

# PUBLIC COMMENT

**Tamar Warren**

## Public Comment

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**From:** Lori Bagwell  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 20, 2021 10:28 AM  
**To:** Tamar Warren  
**Subject:** FW: Please add to my Public Comment if I don't catch the last Public Comment period

Per her request, please add.

Lori Bagwell  
Mayor

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**From:** Robyn Orloff <robyn.orloff@icloud.com>  
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Please thank the 2 Supervisors who allowed me to show them part of the OHV area that we have concerns about — which is on the SW slope where there is a succession of washes that are ephemeral streams. I appreciate them taking the time to see my concerns — in person.  
I truly meant to acknowledge their time and commitment to their Citizens.

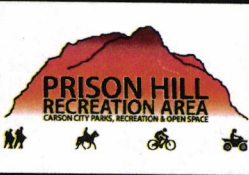




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# Prison Hill OHV Trail System - Interim Map



Non-Motorized Area

Prison Hill Summit

Golden Eagle Rock

Viewpoint

Travel off designated routes/areas is prohibited

Cable Rd

Viewpoint

Gate (Closed)

P Staging Area

Entrance  
(No OHV Access Past This Point)

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## RIDE RIGHT

- ✓ NV OHV REGISTRATION (REQUIRED)
- ✓ APPROVED SPARK ARRESTOR
- ✓ SOUND 96 db MAX



P Staging Area

Restroom

Private Road (No Access)

Sand Training Area

Singletrack Trails (<28")

Double Track Trails (4x4 Recommended)

Wheeler Trails (Extreme)

Entry Road

Closed Trails

OHV Area Boundary

Restoration Areas (No Access)

Open Skills Area

0 250 500 Feet

Map Date: February 27, 2020

## Need-To-Know

Ride Right: Nevada OHV Registration (required), spark arrestor, and 96db max sound

Dawn to dusk use only; NO camping and NO fires; Pack It In, Pack It Out

Stay on Designated Routes/Areas. Motorcycles allowed on Double Track and Wheeler routes

Cross Country Travel Prohibited

Don't crush the brush: vegetation provides habitat for small animals and stabilizes soils

Respect the trails, the land, and the rights of others. RTDF RESPONSIBILITY

late material 5/22/21

Emergency 911



*"To disarm the people – that (is) the best and most effectual way to enslave them".*

- George Mason (1788)

May 11, 2021

Dear Honorable Mayor Bagwell and Members of the Carson City Board of Supervisors:

Few rights afforded by the United States Constitution have been as seriously assaulted as the Second Amendment. As efforts mount to further restrict this most fundamental of American rights, in tandem with a desire, in some jurisdictions, to defund the police, more and more of our fellow citizens are arming themselves as a defense against rising crime and the increasing possibility of unjust infringements upon their right to bear arms.

While some allege that the Second Amendment refers solely to the maintaining of organized militias, clearly this was not the intent of the Framers. George Mason defined the Militia as the "whole people" while Sam Adams emphatically, but perhaps overly optimistically, insisted that "The Constitution shall never be construed to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms".

In defense of the Second Amendment, Nelson Lund, a law professor at George Mason University, in a legal studies research paper, states what, to most of us, is a proverbial "no brainer" - "Armed citizens ... prevent countless crimes and have saved many lives. What's more, the most vulnerable people – including women, the elderly, and those who live in high crime neighborhoods – are among the greatest beneficiaries of the Second Amendment".

Throughout history, denying people the right to defend themselves, whether against an individual assailant or a tyrannical government, is the first step toward subjugation.

In 2020, the City demonstrated its support for the right of its citizens to own guns and its commitment to promoting responsible gun use by funding significant improvements to the Rifle and Pistol Range to improve safety in and around the area and to increase shooting opportunities for the general public. A driving force behind this effort was then-Supervisor Lori Bagwell.

