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Please submit the below as Public Comment for the April 24, 2023 OSAC meeting — AND please include this in its entirety in the Minutes for this meeting:

The attached is a spread sheet submitted to Open Space staff, on my behalf by a State partner, January 31, 2023 — with the hope it would facilitate an in-person and on-the-ground discussion, i.e. a site tour (with me guiding it) in the West Basin. Please note that the sixth (unidentified) "Location" is "Once is Enough" Crawler Route.

Goal: to share ideas and concerns (not 'complaints') and come up with reasonable solutions (to balance the protection of the natural resources with the protection of the recreational opportunities). Sadly (to me), there has been no reaching out by Open Space, to discuss.

So, I am sharing it again, in public comment venue, in the hopes of addressing the still ongoing concerns expressed -- and elaborating with more detail and specifics, on a guided tour.

Other City and State staff have kindly toured with me in the West Basin — for 2-5 hours each. From what they indicated, they did "see" (literally) some of my concerns re natural resource impacts. A few stated they initiated discussion with Open Space. I believe there is a discussion going on currently — and I respectfully request being included, and doing so on site. IMHO, discussion at a table, without SEEING the specific areas, cannot be productive. IMHO, one needs to experience the area with one's own eyes and feet (not via hearsay, photos/videos, or second hand information) — in order to have relevant interactive conversations and come up collectively with productive solutions.

I think I have a unique perspective and objective understanding of the entire West Basin, per walking/running every inch of its (Avenza app'd) designated and existing trails and 3 Open Areas — and riding my dirt bike on all the appropriate (not in any of the designated wash trails) and negotiable (for my beginner skill level) designated and existing trails and 3 Open Areas. IME, this small specific Crawler area, in the heart of the West Basin, is little traveled or known by the General public or City/State staff.

Please do know that I am grateful to NOHVCC and RecConnect and Carson City Open Space -- for transforming the south Prison Hill multi-use/OHV area into a fun challenging immaculate riding area we all can be proud of and enjoy — as evidenced by the very successful International Trails Summit Tour this past Wednesday April 19 (thank you to Carson City Motorsports and Eric Anderson for providing their SxSs!!), and all the riders (and multi-users) out there on Earth Day — in a spirit of enjoyment and cooperation. And of course, many thank yous to RTP and NV OHV Program/Commission for their generous Grant Funding for the Project.

There is something here for all OHVers (beginner and experienced riders), families, RCers, and multi-users. Well done :
>)). If only we can look at and perhaps
'tweak' some of the features in the West Basin?

Thank you for your ongoing consideration,

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Location	Issues	Solution
Overall Issue	Working Group eliminated, as of December 2019: at least the nonOHV and Neighborhood members. IMO, non-recognition of the Working Group function, is a noncompliance with the verbiage of the RTP Grant Application, NOHVCC OHV Management Plan, RecConnect Site Assessment, and Marc Hildesheim's group email.	Reinstate the Working Group in full - for ongoing participation in the project, feedback, 'no problems only solutions' management approach, per the specifics and spirit of the documents quote. Cooperation, consideration of ALL members. Write up a specific Working Group plan and contract with timeline to address the below, in discussion and action.
Double Waterfall Crawler Route (Wheeler Trail Extreme)	This route is an ephemeral stream wash. Crawlers and Wheelers are disrupting the wash and its environs. Tire tracks are evidence.	Close this route — remove from map. It is not needed for connectivity; and is not a unique feature on the property.
Double Track that crosses Double Waterfall	Crosses the wash with fall line approaches down into the wash from both sides, encourages riding into the wash and damaging impacted areas	Close this road — remove this trail from the map. Rehabilitate area. Not needed for connectivity and is an unsustainable fall line route.
Lower Headlight Open (Free Style X-Country Riding) Area	This lower addition is (was) predominantly intact soil and vegetation and it is being steadily destroyed with the designated extension of the Headlight Open Freestyle X-Country Riding Area.	Close this area — remove this lower 2 acre Open Area section from the map. This entire lower area (shoulders/wash and environs) should be out of bounds.
Middle Headlight Waterfall	Cascading waterfall after rainfall that causes the washes 'to run'. Pools eroded into the rock (tinajas), along this waterfall" 'hold' the water for days/weeks after the rain. Crawlers try to ride up the waterfall — or down or across it	Close this area — remove from the map, redraw Headlight boundaries to eliminate the Waterfall feature and the wash continuation and environs in the wash below it and the pour off below it
A short section of Wheeler Trail (Extreme)	Poor visibility entering wash. The dirt bikers and SxSs use the challenge of this section and race over the rise down into the wash where the 'staging' Crawler are not visible until on top of them. Potential for crashes and conflict of users	Close the short designated Crawler Route, effectively with signs/fencing. Remove it from Avenza and map. Not needed for connectivity and is not a unique crawling feature
Lower Death Wall Wash route	Damage to the narrow vegetated wash, increased erosion, damage to the wildlife habitat, aesthetic visual damage to a special resource.	Close this trail. Rehabilitate the wash. This trail is NOT needed for connectivity. And it is NOT a unique feature

