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CCMA RMP/EIS Comments
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It's all in the numbers

There is a serious omission in the DEIS. The data presented by EPA study is difficult to read for anyone with less than a PHD and it is not presented in manner that is meaningful to the lay person.

So that the reader may better understand the magnitude of the EPA Risk Assessment, and so the deciding officer can make a rational, balanced and benefits-based decision on the information in the DEIS, the numbers should be presented in this manner.

1 person in 10,000 might get cancer.

There were 28,428 visitor days per at CCCMA in 2008 and 80% were for OHV. That's 22,742 OHV days per year and if a person rides five days a year as suggested in the EPA report, there are 4548.48 OHV riders at CCMA per year. At the rate of 1 in 10,000. Every 2.2 years, one person on OHV at CCMA might get cancer from the exposure to asbestos.

This perspective must be available to the deciding officer so that it can be evaluated alongside the beneficial aspects of OHV as described in the Cultural Resources Chapter, OHV Community section and other section that illustrate the beneficial aspects of OHV to the community.

Please include this information at the end of chapter 4.2.4.3.

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Table 3.8-1.

CCMA Visitor Use Year	Visitors
2003	50,000 (Estimated)
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2005	43,235
2006	43,187
2007	35,267
2008	28,428

In 2007/2008, recreation use in the Planning Area was estimated at 35,000 visitor days, with about 80% of this attributed to OHVs. These estimates have not changed drastically over the years, even with the increasing popularity of OHV recreation in California.

Regards,



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