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The California Legislature passed and on October 3, 2017 Governor Brown approved SB 249, which had been actively supported by CNPS. The Governor had until October 15 to act on bills in his hands.

This new law amends and strengthens the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Act of 2003. It expands the duties of the Division of Off-Highway Motor Vehicles, within the State Department of Parks and Recreation to require it to:
   (a) Prepare and implement wildlife habitat protection plans;
   (b) Post on its website all plans, reports and studies related to off-highway vehicle recreation;
   (c) Review and update Soil Conservation Guidelines by December 2020;
   (d) Monitor annually each state recreational area for compliance with guidelines;
   (e) Protect natural, cultural and archaeological resources within state recreational vehicle areas.

The operation of the provisions of the Act of 2003 are extended indefinitely, eliminating the original expiration date of January 1, 2023.

The full text of bills and the Legislative Analyst’s summary are available on the California Legislature Information website (Click Link Here).

CNPS positions on bills are available at CNPS Legislative Report (Click Link Here). Overview of CNPS Legislation Program (Click Link Here).