In addition, Sheriff Furlong and the chief law enforcement officers in eight other Nevada jurisdictions have openly expressed their support of the Second Amendment, pledging to do everything in their power to "uphold and defend its principles" while working to introduce common sense reforms designed to keep firearms out of the hands of criminals, the mentally ill and illegal controlled substance users.



For these actions, we are grateful and, as residents of Carson City, pledge to assist the Board and local law enforcement in any way possible to preserve one of our most fundamental constitutional guarantees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shelly Aldean", written over a horizontal line.

Shelly Aldean et al



**From:** [Robyn Orloff](#)  
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Please accept this prior Public Comment (to OSAC on 8/15/2010 ) as relevant to BOS meeting Item 18B, appointment of new OSAC members.

Was going to call in the comments (lower section) re the OHV area effect on view sheds and gateway to the City — as a heads up maybe to the new appointees.

No phone number last week — and too late to send in (or attend! : > )))



Patti Liebespeck

**Public Comment**

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Please accept these as Public Comment for the meeting on Monday August 17. I understand that there will be no discussion to questions raised in public comment, during the meeting (per post sent to me 5/8/20). But perhaps at some point staff can respond by email? Thank you,  
Robyn

**Kodos:** Love the artwork for Bee City and the Serenity Trail. Very special. Much appreciated certainly by those at the Cancer Center for treatment and support. Many thanks to the Chamber Leadership Group for their work!

And thank you to staff for your monitoring studies — and weed abatement/ reseeding/ and trash pick up projects. And for your creative responses to the COVID restrictions, encouraging the community to get out and responsibly enjoy all our lands: videos etc.

Thank you for the great new Kiosk signs for Clearview and Koontz THs.

**Concerns:** Relative to the Schulz Investment report: "Staff has provided comments on the proposals, including the desire to keep the hillside undeveloped and protect the scenic views between Carson City and Lake Tahoe."

I applaud Carson City's involvement and desire. Yes, let's support protection of the hillsides between Carson City and Lake Tahoe, along 50W. But, what about our very own hillsides, facing the base of 50W?

Consider re-evaluation of the density of designated **Wheeler/Crawler Trails (Extreme)** and **Open Areas** on this slope, per the new Interim Map, released 3/11/2020? Will not this invited use cause new impact in an already highly impacted area?



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Hi there,

Sending in this (and the other post — and photos to follow) for this week's meeting. Can't make it this week in person. Lengthy, but 'for the record' please.

I am bolding some of my questions. Perhaps you can answer them - for yourself and for me? Consider an agenda item for discussion/action, in the future?

This topic was (peripherally) related to 18B of BOS meeting 5/6/21: appointment of 2 new OSAC members. Wanted to give them (and you all) a heads up re the issues at the OHV area at Prison Hill. And certainly a topic under the purview of the BOS.

**"5. Public Comment:\*\***

I agree with all of you, that all the Open Space properties owned and managed by Carson City, are awesome — and much loved and enjoyed.

I also acknowledge that our Open Space staff is doing a fantastic job with ALL of them — despite them being very short staffed.

And thank you to the Parks and Recreation Maintenance staff for all they do — also short staffed.

We moved to Carson City from

Lake Tahoe because of the trail running and exploring opportunities here — and the beauty (and your stewardship) of our western edge of the Great Basin. Yes Kudos are in order.

Our concern is what is going on (or not) at the OHV area in the south Prison Hill property.

Seems like OSAC and BOS laud the area and the

'Progress' — but who of you have been out there, on the ground, in the heart of the riding

area???? We gotta tell you, the "talk" (in presentations,

meetings, grant applications, OHV Management Plans) does NOT match the "walk". And

compliances with associated documents HAS been an issue

(which you are well aware of I am sure). I brought that topic up with several City staff — but was not taken seriously I guess.

I am happy to discuss any of this in person with any of you — and take you on a site tour of the OHV area anytime.

A 'windshield tour' of the Staging Area and out Cable Road a bit, does not show you the damage and trespass and lack of work in the area.

