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# Williams Hill Draft OHV Plan

Virtual Public Meeting - May 11, 2022





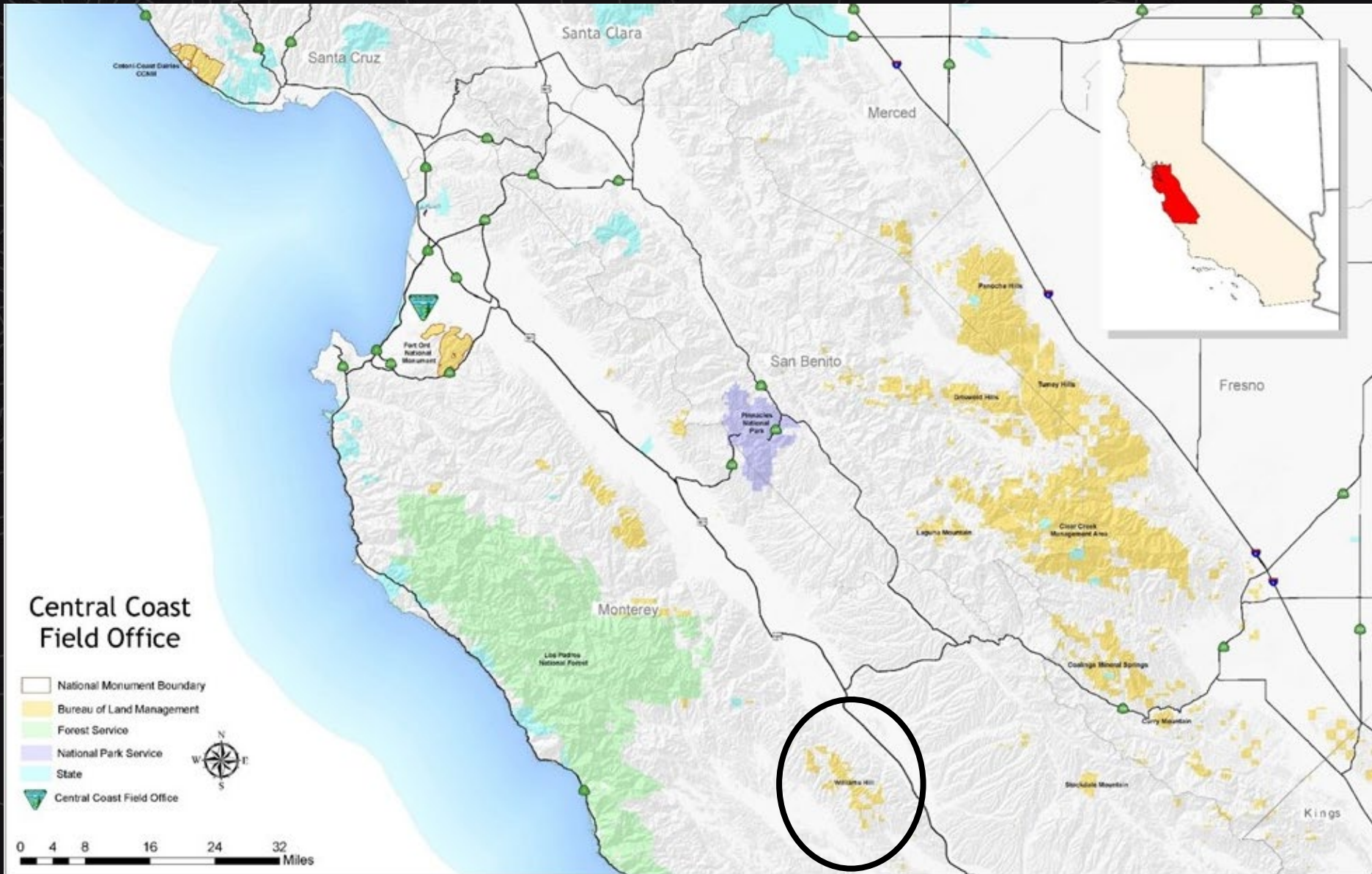
# Public Meeting Agenda

Time	Topic	Presenter
5:00	Welcome,  Zoom Meeting Information	Phillip Oviatt – BLM Public Affairs  Kaitlin Flahive, BLM California State Office (Facilitator)
5:05	Introduction	Ben Blom – BLM Central Coast Field Manager
5:10	Current Conditions, Resources and Recreation	Adam Wilde – BLM Central Coast Outdoor Recreation Planner
5:25	Draft OHV Plan and Environmental Assessment, Issues and Concerns Range of Alternatives Coordination and Consultation Next Steps and Public Involvement	Sky Murphy – BLM Central Coast Planning and Environmental Coordinator
5:40	Public Participation Period	Phillip Oviatt – BLM Public Affairs
	Opportunity for Public Comments  Meeting Participants may submit written comments and/or request time to speak.	Panelists operate Zoom audio controls to allow up to two minutes per speaker.  If time allows, speakers may request a second chance.
6:30	Adjourn Meeting	Meeting may end early if participation is complete ahead of schedule.



