**Email or call your State Senator by Tuesday, May 30, 2017 to support SB 249**

**Sample email text:**

Dear Senator,

I am asking you to support SB 249.  We know from our experience with Carnegie SVRA and Tesla that reform is needed of the State Parks OHMVR program to better protect cultural and natural resource, and provide government oversight and fiscal accountability.

The OHMVR program has allowed the environmental damage at Carnegie SVRA since 1980 and yet Carnegie is trying to expand into Tesla.  Whatever limited restoration has occurred, is a fraction of the environmental damage caused.  The OHMVR Division should be better integrated into the Department to provide improved consistency and oversight.

As documented by the State’s own fuel tax studies, the OHV program is supported by excessive fuel tax transfers that have nothing to do with OHV recreation. State Parks own surveys also show that OHV recreation is a small fraction of total outdoor recreation use and demand. Carnegie SVRA attendance is decreasing.  As a matter of fiscal accountability, transparency, and simple fairness and balance, the OHV fuel tax transfers need to be corrected. At the least, fuel taxes associated with “motorized access to non-motorized recreation” should be redirected to State Parks.

As amended, SB 249 takes modest balanced commonsense steps to address some of the problems with the OHMVR program. Please support SB 249 as a reasonable approach to needed government reform.

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