The good news is that it will show you the Staging Area - which has had excellent improvements — making it safer and more functional and more

appealing, and showing more 'presence'. And overall the area has very little litter! Kudos on all of us picking it up and showing a presence and being a good example!



But the bad news: the work stopped there in Fall of 2019 — with minimal to nothing else going on in the entire area, since (until just now, briefly for a few days).

Which good news: the new signs installed are professional, quality, and necessary! But the bad news: the impact, tire tracks where they shouldn't be,

destruction of flora, widening of washes w/trampling destruction of flora on the side slopes = more erosion — has been ongoing and accelerated.

Goal in all documents was to destroy the impacts of the BLM era. However we are inviting, allowing, not stopping, the NEW impacts : > (((

Rationale for 18 month "hold on" work on the hill?

Contractors (NOHVCC and RecConnect) from out of area, not able to respond to problems reported — issues. That is one reason for sure.

But not because of COVID? — we all adapted in personal and professional/work settings: wore masks and kept the distance, easier for outside work. And not because of the SHPO compliance issues?: SHPO available for consult re any work proposed out there

i.e. my ideas if ground disturbance was a problem --- flag bushes or use survey pins to identify closed and open areas/trails, on the ground

fencing (not requiring post holes) to close areas, railroad ties on the ground as done in the Tiny Tot area to identify closures or routes,

hang signs on that fencing or attach to the railroad ties as you did at Tiny Tot area (so no post holes), and many

other creative ways to work the property within whatever their restrictions might be. None of this was done. NO work was done in the heart

of the riding area for 18 months. **I was told by Open Space that there was 'a hold' on the project. Why was that?**

Even our own Open Space staff didn't/couldn't do work — except reinstatement or replacement of the signs and fencing vandalized/ mowed over many times by

the OHVers —hardly respectful of the property they have been given the privilege of using. And doing a monitoring study? One OSAC member said at a recent

meeting, in response to my expressed concerns: "They are our constituents too". I agree. But like all of the constituents who enjoy our other properties

and are expected to be respectful of them, these constituents need to do the same. Why are we excusing them? And this OSAC member had NOT been to the

heart of the riding area, (not sure about the Staging Area) so has not seen first hand, the damage. Nor have any of the other OSAC members, as far as I know

(except for a City Tour that did not go into the heart of the riding area — and one member said they were shown 'the low lying fruit'). But all laud the

project and its 'progress'. **How can one discuss the area and a problem, if one hasn't been there/seen it?** And an hour site tour by me, which a few 'partners'

have agreed to, barely touches the tip of the 'tip of the iceberg'.

Interestingly, the OSAC members often remark re concerns/ issues in the other Open Space Areas: want more signage, concerned about walking off trail and new

"Social"/ "user" trails, want the renegade OHV use to stop, concern re 'damage to the natural resources' etc etc. But never any mention or concern

re the (same) issues in the OHV area — or constructive acknowledgement of what we present as issues. Why is that? The impact of the same problems,

on the natural resources, is exponentially worse there!!! We have "Natural Resource Specialists" on staff and on the OSAC. **Why are they not willing to go**

**on a field trip there with us, into the heart of the riding area, to see the issues with their own**



**eyes. Maybe then they would demand solutions?**

The Contractors have not been on site in the Winter months (Nov - May or June) since they were signed on in 2017. Why IS that? Much work could be done during those months. Certainly the OHVers are out there using the property en force. And we multi-users (YES, this IS a multi-use area — per past history and use and mandate in the Omnibus 2009 Law and all our Management Plans) love it then (not so hot, and no rattlesnakes).

