

## **Community Focus Statement C:** Improve public health and safety in Morongo Valley



Action Statement C.6: Promote and encourage the responsible use of OHVs through signs, amenities, and educational campaigns while prohibiting OHV use that threatens sensitive natural environments or local quality of life.

**Benchmark:** Development of educational materials and identification of OHV areas. **Champion:** Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

**Estimated Cost:** \$2,500 - \$25,000

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
Contact residents and organize volunteers to assist with identification of illegal OHV areas.	Champion	Month 1	Environmental Defense Fund, Wildlife Protection grant funding https://www.edf.org /ecosystems/why- we-need-new-way- protect-wildlife  Race-dezert Forum https://www.race- dezert.com/forum/t hreads/ohy-area-in- the-cajon-pass- area.95096/  Southern California OHV Guide http://www.ohvguid e.com/
2. Meet with local OHV groups to understand the best way to mark the trails and get buy-in.	Community Volunteers	Month 2 - 4	
<ol> <li>Coordinate with landowners and agencies with right-of-way jurisdiction to earn permission for signage placement.</li> </ol>	Community Volunteers	Months 2, on-going	
<ol> <li>Develop an educational campaign that allows participants to learn more about environmental and wildlife protection and low- impact recreation.</li> </ol>	Community Volunteers	Months 2– 3	
<ol> <li>Identify a list of natural resources, habitats, species, and vegetation communities in the Morongo Valley area, and highlight environmental protection of wildlife.</li> </ol>	Community Volunteers	Months 2– 3, on- going	
6. Develop informational and educational pamphlets (for example, "Frequently Asked Questions" [FAQs] and "Things You Should Know" brochures) that address educational topic areas such as having proper OHV registrations or permits and maps with designated OHV routes. Make sure that education materials include detail on signage that incorporates safety information and reminders to maintain trails clear of trash and garbage.	Community members	Months 2– 4, on- going	
7. Partner with community businesses and members to display and distribute the informational and educational pamphlets on a regular basis.	Forest Service Adopt-A-Trail, with support from local businesses, community members	On-going	