

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mark Winkleman, Land Commissioner

CC: Jamie Hogue, Deputy Land Commissioner

FROM: Ben Alteneder, Legislative Liaison

SUBJECT: Legislative Update – Budget, HB 2156, SB 1167

DATE: June 26, 2008

- **HB 2156** *railroad sites; review* passed the House on Final Reading (40-12) and has been forwarded to the Governor's desk for action. The measure would increase reporting requirements for the railroads. The Department is neutral.
- **SB 1167** *off-highway vehicles; user fee* has still awaits action by the Governor. The Department supports the measure which will mend archaic OHV laws and better fund OHV law enforcement.
- The Senate has passed it's version of the 2009 FY budget. Adjourning at 5:33am this morning. The House is expected to vote on the budget as early as this afternoon. The impact to the Department (including the State Forester) is approximately \$3.15 million dollars.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns. (602) 542-3996.

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We need your help in passing Off-Highway Vehicle Legislation in Arizona

Allowing responsible riding while protecting our state's natural resources

The Arizona State Legislature is considering a bill (SB 1167) that will:

- Educate and inform people on responsible OHV riding.
- Protect Arizona's important lands and waters.
- Dedicate officers to enforce OHV laws.
- Maintain trails to ride and enjoy.
- Help restore damaged areas.

Without this comprehensive OHV legislation, damage to public lands will continue with no end in sight, and responsible OHV riders will have fewer and fewer places to ride legally.

Please take a moment and call Senator John Huppenthal at 602-926-5261 and tell him why you support bringing this bill to an immediate vote. Join us in encouraging Senator Huppenthal to help establish comprehensive OHV laws in Arizona.

The Following Organizations Support OHV Legislation

Responsible Trails America,
Arizona Chapter
Arizona Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition
Arizona Power Sports Industry Association
Sierra Club, Grand Canyon Chapter
Arizona Council of Trout Unlimited
Arizona Wildlife Federation

Wildlife Conservation Council
Arizona Motor Sports Association
Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife
The Nature Conservancy
Arizona State Land Department
Arizona State Parks
Arizona Game and Fish Commission