

PROPOSAL

TO HOST OHV SUMMIT IN LINCOLN COUNTY, NV

Lincoln County Authority of Tourism (LCAT) would like to partner with The Great Basin Institute by offering a host location for the next OHV Summit. We believe we share a mutual goal toward increasing responsible trail use. We recognize, and whole-heartedly support the concept of increasing tourism through OHV recreation. For the purpose of clarity, LCAT considers OHV to include both motorized and non-motorized vehicles; primarily, ATV's and mountain bicycles.

Why Lincoln County? Approximately 98% of Lincoln County is public lands, managed by BLM; five state parks and a National Wildlife Refuge are within our county boundaries. We currently have established trails and active trail building activities going on related to recreational use. There are also some established weed management areas (Eastern NV Landscape Coalition & Tri-City Weed Control, as well as state parks) with more being planned in association to the influx of OHV enthusiasts.

Our proposal:

- **A full two days** (Friday/Saturday) of offered activities, workshops, training opportunities, vendor booths, and of course, recreational use of trails. Suggested format would include a Welcome/Meet & Greet Reception on Thursday evening at the Caliente Depot; a full day of information and educational workshops, vendor expo and extended vendor hours associated with a "happy hour" on Friday; Saturday will offer a quick gathering to review trail options and a send-off/thank you opportunity for participants.
- **Timing** suggested for this event would be between mid-September and mid-October. This timing will avoid overlaps of other local events and will offer excellent weather for recreation.
- **Facilities:**
 - Caliente has 4 hotels, 2 RV parks, and State Parks with camping facilities near-by, and 4 restaurants.
 - Meeting space (80-120 participants) is available in multiple indoor and outdoor venues.
 - Staging/parking areas for OHV's are available within town and near trail starts.
- **Trails:** Lincoln County has a trails collaboration team, coordinated by an LCAT subcommittee ("Trailcats") which includes State Parks, City of Caliente, BLM, Rocky Roads Adventures, Lincoln County Regional Development, Nevada Silver Trails, Over-the-Edge, and Kokopelli ATV Club. Each participant organization in the team has developed specific goals, for example: new or improved signage on trails; informational kiosks in multiple locations and trailheads, development of more wash stations, weed management and concepts to bridge communities (such as Caliente and Mesquite).
- **Workshop/Info Sessions (examples):**
 - LCAT – current grants discussion, trails projects, signage, kiosks, bike racks, trail map and companion guide, and a tourism website (www.LincolnCountyNevada.com)
 - Lincoln County Sheriff's – Responsible recreation, trail safety training & education, search & rescue
 - Mountain Bike growth and potential and its relation to motorized OHV enthusiasts
 - Trail ethics and behavior (trail preservation) and weed control and trail maintenance
 - Business preparedness, participation and awareness
 - Open discussion: what would make trails more appealing or useable?
- **Other Considerations:**
 - Lincoln County and the City of Caliente both have resolutions supporting OHV travel on county roads with the exclusion of state highways.

LCAT is confident that we can host an OHV Summit that will introduce opportunities in Lincoln County, provide education and awareness of proper trail use, and address the responsible and safe use of trails. We have been proactive in enhancing the experience through advocacy of obtaining better trail signage with consistency, information kiosks, coordination of stake holders and law enforcement. A Summit hosted in Lincoln County would provide the next step in promoting safe and enjoyable use of our resources. We welcome such an opportunity and hope you will give us serious consideration.



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