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### **Public Review and Comment Now Open for LA Conservation Corps Proposal to California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division 2021 Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program**

Los Angeles— The Los Angeles Conservation Corps has applied to the California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division for \$130,000 in funding to install barriers to prevent off-road vehicles from damaging sensitive habitat at Drinkwater Flat Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area in the Angeles National Forest. This work benefits the environment, increases the sustainability of off-highway vehicle recreation, and provides work experience for at-risk young adults.

We are now in the public comment period. The public review and comment period for the 2021 Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program begins Tuesday, March 2, 2021, and ends Monday, May 4, 2021 5:00PM. This period provides an opportunity for the public to review and provide factual comments to the preliminary applications submitted to the OHMVR Division for consideration during the 2021 grant cycle.

The link below leads to the Grants and Cooperative Agreements Online Grants Application system. There, one will find instructions ("Public Comment Instructions" link) on reviewing the preliminary applications that have been submitted and the process on providing the comments electronically ("Public Comments" link).

[https://olga.ohv.parks.ca.gov/egrams\\_ohmvr/user/home.aspx](https://olga.ohv.parks.ca.gov/egrams_ohmvr/user/home.aspx)

One may also submit public comments in writing to the OHMVR Division at the address below. The written comments must be received no later than May 4, 2021 5:00PM.

California State Parks  
OHMVR Division  
Attn: Grants Manager  
1725 23rd Street  
Sacramento, CA 95816

Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) connects opportunity youth with careers and college. We provide work, education, supportive services, and transition assistance to help youth from low-income families and disadvantaged communities achieve self-sufficiency. Work projects benefit the environment and the community.

The Angeles National Forest (ANF) covers over 650,000 acres and is the backyard playground to the huge metropolitan area of Los Angeles. The ANF is operated by the US Forest Service, an agency of the US Department of the Interior. The Drinkwater Flat OHV Area is located north of Santa Clarita, CA, within the ANF. The Drinkwater Flat segment encompasses approximately 22,348 acres with 42 miles of OHV routes (including trails and roads) for motorcycles, 4x4's



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and ATV's. A staging area with parking is provided to access the Drinkwater Flat trail system from San Francisquito Road; connecting trails from Bouquet Canyon Road and Rowher Flat also provide access.

California State Parks' Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Program was created in 1971 out of the critical need to better manage growing demands for off-highway recreation, while at the same time foster respect for private property rights and protect California's natural and cultural resources. Today, this program, a division of the California Department of Parks and Recreation, is the largest and most successful program of its type in the U.S. The program continues its commitment to provide safe, enjoyable recreation while balancing the need to protect the state's resources.

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