**I wonder if Carson City was aware that the contractors would be MIA 6 months out of the year? - when they signed them on?**

**How many of you are familiar with the 2 Interim Maps?**— the one produced in February, and the one modified in July but not made public until December (removing a 'wash' route, that was not impacted at all — designated for Rock Crawler/Wheeler use — which is now heavily impacted despite being 'closed'). A 72" wheelbase machine grinding up a virgin wash that is 1-2 feet wide. Protection of our natural resources? See below discussion re definition of 'natural resources'. **Do you know the boundary lines of the area — where it is exactly? How/where to access it?**

**Have you seen the area from Rte 50W, Snyder Rd east, Topsy coming east, Rte 395 coming north from Minden? How does it affect the gateway to our City? And our view sheds? Your opinion re this? Ideas for solutions?**

**And interesting that this Interim Map — that has its trail 'tendrils' into all corners of the OHV property — was not shown to or subject to ANY vote/approval, by OSAC or BOS. Isn't that a bit out of protocol?** And released prior to a Section 106 Cultural Study (contract for that signed a week earlier). Which did cause an issue, despite me asking about it. Seems like all the trails in the Conservation Easement Property (and on USFS and BLM property?) must be Section 106d prior to any trails being opened or built, bringing in any new ground disturbance? Not 'picked up' by the City or SHPO study Contractor.

And don't the USFS and BLM trails need environmental studies of flora/fauna etc? Prior to being built? The Rim Trail actually had to be realigned as a result of findings (Night Goshawk?). But, because these studies are not REQUIRED on Prison Hill (because it is City owned, without any of these requirements) — they are not done. **Seems to me the Natural Resource Specialists would deem such studies important and relevant — and do them even if not required (as an ethical decision, relative to the land)?**

And interesting that the entire south west 'wash' slope of the property, has been designated essentially a "Rock Crawler" Amusement Park: almost all the washes that flow on this slope (after rain/snow melt i.e. ephemeral streams) have been designated Wheeler Trails (Extreme) — which, NOHVCC tells me, "are really Crawler routes". **And, how many of you have experienced these washes — flowing after rain/snow? Or even when dry?** I would say they are a precious 'natural resource'??? But I have gained no traction bringing this question/concern up — in multiple OSAC meetings (I attend almost ALL of them), since the Fall of 2019 (another issue — when a new Open Area was NOHVCC's parting gift to us, prior to leaving for 18 months — not fully signed — showing increased resource damage as a result).



**Do any of you know what an Open Area is? What riding is allowed? And that there are actually islands of sagebrush/bitterbrush/mormon tea /desert peach/rabbit brush in these areas — and as such, can be ridden over and destroyed (causing MORE erosion downstream — not to mention we are inviting destruction of the flora, when the theme of all the 'talk' is protection of the resource'?).**

**And how many of you know what a quad, side by side, crawler, wheeler, dirt bike looks like — and their respective impacts on the property?**

**And how many of you know how to use the Avenza App — which is imperative to use, to follow the trails on the map! No signage on any of the trails in the heart of the writing area.**

If you don't know the map, and haven't walked the trails using the Avenza App — you have no idea what is going on out there (or not).

Discussion of the OHV area is extremely lengthy and complex, sorry for this long Public Comment. But we feel all these concerns (and more) should be publicly addressed. Unfortunately, IMO, there doesn't seem to be much interest by staff (from the top down) or BOS or OSAC, re the infractions and violations to our property, going on in the OHV area, because of lack of oversight and management. Is this area 'a sacrifice'? Then call it like it is. Let's not pretend we are taking care of it — at least now. The Grant Apps and documents tout all kinds of changes and improvements. If they are realized, there is hope. But in the meantime, the property has been left open and vulnerable (for 18 month and counting) — while promoting it heavily and ceaselessly — before it is ready for Consumption (which is exactly what is happening).

There was some work done for a few days in May — signs/fencing installed on about 3 trails — great start, looks professional. **Then the Consultant left, not to return until June?** A taste of hope — but 'too little too late'. So much impact has occurred during this 18 month period of no presence.

