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COOPERATIVE AGENCIES' OHV EDUCATION DAY AT JENSEN HILLS RIDING AREA

The Vernal BLM office is sponsoring a special educational day for OHV enthusiasts to meet representatives of school trust lands and BLM lands. On Saturday, May 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the Jensen Hills riding area will be the place for the public to get questions answered by local land use planners and learn how to safely and responsibly enjoy trust lands and public lands. In addition there will be ATV safety-related prizes awarded in drawings held every hour, on the hour.

School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA), BLM, the USDA-Forest Service, Utah Division of Natural Resources – State Parks, National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC), and Uintah County Trail Coalition representatives will be there to share in the day's activities.

Vernal is home to the Northeastern Utah Interagency OHV Working Group and they have invited a representative from the NOHVCC to attend. The Interagency OHV education trailer will be there and the council will be handing out informational materials on the day of the event and the public can explore their website at <http://www.nohvcc.org>. Tread Lightly, a BLM partner, has a website designed to teach responsible OHV travel at <http://www.treadlightly.org/page.php/responsible-four/Recreation-Tips.html>.

Jensen Hills Open Riding Area is comprised of 931 acres. This education day begins on SITLA lands and is adjacent to BLM lands. The area is located southeast of Vernal, 1 ½ miles west of Jensen and on the north of side of Highway 40. The area includes rolling hills, washes and terrain which will cater to novice riders as well as opportunities for riders with advanced riding skills.

SITLA is an independent state agency that manages 3.4 million acres of Utah trust lands for the benefit of Utah's schools and other public institutions. Money generated from the school trust lands is deposited in the state Permanent School Fund, a perpetual endowment that annually distributes income to each K-12 public school in Utah.

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