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LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

We recommend that the 2007 Nevada Legislature pass legislation to make mandatory the registration of all "Off Highway Vehicles".

The registration should include any vehicle used off highway that is not currently required to be registered pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) Chapter 483, which includes but is not limited to ATV's, URV's, motorcycles and snowmobiles.

We recommend the registration of OHV's include a clearly readable numerical device attached to any OHV vehicle registered. The registration device would be attached to the vehicle and registration certificate identifying the vehicle by make, model, and VIN be carried in possession, like a vehicle registration.

The cost of administering the registration program would be part of the total registration fee upon initial registration and annual renewal, much like the registration of motorized watercraft.

We recommend the total cost of registration be determined to offset the registration administration, develop a revolving fund for restoration and mitigation on public lands for the proliferation of unauthorized trails and damage created by OHV's. Additionally a portion of the fees collected should be earmarked for education and enforcement.

Education programs should be distributed region wide to provide OHV users information regarding vegetation degradation, noxious weed proliferation and effects on wildlife and other animal species.

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Enforcement programs should be developed to coordinate state and local law enforcement efforts in the enforcement of registration and unlawful use of OHV's on public lands. Funds for law enforcement efforts should be distributed based on a percentage of public lands in the respective 17 counties.

Exemptions to the required registration would be for sanctioned events on public lands for which a special use permit has been issued by a federal land management agency. Restoration/mitigation funds would not be provided to an agency in an area in which sanctioned events were held pursuant to a special use permit. Any restoration/mitigation would have to be at the expense of the agency issuing the permit.

A mandatory OHV registration program would provide the state with an accurate number of OHV's owned by residents of Nevada and ensure the collection of sales tax on OHV's purchased outside of Nevada in which sales taxes were not collected.

Non residents that are subject to OHV registration in their state of residency would be able to operate an OHV in Nevada without being required to purchase a Nevada OHV registration, as it is with motor vehicle use from one state to another.

Most users of Nevada's resources are subject to some type of fee. Sheep and livestock operators are required to pay fees per animal for use on public lands. Sportsmen are required to purchase the appropriate license and stamps to hunt or fish. Motorized watercraft users are required to purchase registration for use on Nevada waters. There should be no exemption given to OHV users as the number steadily increases yearly and the observed effects has an impact on Nevada's natural resources, which must be dealt with in some manner, particularly in restoration, mitigation, education and enforcement.