<p>Headlight and Off the Trailer Open Freestyle X-Country Riding Areas</p>	<p>The intact soil and vegetation in the Open Areas, is being progressively ridden over — as evidenced by tire tracks and trampled soil and vegetation</p>	<p>Change the designation/definition of Open Area to match the “Don’t Crush the Brush” guideline. Change the 'Know Before you Go' rules to emphasize “Don’t Crush the Brush” vs ‘Freestyle X-Country Riding’. More appropriate Education to 'free ride' over the 'bedrock controlled' areas and in the wide sandy denuded washes but not through undisturbed intact soil and vegetation.</p>
<p>D1, formerly Not so Easy Rider</p>	<p>Wheelers are going up the route, but when they cannot negotiate the rock cruxes, they create go-around roads. There is also trespassing going on 2 closed roads and fence openings. Damaging slopes.</p>	<p>Re-evaluate the use of trail, identify exact route and close and rehabilitate areas that have been damaged.</p>
<p>Rubber Side Up</p>	<p>Widening of road and many new sections ‘constructed’ by users . Multiple new user put-in routes for go arounds or for more Crawling opps, at top end of Rubber Side Up. Damage on areas that have been trespassed on.</p>	<p>Decommissioning, vertical mulching, rehabilitate disturbed areas to discourage use. Evaluate useage and educate on how to protect the area.</p>

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Please review photos from Headlight Open Area, in the West Basin of PH OHV Area. Rock crawling is allowed up this 'living' water feature.

These photos were taken April 8 - 16, 2023. This is an example of a concern I have, in the West Basin area. As I have said, this is a very small part of the overall project, that is so very successful. I am hoping for a discussion. E=Educate me! Maybe I am way off base in my interpretation? But if we don't talk, we will never come to any resolution of our differences?

Below photo: Looking downstream in the pour off climbed by the Crawlers, April 8, 2023 (area still wet, many weeks after the last rains).....