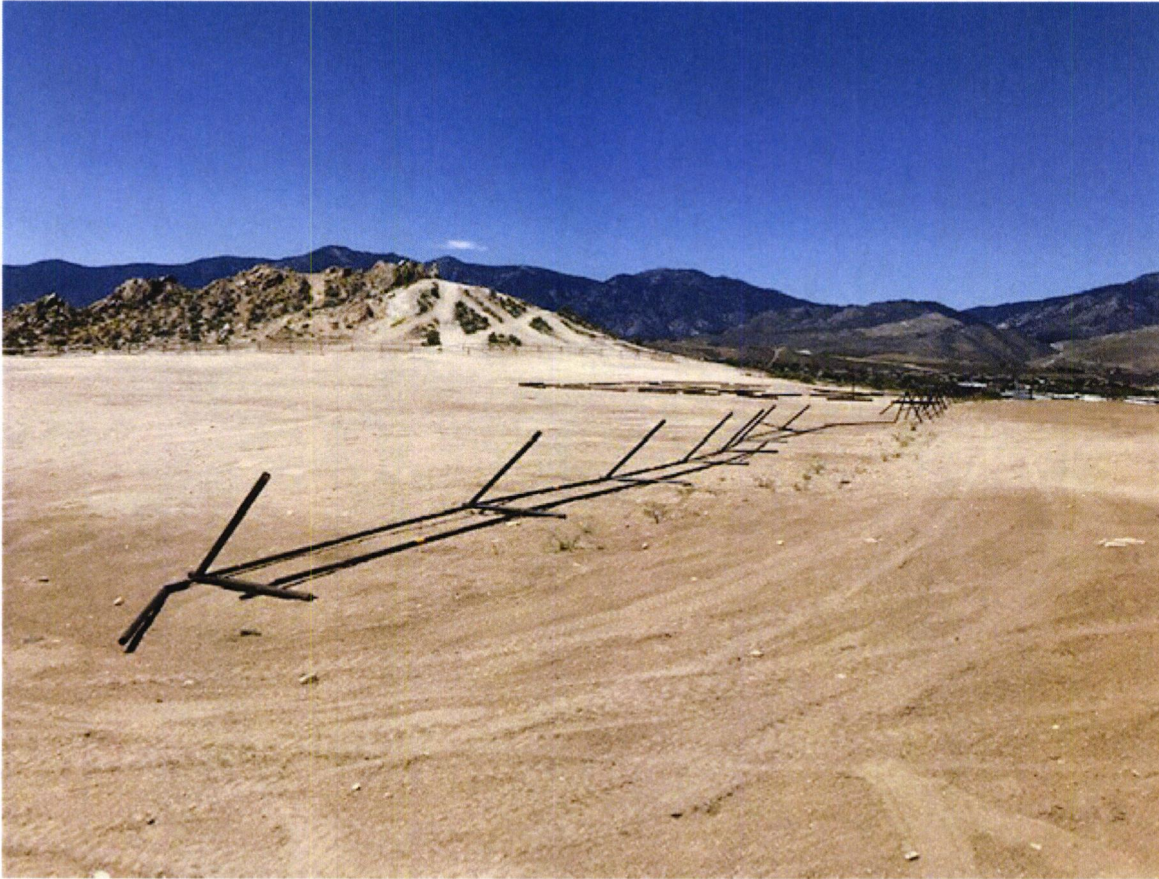
Please see below #1-5, also 'for the record', and hopefully repair / rehabilitation and strategies to avoid repeat trespass and damage?

1). Fencing Down: Noticed Monday -- reporting now after checking on it tonight: sorry to say -

- Buck and Pole Fencing down again (5th time?) by the MX area, next to porta-potty. The Users just can't leave that fence alone, can they?

About 1/3 of it is down-- and looks like a vertical piece is missing. I couldn't right it myself -- and wasn't sure how you all want to do it -- might be shortened if you are lacking the vertical (and thus short a section)? I am sure the Rangers have noted it -- but can't put it up themselves (usually patrol alone). Sending it in, for the record -- of ongoing repetitive vandalism over at the OHV area.





We are happy to come to help -- and bring another person or two -- if you give us a heads up (775-240-5142). GREAT fencing, fits in beautifully, usually easy to prop back up — and move. Perfect for the area!

