

Draft OHV Committee Meeting Agenda  
1:00PM at the BLM small conference room  
March 16, 2005

I. Discuss goals and objectives

A. What do we want to accomplish?

B. How do we want to move forward?

My thoughts: As we have Maria and Dana as advisors, we can design an adaptive management plan that will give us quantify able data. It is my thoughts to gather data from a variety of sites throughout Sandwash Basin. The data that we collect should give us a good look at what uses are occurring and what the impacts are on the soil, vegetation, wildlife and archeology. We should not center just on the high use areas, but the region as a whole.

II. Discuss what we want to do with the data that we collect.

A. Do we want to generalize?

B. Do we want to get into intensive monitoring in specific areas?

My thoughts: In my opinion, we should look at the region as a whole, not just adjunct parts. In order to advise the BLM as to uses in Sandwash Basin, we need to have as much data as possible. Along with this generalized data, we also need to address high use and impact areas. For instance, if we monitor a water hole for use and find negative impacts (in our mind) occurring, we can recommend to BLM that some remedial action should occur.

III. Discuss how much work we want to put into this project

My thoughts: Setting up monitoring sites throughout Sandwash Basin is going to take some time. The sites need to be established and the data gathered on the first day of work. How many days it will take to establish the sites depends on how many sites we decide are sufficient to capture our goal. Distance is a limiting factor in how much we get accomplished. Remember, the Basin is about 600 square miles and it is 10 miles to just about anywhere. According to Brad Petch, we will need to read the sites for newly greened vegetation in late May.

In my view, intense monitoring will need ongoing monitoring throughout the spring, summer and fall. I am personally committed to do that work.

Best regards....

Rick Hammel