regular and ongoing maintenance of the information kiosks throughout the WEMO planning area during this last quarter. These efforts included the replacement of Subregion maps, posting of notices, painting, plexiglass replacement, and other structural repairs as needed.

**3. Status of Planning – Update from September 2014 Quarterly Report**

BLM is continuing to work with the State Historic Preservation Office and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation on the development of the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (PA). BLM will host a series of PA consulting party meetings in January. BLM has contracted with Mojave Desert Ecosystem Program to create a GIS-based Archaeological Sensitivity Model, the final delivery of which is expected in January 2015. BLM hired six archaeological interns through the American Conservation Experience, Emerging Professionals Internship Corps, to conduct cultural resource inventories along randomly selected

routes throughout the planning area. To date, the crew has surveyed 1,716 acres of previously unsurveyed routes and identified 173 occurrences of cultural resources, including 118 archaeological sites and 55 isolated artifacts. Results of the inventory will test the validity of the GIS model, and further inform the route designation process.

**4. Chronology of Management Actions – Update from September 2014 Quarterly Report**

**November 14, 2014:** The California Desert District Manager was briefed on the status of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS).

**November 17, 2014:** The California State Director was briefed on the status of the Draft SEIS.

**December 4, 2014:** BLM was notified that it received a \$35,000 grant from the Conservation Lands Foundation and Southern California Edison for a Veterans Conservation Corps crew to conduct restoration in the Black Mountain Subregion in 2015.

**December 11, 2014:** BLM held an interagency coordination meeting with Inyo County to discuss status of the Draft SEIS.

**December 16, 2014:** The California State Office approved the Draft SEIS Notice of Availability (NOA) package and will forward the NOA package to the Washington Office. The Draft SEIS is anticipated to be available for public comment in February 2015.