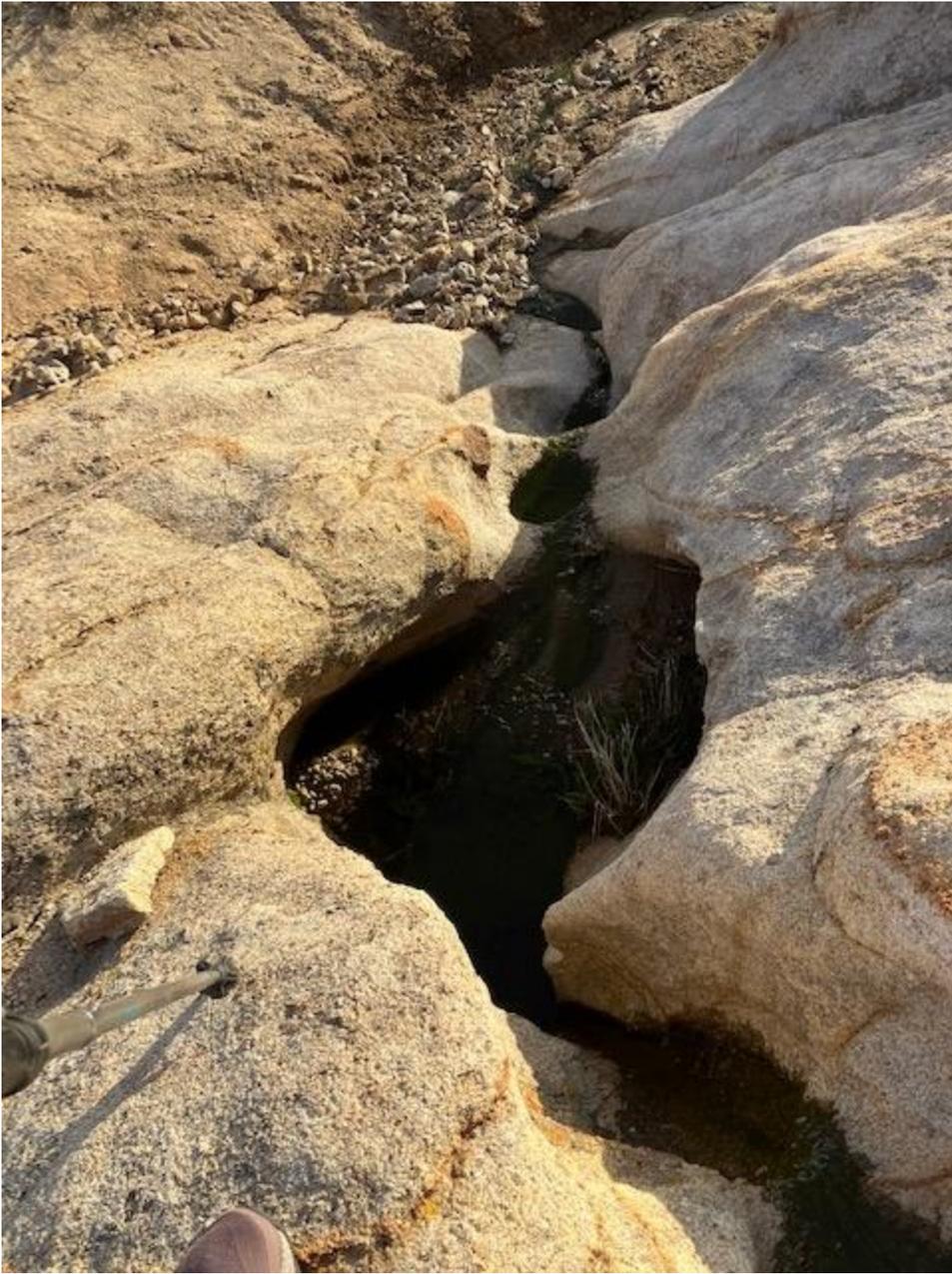


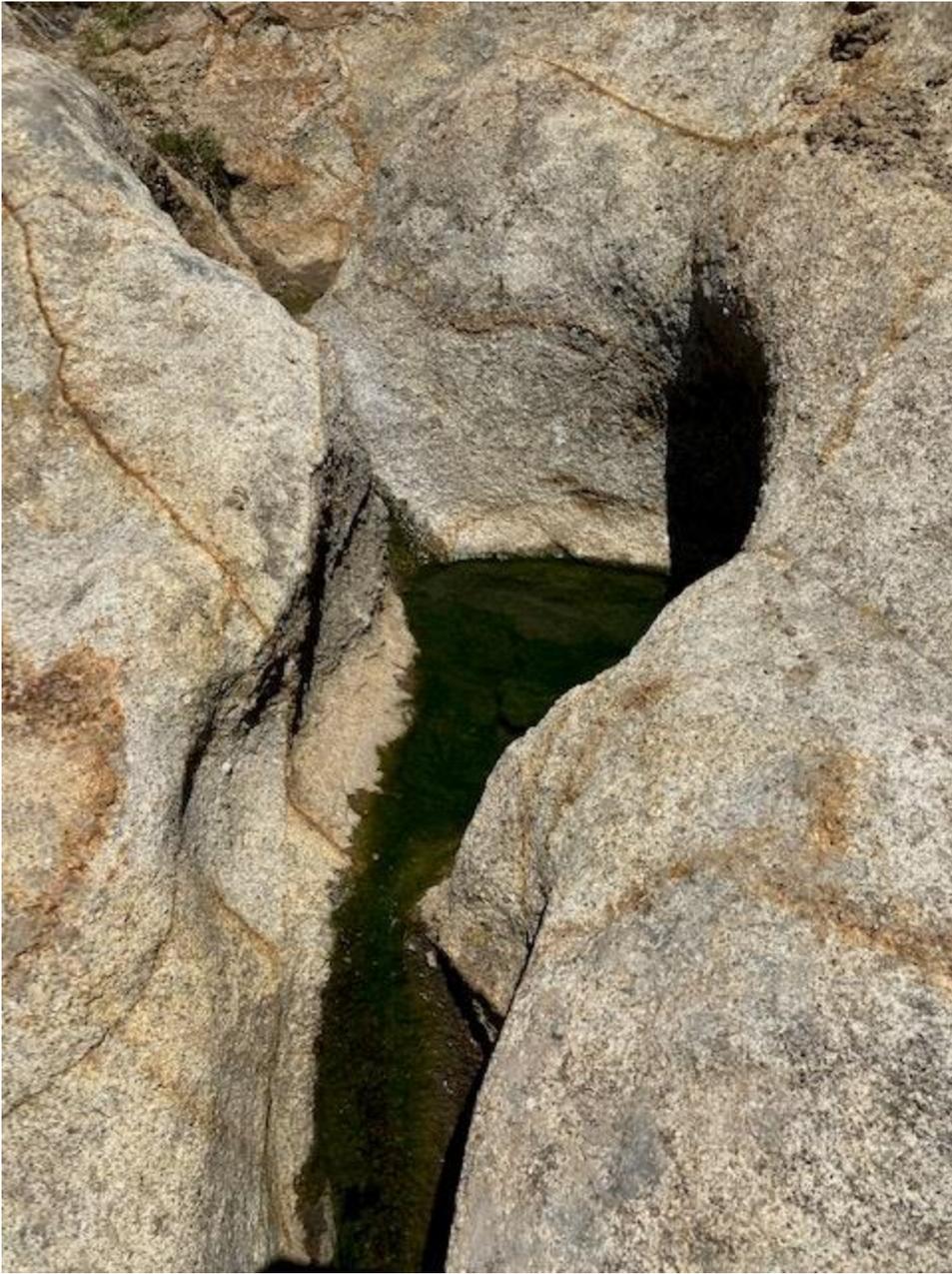
Looking up from same top pool (soil, water bowl — disrupted by tires grinding in the water bowl to exit the 'route') — to rock dam and wash above.
Refer to videos to follow.

