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UPDATE: The long-awaited Forest Service proposal for new regulations on OHVs was released on July 7, 2004

October 8, 2003 FEDERAL COURT MAINTAINS OFF-ROAD VEHICLE BAN AT ALGODONES DUNES FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE

August 5, 2003 WILDLIFE AGENCY PROPOSES 52,780 ACRES OF ALGODONES DUNES FOR CRITICAL HABITAT PROTECTION; Biologists' Science-based Approach Recognizes Off-road Threats and BLM Plan Failures

July 2, 2003 BUSH PLAN TO ROLL BACK DUNES CONSERVATION FACES BROAD CHALLENGE; Twelve Groups, Local Citizens Target BLM Off-road Plan

June 26, 2003 STATE SUED OVER PLAN TO SPRAY GRAPEVINE PEST

June 25, 2003 FEDERAL COURT UPHOLDS OFF-ROAD VEHICLE BAN AT ALGODONES DUNES; Industry Loses Anti-environmental Lawsuit

June 24, 2003 BUSH ADMINISTRATION FACES LEGAL CHALLENGE TO CALIFORNIA DESERT OFF-ROAD PLAN; BLM's Plan Would Interfere With Conservation, Wildlife and Air Quality

May 28, 2003 LOCKYER URGED TO HELP HUMBOLDT DA's TIMBER FRAUD CASE; Watchdog Group Calls Attorney General's Reluctance “Travesty of Justice”

May 23, 2003 SECRETARY NORTON IGNORES BALANCE AND BEST SCIENCE WITH PERMIT TO OPEN DUNES HABITAT TO ORVs; BLM's Final Plan is Even Worse Than Bad Draft, Conservationists Will Sue

LOS PADRES UPDATE:

May 14, 2003 FOREST SERVICE VOWS CULTURAL RESOURCE UPGRADE AT LOS PADRES; Agency Responds to Employee Charges

April 8, 2003 SECRETARY NORTON IGNORES BALANCE AND BEST SCIENCE WITH PERMIT TO OPEN DUNES HABITAT TO ORVs; Wildlife Agency Pressured to Rely on Industry Report, Ignore Other Experts and Science; Conservationists Will Sue

November 12, 2002 L.A. AIR POLLUTION TRADING GETS LOW MARKS FROM EPA; Report Dampens President’s “Clear Skies” Projections

October 28, 2002 KLAMATH RIVER WATER LEVELS SET UNDER POLITICAL PRESSURE; Congressional Leaders Call for Hearings, Whistleblower Protection
UPDATE: **California blames fish kill on low water flows**

**October 9, 2002** ARCHAEOLOGICAL TREASURES RUINED IN LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST; Report: Supervisor Retaliated Against Employee Whistleblowers

**September 27, 2002** GARBAGE RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION TRASHING ENDANGERED SPECIES AND DESERT PUBLIC LANDS; Conservationists challenge work on line to haul L.A.’s trash to dump at Eagle Mountain next to Joshua Tree NP

**September 6, 2002** BUSH ADMINISTRATION FACES LEGAL CHALLENGE TO 5.5M ACRE CALIFORNIA DESERT LAND PLAN; BLM's NECO Plan Reduces Conservation, Harms Desert Tortoise, Biodiversity and Wilderness

**September 5, 2002** CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE PASSES GOVERNMENT LAWYER WHISTLEBLOWER BILL; First Major State to Free Public Agency Attorneys to Reveal Confidential Information

**May 2, 2002** LAWSUIT CHALLENGES SIERRA LOGGING; Complaint Says Department of Forestry is Short-cutting Timber Harvest Approvals.

**Water Board Requests More Staff.**  [See the resolution.](#) [Water Board letter to CDF.](#)

**February 14, 2002** Joint Release: CONSERVATIONISTS TO ENJOY AND MONITOR ALGODONES DUNES OVER PRESIDENTS DAY WEEKEND

**January 30, 2002** BLM REASSIGNS KEY SO. CAL. MANAGER AFTER POLITICAL PRESSURE BY OFF-ROAD AND GRAZING INTERESTS

**December 21, 2001** CONSERVATIONISTS TAKE TO THE SAND IN DUNES DEFENSE MISSION: Environmental Monitoring At Dunes Stepped Up Over Holidays

- [Conservation Groups Back US BLM's Move to Limit Livestock Grazing on Public Lands](#)
- [BLM Violates Court Order on Tortoise Protection](#)
- [Bush & Norton's BLM Ignoring Grazing Settlement to Protect Desert Tortoise](#)
- ["Near Riot" Conditions in Desert, Says Government Report](#)
- [Environmentalists & BLM Agree to Protect Large Areas of Algodones Dunes](#)
- [State Fish & Game Told to Facilitate Logging](#)
- [Governor Intervenes for Pacific Lumber](#)
- [Davis Neglects Toxic Problems](#)

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**Surveys**

- [1999 California Department of Toxic Substances Control Survey](#)
- [1998 California Department of Fish & Game Survey](#)
White Papers

Ruined Relics

Tortoise on the Half-Shell

Other Activities

September 12, 2001 PEER Comments to CA Energy Commission

PEER Letter to California BLM

*California's Failed Forest Policy*, a report based on interviews with with Dept. of Fish & Game Employees:
  - Read the report in Word format.
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2000 report on the status of the Dept. of Toxic Substances Control:
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