

BITD is fighting (2) EA's – Environmental Assessment's

1. Regarding the “Basin Monument” and trying to keep the “Vegas to Reno” course in tact and
2. Regarding “Scoping Meetings” just trying to keep land open for all Recreation

The letter below is in reference to # 2 – just keeping the land open for recreation use:

BLM Meetings - we need your comments re the Basin Monument, please send in by July 29, to BLM, thank you for your support! We need as strong a lobby as the environmentalists that try to stop people from enjoying our public lands. Our permit was submitted prior to this becoming a monument and the BLM has done a professional job in handling this permit.

Actual letter submitted to BLM, this letter was not written by BITD:

Sample Letter to be Sent to the BLM

Letters need to be submitted via email to blm_nv_basin_range@blm.gov or mail to BLM Basin and Range National Monument, PO Box 237, Caliente, NV 89008. They need to be submitted by July 29, 2016.

To whom it may concern:

Please do not close any portion or existing route to OHV use.

I make yearly trips to Nevada to travel the back roads, it is Sustainable to continue these routes and trails as “open” We very rarely see any trash on the road/trails, what we do come across is picked up and hauled out. We have yet to come across any environmental damage being caused by a fellow Off Roader. The damage is caused by Mining operations, “shooters/party trash” and Solar farms, that completely destroys habitat have a MUCH larger impact on the landscape than any trail that has been in use for 100 years or longer.

The off highway routes have been in use and can sustain for future generations to come, I was brought to the Nevada deserts to go prospecting/ exploring as a child and now take my 5 and 6 year old Daughters to the same remote areas that I was brought to, Please don't take that away from this family.

We support Off road racing in Nevada, the off-road race community supports a clean, impact free philosophy.

Any off-road racer is someone who truly appreciates the beauty of the desert and would never intentionally disturb, pollute or destroy and part of the land we love.

This letter is in reference to the basin and range monument rmp, in support of public recreational use, and off-road racing on this land, and other BLM lands in the state of Nevada. First of all let me say, off-road racing is a great sport. Not just for the racers and the spectators, but for whole communities, the state of Nevada, and the BLM. For a lot of these little towns spread along the course that have no industry anymore, these races are a big shot in the arm. If you really think about it, the money spent on off-road racing doesn't stop locally, its global, Most of all off-road racing is family orientated. It's glue, it keeps families together, it teaches kids values, how to win, how to lose, stay strong, and not to quit, just to name a few.

Public land use is very important, we need these lands to stay open for recreational use. I was fortunate enough to grow up and live in a very rural area, we had no public land in our area. People who live in urban areas, working 9-5 jobs in cubicles, stores, or even their cars, are the the ones who really need the land. They need it to keep their sanity, they need it to teach and show their kids things that they don't get in the classroom, they need a place to camp, take pictures, bond, get fresh air, ride motorcycles, quads, Utv's. If there was no place for them to go, I'm sure the crime rate, and drug use, would be much higher. These people are referred to as weekend warriors, and they need these lands to stay open for public recreation. Just remember, teach a kid the love for motorcycles, and they won't have money for drugs. Thank you for your time.

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