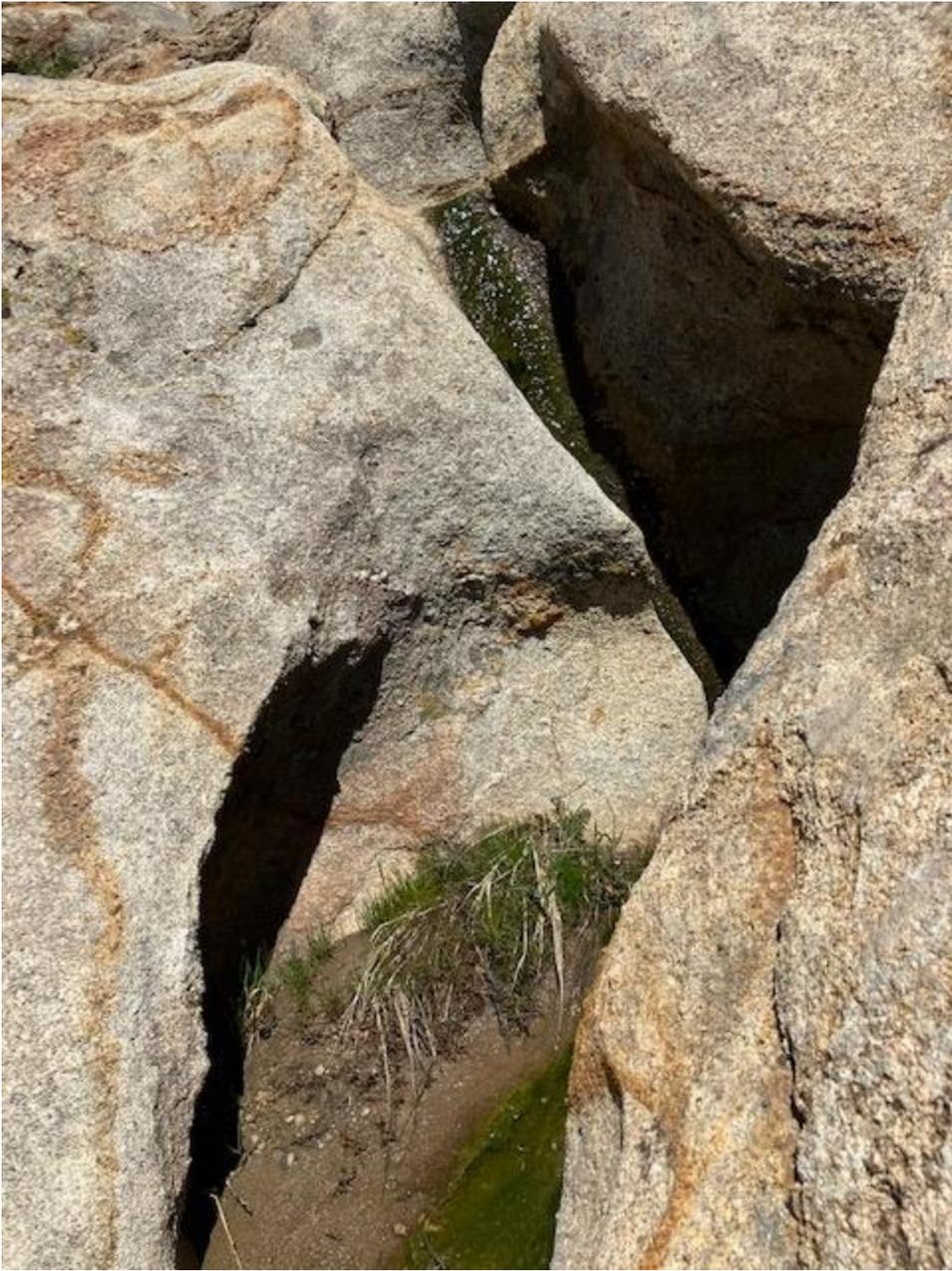


Successive bowls still full and flowing (slowly) —days/weeks after Crawlers climbed up.