2). Porta-potty door swung wide open again, sand inside yesterday -- but cleaned up today (by the weekly service folks probably?, cleaning log inside dated today). Someone put the rocks I left-- to prop the door wide open (rather than to keep it shut as I had done). Logic of that? **I don't see any porta-potty or bathroom doors left swinging or propped open (ongoing after being reported) on any other of our parks or open space properties?**





3). Trespass and Damage: into the OHV area -- from over the top we assume (no tracks in from the area above Snyder, used in the past) --- of 2 very wide-tired wide wheelbase OHVs (Crawlers? -- seemed wider than a Wheeler). Photos 1 and 5 below show their tracks, a few yards north of the Snyder PA. Turned around at the access point/fenceline. Followed them joyriding between Clearview and Snyder THs -- destroying the vegetation along the trail, that has been growing in. Thanks alot OHVers.













This is another reason there needs to be a solid boundary along the top -- not 'porous' as it is now. Signs not working up there. Full boundary fencing was promised in an OSAC meeting in 2019 (I think February), to be completed by the end of the Summer. 2+ years since the meeting, and almost 4 years of grant money later -- and many many reports of trespass --- and still not done. Amazing that I got the boundary between Snyder and Golden Eagle Rock, fenced in 2014 -- by working with Juan Guzman as my intermediary with BLM and the Mayor and BOS -- within months of starting to address it. **That says something doesn't it? Any chance of a top boundary fence soon?**

4). Trespass and Damage: the other photos (#2-4) are this weekend's OHV fun in their area: in the now closed "Once is Enough" wash -- and beyond (in the same wash) -- which is all a CLOSED route. But there is no signage or fencing to keep riders out, so they 'trespass'. But they wouldn't KNOW it is a closed wash unless they used the Avenza App (virtual trail signage) -- which few use. NO on-the-ground signage to designate trails (even though the map and entry and kiosk signs say "Stay on Designated Trails"). **Hmmm, so how do riders know where the trails start and end, and their course ---- without SIGNS??? And how do they know an area is closed, if no signs or fencing? Conundrum and Oxymoron for sure.**

**This is east Once is Enough (above Cable Road). Note pink flags tied when RecConnect here in May: for sign or fence placement. Note the tracks and damage are recent — that day or day before.**









**The below** is the west loop of "Once is Enough" (below Cable Road) — now closed. I started running the trails designated on the Interim Map, the day after the map came out.

From 3/12/20 until now — and have run probably 99% of them and can give pin points/locations of good and bad features. This wash was proclaimed to be an 'existing' trail for Wheelers/Crawlers. Hmmm, maybe for hikers?

No impact when I first walked it. Has had more over the last year. Note how narrow this wash is. Visualize the effect if you allow a 72" wheelbased heavy machine to grind up it?

Trail was taken off the map and a new map published in December 2020 (dated September 2020). Damage already done — and continues because no CLOSED signs or fencing.

**Is this a "natural resource" do you think? Trail on the map went through the area in photo below this — I don't see existing use there?**





















An example on Once is Enough — of 2 and 4 wheeled travel in the narrow wash.  $39^{\circ}6'46''$  N  
 $119^{\circ}44'0''$  W See flora trampled on side. Increase erosion?  
**Protection of natural resource (is a wash/ephemeral stream a natural resource?)?**





-- Lower Death Wall wash also was heavily impacted, by 4 wheeled vehicles on a 2 wheeled trail. Again, no signage to show the name or use of the trail -- so the Users just go where they want.

Death Wall Wash below Cable Road.

The road in foreground is CLOSED on the map. Really?

Trail going up, is supposed to be single track only (i.e. dirt bikes, not vehicles).

Note recent 4 wheeled tracks. All photos below show damage in the single track designated lower Death Wall Wash (below Cable Road).













This is the very lower part of Death wall Wash — designated single track. Luckily the Wheelers/Crawlers haven't destroyed it yet — as they have the upper end. The end goal of the project is to rehabilitate all this impact (from prior mismanagement) — so why are we allowing ongoing damage and mismanagement?