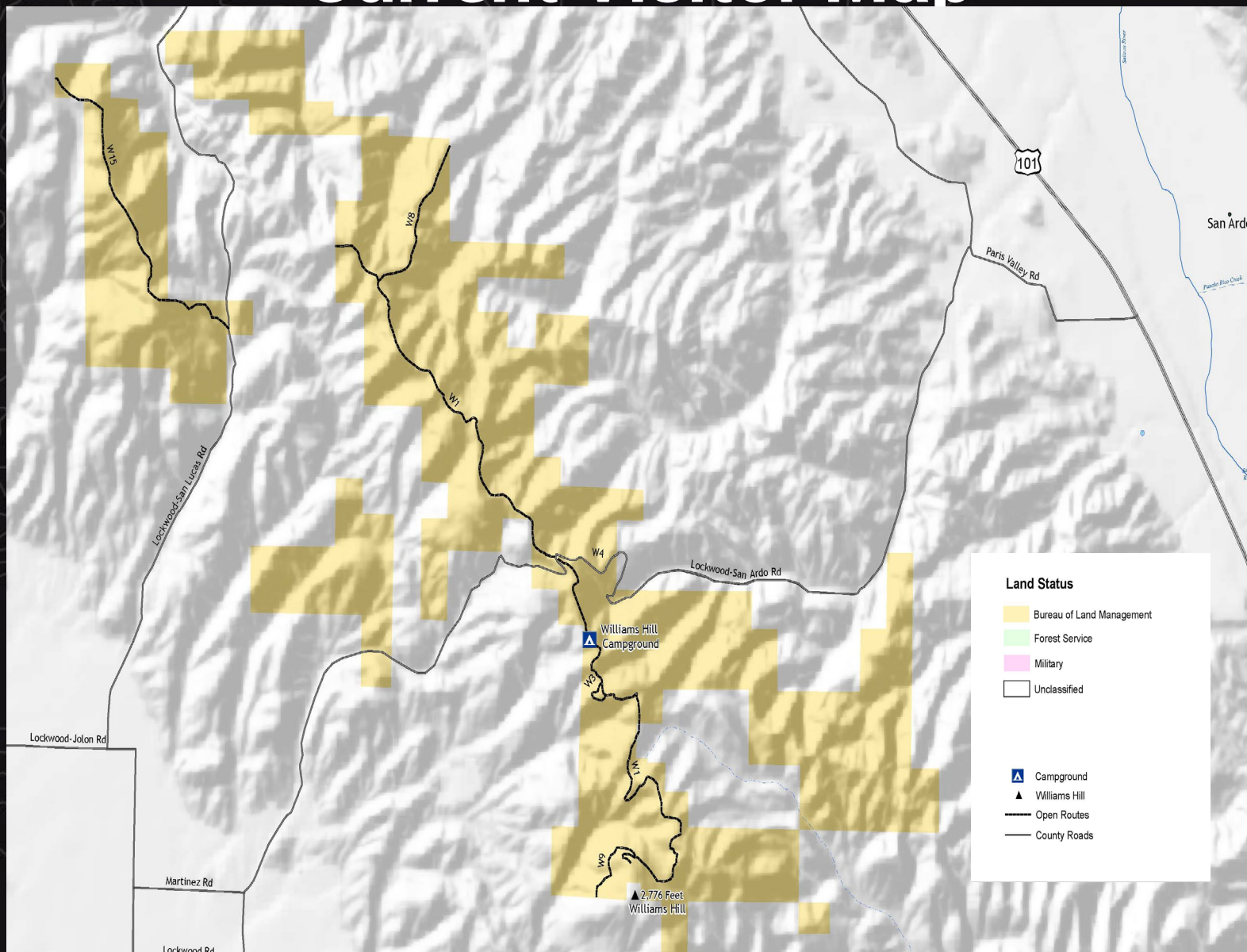


# General Location Map





# Current Visitor Map







# Current Conditions – Resources

- **Vegetation**
  - Primarily chaparral, coastal scrub, knobcone pine forest
- **Hydrology and Water Resources**
  - No perennial streams, several seasonally dry creeks
- **Wildlife**
  - Includes black tailed deer, red-tailed hawk, mountain lion, coyote
- **Special Status Species**
  - Potential foraging habitat for California condor and tricolored blackbird
  - 5 documented BLM sensitive plant species



