

## **THE ISSUE:**

Typically BLM writes RMPs (Resource Mgmt. Plans) for federal public land.

Last July Clark Co. passed a Resolution to write its own RMP with details to be worked out. Details are nearly worked out and we're getting the short end.

## **WHATS AT STAKE. Clark's Bill as proposed:**

1. Completely closes Bittersprings, NV Landing, and Ute (Muddy Mountains) to racing as ACEC (Area of Critical Environmental Concern). No racing in ACECs. Riding may be allowed on marked designated routes.
2. Closes Jean, Logandale (Moapa Valley) to racing by splitting area up by ACECs to not enough left to put on a race.
3. Closes most of Crescent Peak as a Wilderness. No mechanical entry into Wilderness. Not enough area left to put on a race.
4. Closes 1/3 of Laughlin as ACEC. We can still race area left out of the gravel pit.
5. Nelson is boxed in and cut on south by ACEC and Wilderness.
6. Goodsprings still multiple use. Clark Co. suggests Sandy Valley-Goodsprings be our OHV area. Proximity to homes, size of area, lack of sufficient approved race routes and existing pit areas, current use restrictions, Sandy Valley-Goodsprings
7. Playing riding in Clark Co. will be restricted to marked designated routes.

## **WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

We have a closing window of opportunity to fix this as a CLARK COUNTY ISSUE.

Those who live in Clark Co., CONTACT YOUR COUNTY COMMISSIONER by going to

<http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/elected-officials/Pages/Default.aspx>

**“Locate Commissioner”** box is upper left. Tell your Commissioner Clark’s Federal Land Bill unfairly divides public land between Preservation and more land for Development. Ask they re-write the Bill to include public sustainable use of public land turning the 2 way split into a 3 way split between: USE AS IDEAS TO WRITE YOUR COMMENTS. DO NOT COPY AND PASTE.

1. CONSERVATION for sustainable use to protect public use of public land while protecting natural places people visit public land to enjoy.
  - 1.1. Management for Multiple-Use protects Nature while protecting sustainable public uses, including recreation most people who go to public land to do.
  - 1.2. Managed use is not abuse. Nature is renewable, so natural place don’t have to be closed to current generations to be there for future generations. How management policy affects people should be part of making management decisions.
  - 1.3. Endangered and threatened species are protected by annually reviewed US Fish & Wildlife Service PBOs (Programmatic Biological Opinion). There’s no need for new overlapping management such as the proposed Tortoise Protection Corridor.

- 1.4. Multiple-Use was BLM's primary management category. Today it's seen as a temporary management category waiting for some permanent management designation. A consequence is the share of public land for sustainable public use has shrank as areas sold for development or set aside for Preservation have significantly grown. That's evident in Clark's Federal Land Bill.
- 1.5. To fix that, establish a permeant Multiple-Use designation. Establish a fair ratio between Conservation, Preservation, and Disposal Sale for Development. Then re-draw Clark's Federal Land Bill maps by that ratio.
2. PRESERVATION to protect public land from people is advocated by some who believe people don't belong in natural places; not even a passing presence. To them a trail is a scar to eradicate. Their goal is to return public land how to how it looked before settlers of European descent arrived.
  - 2.1. There are unique spectacular places that should be restrictively managed for Preservation. Reasonably, how much public land should be set aside for Preservation? Clark's Federal Land Bill sets nearly all of it aside.
3. DISPOSAL sale of public land should be for smart growth. Smart growth to keep a small city feeling by having public land to play on close to home.

Please include cc or bcc of your comments to [radams@racemran.com](mailto:radams@racemran.com) for MRAN's record.

ALSO attend Clark Co. OHV Advisory Committee Meetings.

<http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/airquality/forms/Pages/OHV-Announcement-.aspx>

<http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/airquality/forms/Pages/Biographies.aspx>

AND for ideas how to better communicate go to <http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/>

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## **NEXT STEP IF WE CAN'T FIX IT HERE:**

Clark's Federal Land Bill must be passed as a federal law to be implemented. If we can't fix it here, our last chances to fix it or stop it are the US Senate or Presidential Veto. To win there we must make this a national issue. The biggest part convincing riders in other states to join us is by showing them how hard we fought here.

Last July a dozen MRAN members, a dozen BITD members, and 40 or 50 SNORE members attended the Clark Commissioners meeting they passed the Resolution to move ahead writing their RMP. If we'd had that auditorium that would have been the news story and we probably wouldn't still be an issue now.

Work to protect our use of public land now or give up our use of public land later.