-- And the shoulder between Lower Death Wall and Headlight Wash, not a designated route, was impacted by a wide-tired wide wheelbase 4 wheeled OHV. As was Lower Headlight Wash (below the confluence of Death Wall and Headlight washes) -- lots of vegetation/shrubbery showing recent breakage and trampling.

— And lower Headlight Wash — designated for 4 wheeled vehicles: see the damage they are doing, new breakage of the shrubs. Appropriate use of this trail?  
There is a road parallel just above to the right, that would be more appropriate — and would protect the wash/ephemeral stream resource?





Go take a look. Be sure to bring the Interim Map and use the Avenza app, so you can find the locations above. Wear good traction-soled shoes. Enjoy the walk - it actually is beautiful there, despite all the damage. I am happy to take any of you to these spots, if you would like a tour guide.

The Grant language and all the OHV Management Plans (and our own Open Space Land Management Plan) promise protection of the nonOHV area, and protection of the 'natural resources' in the OHV area -- and the use of signage and fencing to do this (oh, and E= Education and E= Enforcement to reinforce it). **Almost 4 years into it -- all we have is an improved Staging Area (and maps and brochures that are not supported by signage on the ground).** The heart of the riding area is still totally open and vulnerable, no restoration/rehabilitation there, no signage designating trails and closed areas (until some were finally done the first of May). Where have our Consultants been (since November 2019???) -- and where did they go (after the recent May week of work?)???? Nice job -- quality signs and fencing for sure. IF their plan could be finally be implemented, the land might have a chance. But, too little too late -- at this point?

**Our Consultants were 'here today, gone tomorrow'. And, they had not been here since November 2019 -- except this 'teaser' the first week of May (and maybe a day or two here and there to visit to 'consult' and maybe do small projects at the Staging Area?). And these projects are awesome!!!! Bring it on!! But, where are they now???? And why was there a "hold" on work for 18 months? While the vegetation is being trampled and ripped out, habitat destroyed, erosion increased --- and documented w/photos and lat/longs sent to staff and partners. What's up with that?**



**This is how we are 'protecting our natural resources'? -- which is one of the goals cited in ALL the documents and at ALL the presentations. Oh, but I was told that 'natural resources' is a 'broad term, difficult to define' -- so maybe this ISN'T destruction of natural resources, in that broad-term dictionary? Despite having Natural Resource Specialists on staff, and on the OSAC board, and even on the Grantors' staff (who are under the umbrella of the Nevada State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources) --- 'natural resources' is 'difficult to define', and thus protection of it is impossible to achieve? Nor apparently, is there any violation of the Conservation Easement tenet: "protect, preserve, and enhance".....since it is said in meetings -- and written in the Open Space Land Management Plan: "the Conservation Easement is broadly interpreted". Really? So what does it mean, and what does it matter and why did our Citizens insist on having it attached to the Omnibus 2009, in perpetuity?**

**If all the above #1-4 occurred in any of our parks or entrances to our other Open Spaces, I would bet you would be there in a reasonable time, to repair the damage AND post signs/put up fencing, do whatever you would have to do, to prevent FURTHER damage. You wouldn't leave it unattended for 18 months would you? Why is the OHV area so neglected/ignored?**

Thank you for reading/listening. Please re-read and try to digest all the information. **And then, action?**

**We are happy to assist with any projects there on the ground, if more hands are needed. We want this project to succeed — sooner rather than later — to preserve what we have and rehabilitate what has been damaged.**

I will send another email with photos. **Excuse multiple emails and length of this above. I have been criticized for that as well — when I tried to give an OSAC member an armchair tour since he was unable to go out with us to see the problem on site. What choice did I have, to try to show him what was going on?**

Robyn Orloff (and other concerned Citizens)

Address: Prison Hill south environs

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775-240-5142

Contact me anytime — and on site tours are always an option.



