

# Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee, Inc.

## News Release

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### **THE DTPC INVITES PUBLIC COMMENTS ON OHV GRANT APPLICATION**

The Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee (DTPC) invites public comments on its draft application to the California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division.

The DTPC is requesting approximately \$29,122 from the OHMVR Division for an education project. If funded, the DTPC will increase educational outreach to OHV recreationists through the development and implementation of an integrated environmental education and responsible recreation program. The program would promote an outdoor ethic and teach responsible recreation guidelines especially relevant for OHV recreation in the Mojave Desert through organizing events and providing educational materials at the Desert Tortoise Research Natural Area, Kern County, California, and throughout the surrounding region. Funds would be used in 2011 and 2012.

Anyone interested can review the grant application, along with those from other agencies, local governments, and non-profits, on-line at [www.ohv.parks.ca.gov](http://www.ohv.parks.ca.gov). The commenting period is open from Tuesday, March 8, 2011 until Monday, April 4, 2011. Comments should be sent directly to the OHMVR Division at [ohvinfo@parks.ca.gov](mailto:ohvinfo@parks.ca.gov) and to the DTPC at [dtpc@pacbell.net](mailto:dtpc@pacbell.net). Late comments will be forwarded to the division separately. Final grant applications are due May 2, 2011.

For additional information on the application contact Mary Kotschwar, Preserve Manager and Conservation Coordinator at (951) 683-3872, or by e-mail at [dtpc@pacbell.net](mailto:dtpc@pacbell.net).