

2.2.4 No Action Alternative (D)

Use of private lands for various purposes (e.g., hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, camping, new trail development, trail rerouting, trail removal, commercial activities, and competitive events) is at the discretion of the landowner. Activities on tribal lands are subject to approval of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians. Trails on tribal lands are not subject to the management prescriptions herein identified.

[Note: Prior to development of alternatives for the Trails Plan and selection of a preferred alternative, the Bureau of Land Management implemented a voluntary trails avoidance program and a prohibition of dogs on certain BLM-managed lands, actions similar to those proposed under Trails Plan Alternative A. These actions are temporary pending long-term decisions made through the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan / Natural Communities Conservation Plan. For purposes of analysis in the Environmental Impact Statement / Environmental Impact Report, the No Action Alternative (Trails Plan Alternative D) does not include the voluntary trails avoidance program or dog prohibition as currently implemented.]

I. TRAIL USE

- All trails would be open year-round for non-motorized activities inside and outside essential bighorn sheep habitat in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains, subject to existing regulations.

II. CROSS-COUNTRY TRAVEL

- Cross-country travel would be allowed year-round inside and outside essential bighorn sheep habitat in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains, subject to existing regulations.

III. CAMPING

- Camping would be allowed year-round inside and outside designated critical bighorn sheep habitat in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains, subject to existing regulations.

IV. DOGS

- Dogs would be allowed inside and outside designated critical bighorn sheep habitat in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains, subject to existing regulations.

V. NEW TRAIL DEVELOPMENT

- Proposals for new trail development inside and outside essential bighorn sheep habitat in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains would be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

VI. TRAIL REROUTING

- Proposals for trail reroutes inside and outside designated critical bighorn sheep habitat in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

II. TRAIL DECOMMISSION AND REMOVAL

- Proposals to decommission and remove trails inside and outside designated critical bighorn sheep habitat in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains would be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

VIII. MURRAY HILL FACILITIES

- Picnic tables and equestrian hitching posts at the summit of Murray Hill would remain in place.

IX. NONCOMMERCIAL, NONCOMPETITIVE ORGANIZED GROUP ACTIVITIES

- Noncommercial, noncompetitive organized groups may be allowed inside and outside designated critical bighorn sheep habitat in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains.
- *Special recreation permits* may be required for use of BLM-managed lands by noncommercial, noncompetitive organized groups.

X. NON-MOTORIZED COMMERCIAL RECREATION ACTIVITIES

- Non-motorized commercial recreation activities may be permitted inside and outside designated critical bighorn sheep habitat in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains.
- A *special recreation permit* would be required for non-motorized commercial recreation activities on BLM-managed lands, except where exemptions apply.

XI. MOTORIZED COMMERCIAL RECREATION ACTIVITIES

- Motorized commercial recreation activities may be permitted inside and outside designated critical bighorn sheep habitat.
- A *special recreation permit* would be required for motorized commercial recreation activities on BLM-managed lands.

XII. COMPETITIVE RECREATION EVENTS

- Competitive recreation events may be permitted inside and outside designated critical bighorn sheep habitat in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains.
- A *special recreation permit* is required for all competitive recreation use of BLM-managed lands.

XIII. MOTORIZED-VEHICLE USE OF TRAILS

- Existing routes are subject to the route designation process (see California Desert Conservation Plan amendment, motorized-vehicle access).
- Approval for use of non-road trails by motorized vehicles for trail maintenance and construction projects inside and outside designated critical bighorn sheep habitat in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains would be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

XIV. PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Existing information and education programs pertaining to the use of trails and areas would be continued.