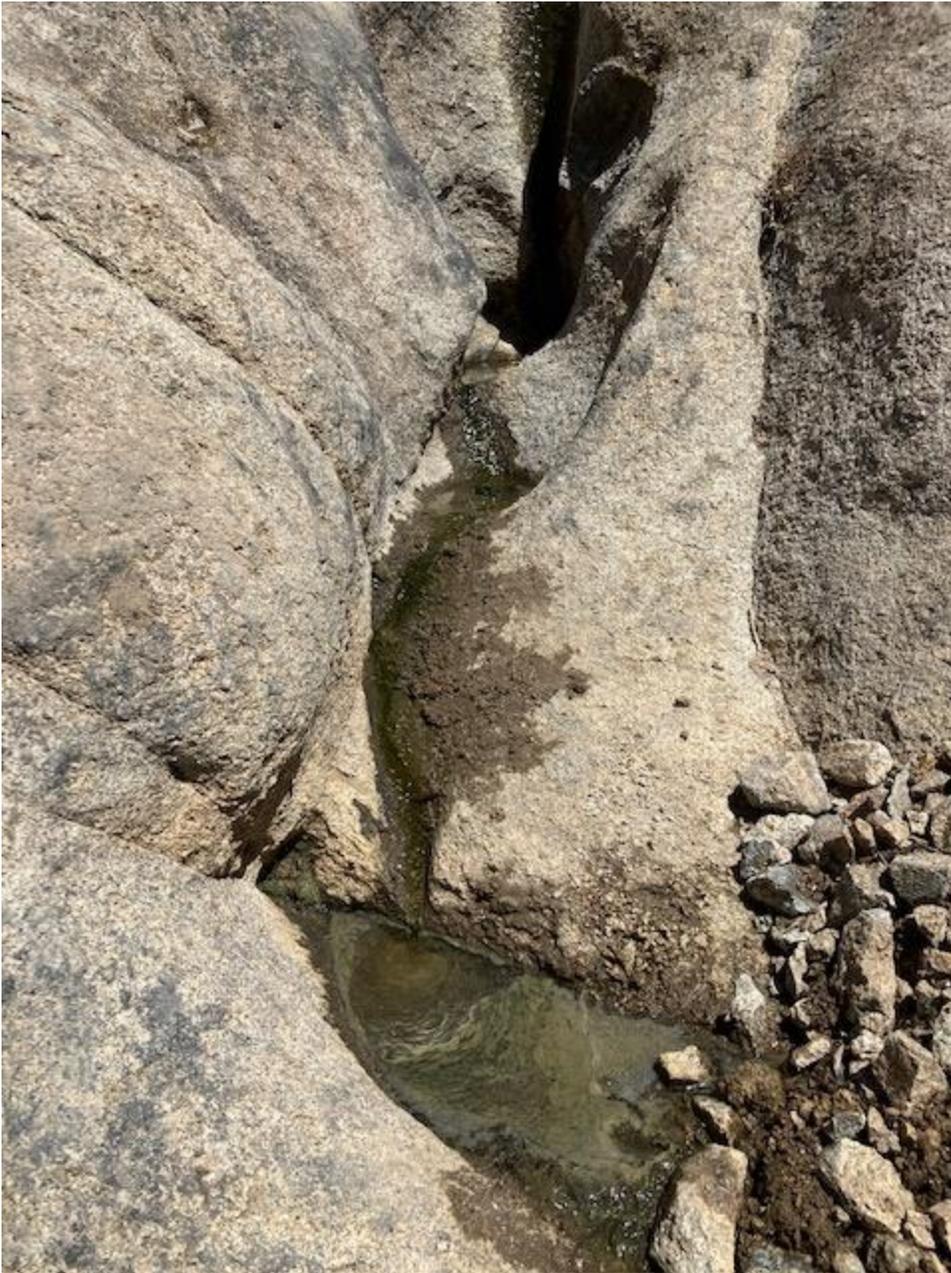




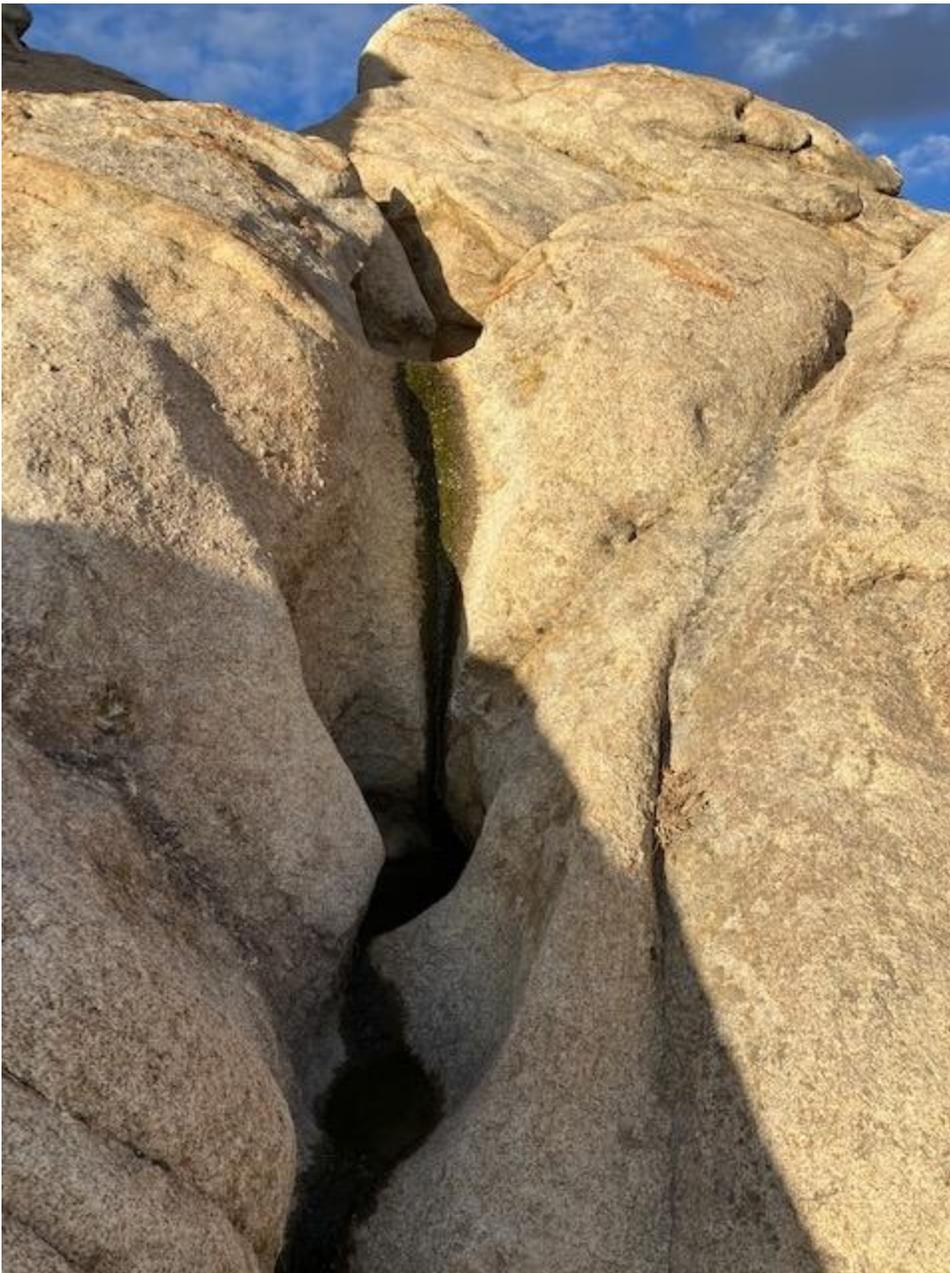






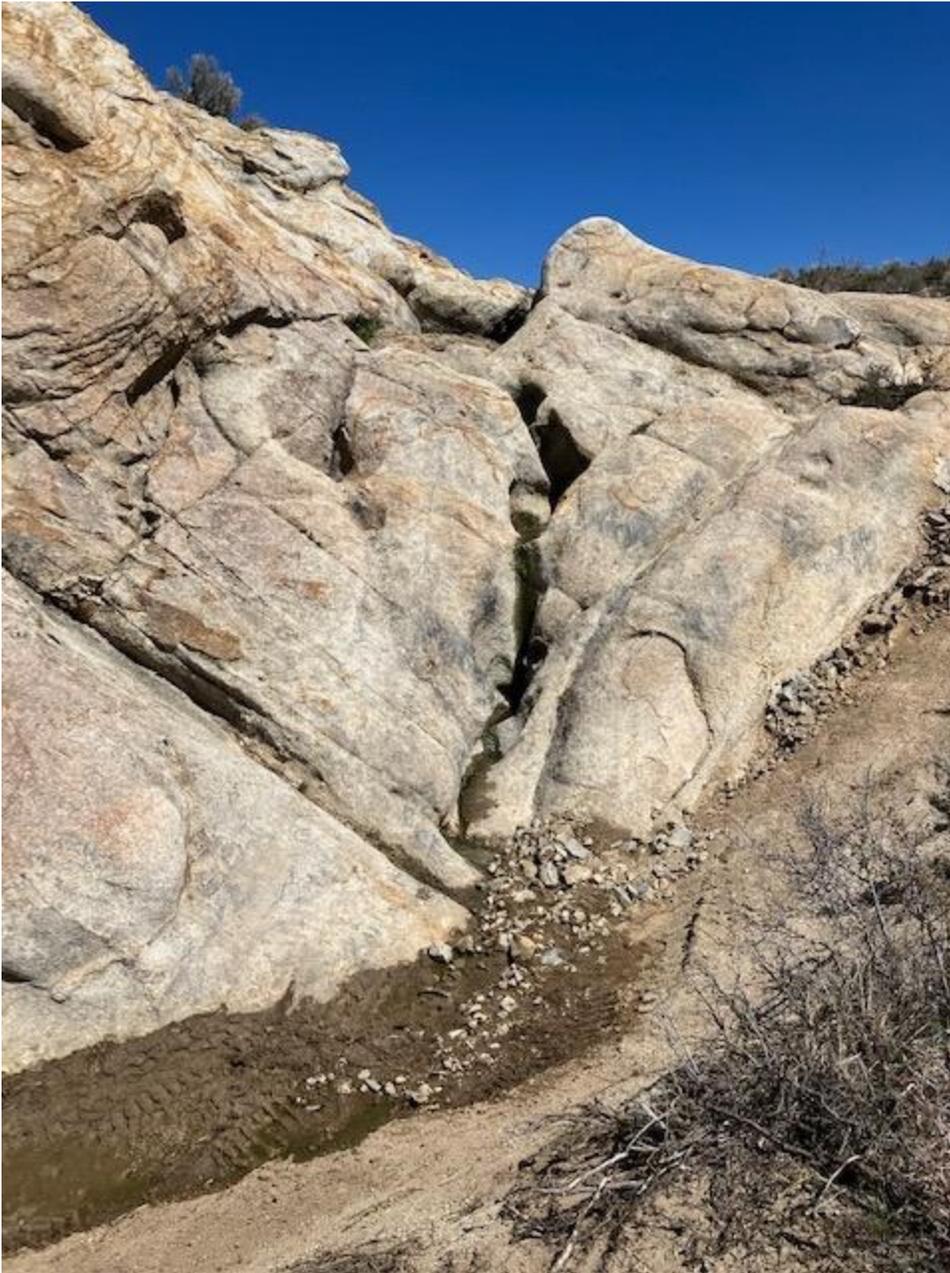


Looking upstream, at same water feature, in rock crevice:



Looking up at Crawler Route (pour off crevice) hidden to left, and sandy/rocky fall line next to it (in front). And wet wash below it.
Note tracks in the 'sand-controlled' bank/slope in lower right. Riding on intact soil and vegetation on wash banks and slopes
= more erosion = increased sedimentation and sand deposition downstream (more than just nature caused?). But this is within the
Open Area so 'free style cross country riding' is allowed. See Carson City Open Space 'Know before you Go' rules.





Below photo: Patch of green at bottom of pour off, and grassy bank opposite. Both will ultimately be destroyed if the Crawler riding continues "free style cross country" here at the pour-off environs = more disruption of intact soil and vegetation = increased erosion and sedimentation and sand deposit downstream?





Caravan of Crawlers, enjoying this feature/area that they are allowed to play in. But is this a sustainable use of the area?



All riding is allowed in the above **Headlight Open Area** per the Carson City Open Space "Know before you Go" Rules: "There are three **Open Areas** where **freestyle x-country travel is allowed**: **Off the Trailer, Headlight, & The Ghosts**. The boundaries of the Open Area are signed and they are shown on the Interim Map. The sandy track area at the Staging Area is also open freestyle riding."