**From:** [Cullen Shiffrin](#)  
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This is a copy of my public comment sent to OSAC for 6/15/20 meeting. I think it is relevant for BOS to see — and had planned to send it in at the BOS meeting of 5/7/21, relative to Item 18B ( to encourage awareness of OSAC members of this area). Thank you.

I am writing to express my concerns over the Interim Map depiction of OHV trails/routes in the Prison Hill OHV area, and lack of effective signage.

A quick background of my familiarity of this area:

Hiking and mountain biking(the entire property), and dirt-biking(the OHV portion) since 1997.

Attending many OSAC meetings regarding the acquisition of this property by CC.  
Attending OSAC meetings where the future relationship with NOHVCC and CC was discussed.

Met personally with CC Staff multiple times to discuss management plan details.

Met personally with BLM staff to discuss same.

On to the issues:

My main concern, at present, is the numerous “Wheeler Trails Extreme” that are depicted on the west and southwest facing terrain. NOHVCC presented to CC, a plan to make sustainable trails that do not follow the fall line, practices that prevent erosion, and sensitivity to private property owners. Additionally, protection of scenic and visual gateways to the city are stated goals in several CC documents.

These trails do not follow the above guidelines. This designation means the most vulnerable areas(washes that see runoff from rain/snow, animal habitat full of erosion reducing flora with steep sides down to the wash drainage) will be travelled by the most impactful of all the vehicles allowed. Wheeler means rock crawler in NOHVCC-speak. Rock crawlers are specialty OHV vehicles that are highly modified OEM vehicles, or specialty built custom vehicles. They have the biggest tires, widest wheelbase, and highest horsepower. They seek out the challenges presented by the steepest terrain. Their use results in the highest level of impact in the OHV area. Travel in this area has also resulted in visual blight that is visible from the intersection of US50, and US395/I580, Topsy Lane, and Snyder Ave. NOHVCC, and CC by approving the plan, has put the most impactful vehicles, on the most vulnerable terrain, and put those routes closest to the highest density of private property owners adjacent to the OHV area.

My recommendations:



Reduce the number of Wheeler Routes that are on the west, and southwest portion of the OHV area.

More signage that indicates both open. i.e. designated, and closed areas and trails/routes. At present, users can travel freely in the washes and cross country, because there are not enough signs advising of closures. Also, the designated routes are not signed as such. The result is travel in areas that are not a part of the trail plan.

Take a more aggressive approach to the visual impact of travel in the area that is visible from the areas mentioned above. Ultimately this hillside may end up free of vegetation, and seen from a distance as a sand hill with rock outcroppings. This doesn't appear to be in-line with the CC Open Space goals.

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Just in case any of you would like to study some of the documents associated with this project. Some of you have already seen them, per a past post individually. Photos below of "Open Area" where riding is allowed cross country — up/down/sideways. Note the islands of vegetation present. Little mini sagebrush ecosystem clusters! Sagebrush/rabbit brush/bitter brush/desert peach/mormon tea.

Conservation Easement (to be 'broadly interpreted', 'whereas's are not important/or to be considered')

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Programmatic Agreement - see page 3, II. F and pg 4, III. A.

Carson City Open Space Land Management Plan: note Trail Manager Job description, and Recommended Actions for OHV area, and Page 1-1; 5-20 to 21; pg 7-5 Trails Coordinator Job description; page 5-38 OHV use; 5-24 to 5-28 re signage. We have an eminently qualified Trail Manager and Resource Specialist/Open Space Manager. And amazingly eminently qualified individuals on our OSAC — some specializing in hydrology, geology, erosion etc. I KNOW if we all combined our knowledge and professional experience, this project could be turned around!!! These individuals have demonstrated excellence in ALL our Open Space projects. I don't think they appreciate their own ability to effect a significant change for this property — and to oversee and give input to the Consultants/Contractors/Partners! This is OUR land. Shouldn't we be overseeing the plans and work there — to ensure protecting/preserving/enhancing it. All the goals of the Open Space and OSAC Mission statements?  
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