# Current Conditions - Recreation

## Primary uses:

- Camping: Williams Hill Campground (free) and dispersed sites.
- Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use
- Recreational Target Shooting
- Hunting
- Hiking
- Bird watching

Visitation has increased and is expected to continue to increase

## Visitation Estimates (Visits per Year)

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
26,863	30,218	32,384	50,376	59,204







# Current Conditions – Recreation (cont.)

Route Name	Route Class	Route Mgt. Objective (RMO)	Vehicle Type (= Limited OHV)	Length (miles)
W1	Road	Access and Connectivity	All Vehicle Sizes	8.58
W2	Road	Access and Connectivity	All Vehicle Sizes	1.19
W4	Road	Access and Connectivity	All Vehicle Sizes	0.40
W8	Road	Access and Connectivity	All Vehicle Sizes(No full Sized Vehicles)	1.22
W9	Road	Access and Connectivity	All Vehicle Sizes	0.65
W15	Primitive Road	Access and Connectivity	All Vehicle Sizes	3.15
TOTAL				15.19





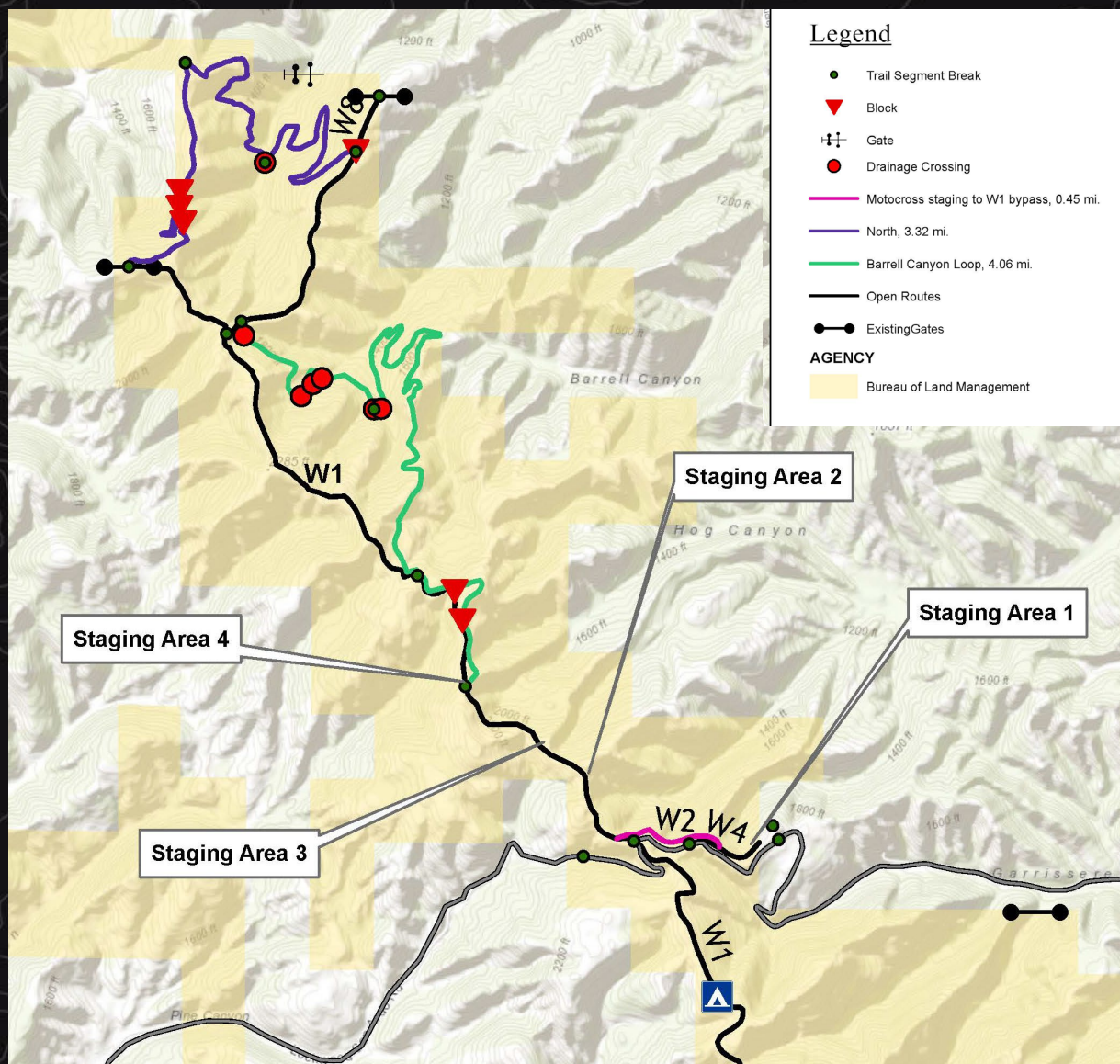
# Public Scoping – Issues and Concerns

- OHV Community
  - Lack of trail riding for mix of beginner-friendly and expert rider trails so the whole family can ride.
- Residents
  - Trespass on adjacent lands.
  - Increased chance for human caused wildfires.
  - Increase visitor conflicts.
  - Increased accidents and emergency response.
- Defenders of Wildlife
  - Update inventory of special status species in the area.
- Ventana Chapter Sierra Club
  - Impacts on Rivers and Washes, Weeds, and Wildlife.





# Alternative A







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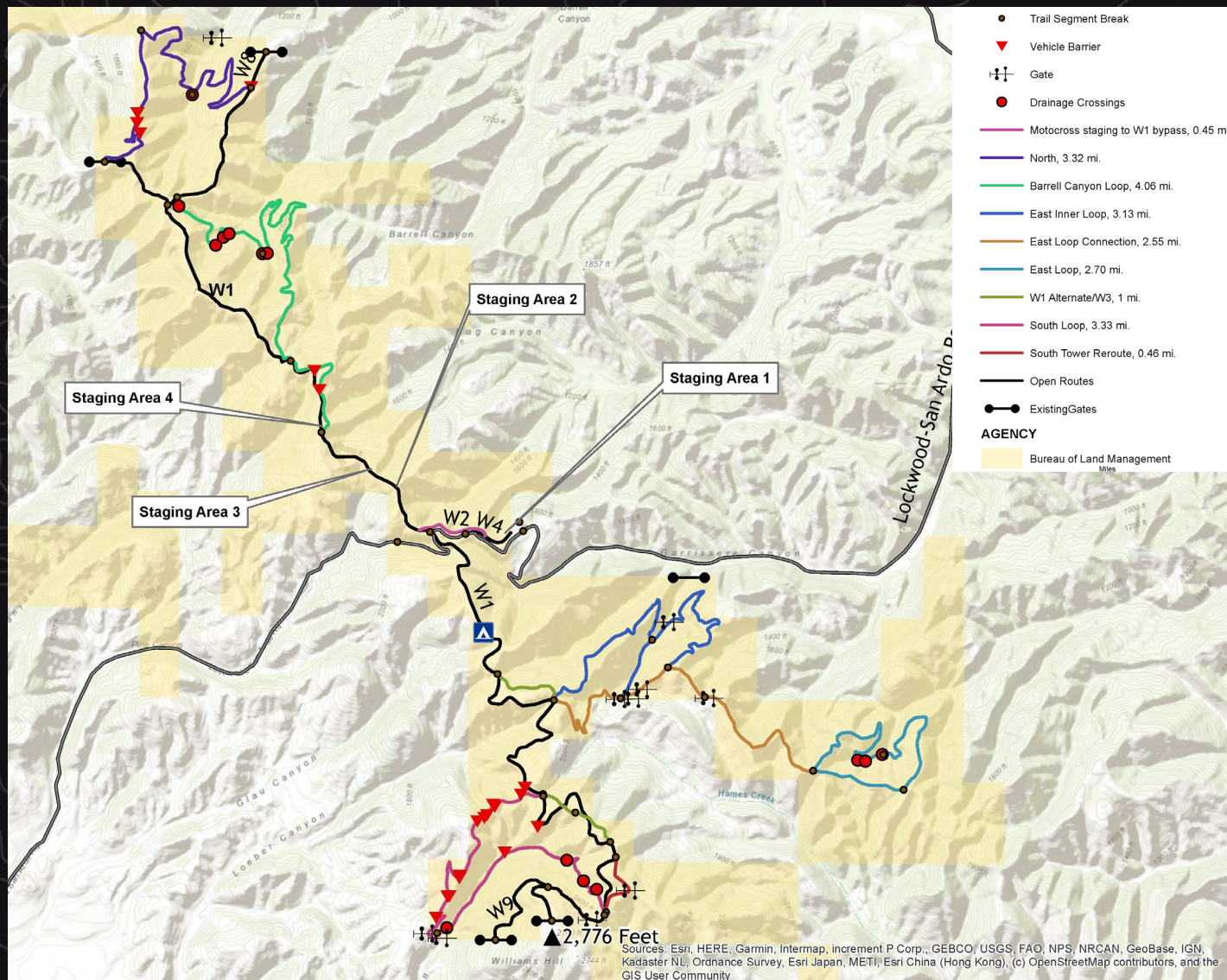
# Recreation Staging Areas







# Alternative B





# Summary of Action Alternatives:

ALTERNATIVE A				
New Route Name	Route Class	Route Mgt. Objective (RMO)	Vehicle Type (= Limited OHV)	Length (miles)
Motocross staging to W1 bypass	Trail	OHV Recreation	(UTV/ATV/Motorcycle)	0.44
North Loop (Barrell Canyon)	Trail	OHV Recreation	(UTV/ATV/Motorcycle)	4.06
North	Trail	OHV Recreation	(UTV/ATV/Motorcycle)	3.32
SUB-TOTAL				<b>7.82</b>
TOTAL				23.01

ALTERNATIVE B				
New Route Name	Route Class	Route Mgt. Objective (RMO)	Vehicle Type (= Limited OHV)	Length (miles)
Motocross staging to W1 bypass	Trail	OHV Recreation	(UTV/ATV/Motorcycle)	0.44
North Loop (Barrell Canyon)	Trail	OHV Recreation	(UTV/ATV/Motorcycle)	4.06
North	Trail	OHV Recreation	(UTV/ATV/Motorcycle)	3.32
East Inner Loop	Trail	OHV Recreation	(UTV/ATV/Motorcycle)	3.14
East Loop Connection	Trail	OHV Recreation	(UTV/ATV/Motorcycle)	2.55
East Loop	Trail	OHV Recreation	(UTV/ATV/Motorcycle)	2.69
South Loop	Trail	OHV Recreation	(UTV/ATV/Motorcycle)	3.34
South Tower Reroute	Trail	OHV Recreation	(UTV/ATV/Motorcycle)	0.45
W1 Alternate/W3	Trail	OHV Recreation	(UTV/ATV/Motorcycle)	0.97
SUB-TOTAL				<b>20.96</b>
TOTAL				36.15





# Project Design Features (Appendix B)

Project design features (PDF's) are incorporated in the range of alternatives to avoid or reduce potential adverse impacts of the proposed management actions. The PDF categories include:

- 1. Minimize Ground Disturbance and Land Occupancy**
- 2. Recreational Resources**
- 3. Hazards and Hazardous Materials**
- 4. Aesthetics**
- 5. Seasonal Dust Control Measure Design Considerations**
- 6. Biological Resources**
- 7. Noxious and Invasive Plants (Weeds)**
- 8. Cultural Resources**
- 9. Hydrology and Water Quality**
- 10.Noise**



# Consultation and Coordination:

- Federal, State, and Local Agency
  - US Fish and Wildlife Service
  - CA OHV Division Compliance Unit
  - CA Department of Fish and Wildlife
  - Office of Historic Preservation
  - County Board of Supervisor
- Organizations and Associations
  - Recreation and Conservations Groups
  - Tribal Groups
  - Residents





# Next Steps:

- Draft OHV Plan and Environmental Assessment
  - Comment Period Open through May 23, 2022
- Final OHV Plan and Environmental Assessment
  - Incorporate Feedback on the Draft
  - Identify Preferred Alternative
  - Issue Decision Record (DR) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)



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# Questions?

## Williams Hill Special Recreation Management Area



Written comments must be submitted on-line, or by email to [BLM\\_CA\\_Web\\_CC@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_CA_Web_CC@blm.gov), or mailed to BLM Central Coast Field Office, Attn: Williams Hill OHV Planning EA, 940 2nd Avenue, Marina, CA 93933.

For more information visit the BLM's ePlanning project website: <https://go.usa.gov/x6TWt>