

Monterey Off-Road Cycling Association (MORCA) Special Recreation Use Permit Covering Limited Night-Riding

Welcome to the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) Fort Ord National Monument. We hope that you enjoy your visit. The BLM is responsible for the balanced management of your public lands and resources, and nationwide manages over 260 million acres. At Fort Ord, the BLM's land management direction is guided by Transfer Agreements between the Secretary of Army and Secretary of Interior which enact the Installation-Wide Multispecies Habitat Management Plan for the former Fort Ord (HMP). This guidance helps facilitate a successful base reuse and also establishes direction to the BLM on how lands will be managed.

The BLM manages the Fort Ord National Monument in a manner that protects natural values, honors the military and cultural heritage of the landscape, and offers high-quality, non-motorized outdoor recreation opportunities.

On July 10, 2019 the BLM finalized Supplementary Rules (84 FR 32845) for the Fort Ord National Monument. One of the rules prohibits public use of the BLM lands at Fort Ord from ½ hour after sunset, to ½ hour before sunrise without written approval from the BLM Authorized Officer. This restriction was enacted to help reduce impacts to wildlife species that are often active at night, minimize patrol and emergency support services that are associated with public use, and help facilitate use that does not complicate law enforcement operations related to poaching under the cover of darkness.

The BLM has granted this Special Recreation Use Permit to the Monterey Off-Road Cycling to conduct some limited night-time riding (tours) during the general public closure period. This authorization is subject to the following requirements/stipulations:

1. Riders are restricted to the courses identified on the attached map.
2. Night riders must carry with them identification that they are covered under the MORCA permit and are cognizant of the permit requirements and conditions.
3. Ride(s) would be limited to one day per week as coordinated by MORCA – the ride night would normally be Wednesday, however, should the ride be cancelled due to weather conditions (see stipulation 5 below), or some other reason, the BLM could approve an alternative night if requested.
4. Rides would normally occur between 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Riders are not allowed on the BLM trail systems after 9:00 pm.
5. Rides are not allowed within 24 hours of any rain event between October 1 and March 30.

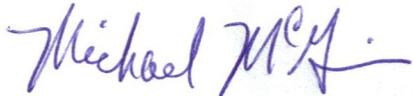
6. Riders need to be covered under an insurance policy governing such use and BLM shall be provided a copy of the insurance coverage (also see section c of permit application).
7. BLM road and trail systems are managed for casual recreation use during the day, and not night-time use. As such, MORCA is responsible for ensuring that the course used for the ride events is safe for the intended night time riding activity.
8. Riders must not disturb or harass wildlife that they may encounter and must not interfere with BLM operations that may be occurring at night (this include BLM pig trapping operations, or any special law enforcement operation related to catching poachers).
9. The BLM has the right to deny or cancel any proposed night ride for any reason and will notify MORCA within 24 hours should that be necessary.
10. This authorization recognizes that other agencies may close roads/trails under their jurisdiction (i.e. FORA-ESCA, and Army) which could affect access onto BLM trail systems.
11. In no circumstance is access allowed into areas that are signed as CLOSED; this includes use of unmarked/unsigned trails located on BLM lands.
12. Fees for the night riding activity must be paid monthly to BLM within 1 week of the permit expiration date.
13. All accidents occurring as a result of this authorization must be reported to the BLM within 24 hours.
14. Riders and/or rider groups must have someone with cell phone communications to assist in any EMS incident.

Advisory:

1. The Permittee shall be aware that the BLM lands contain many remnants of military occupation that are a safety hazard. This may include unexploded ordnance that was left behind within the troop training areas and missed by Army UXO safety experts. The permittee must not disturb or move any foreign military object that could be unexploded ordnance. All potential ordnance must be reported to the BLM or Army UXO safety expert immediately upon discovery. Contact the BLM at (831) 582-2200 Monday - Friday or Army safety expert at (650) 603-8301, ext. 02, Friday through Sunday.

2. Actions other than those explicitly approved by the Bureau of Land Management which result in impacts upon archaeological resources, shall be subject to the judicial proceedings of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. As property of the United States, no person may, without authorization, excavate, remove, damage, or otherwise alter or deface any historic or prehistoric site, artifact, or object of antiquity located on public lands.

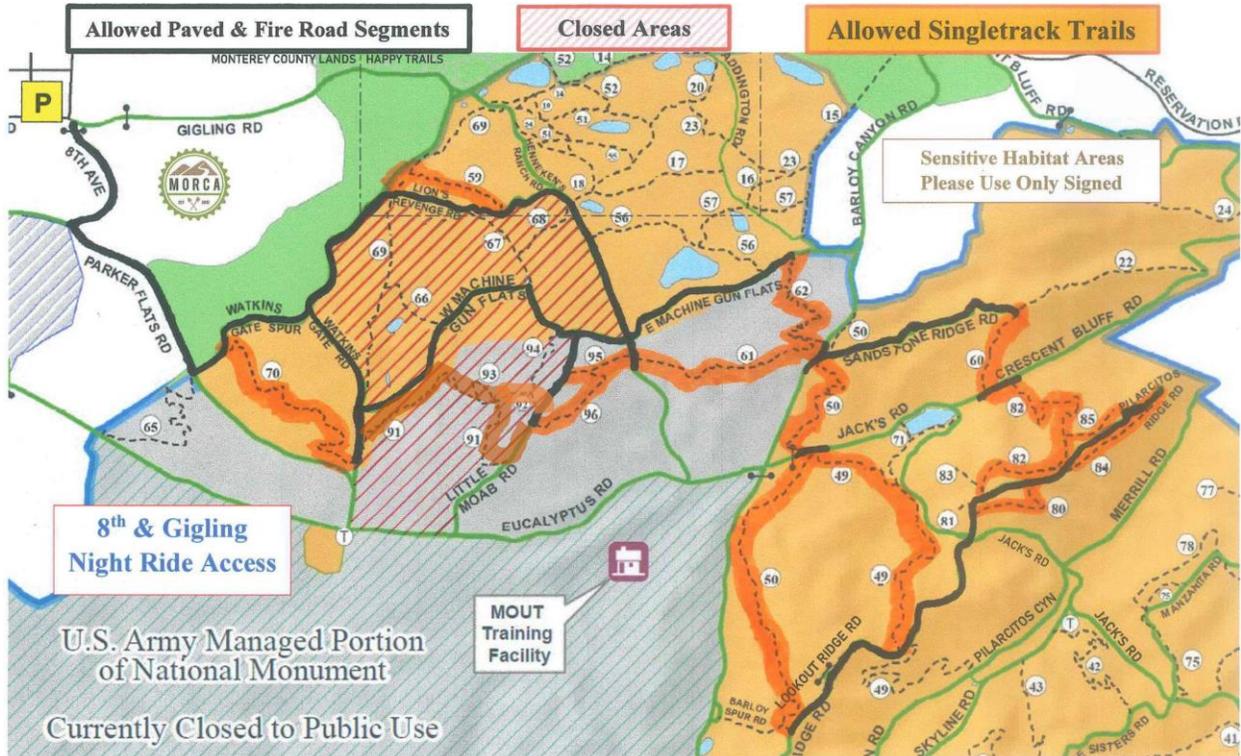
I have read and understand all of the stipulations of having a Special Event on BLM Public Lands. Failure to adhere to any stipulation is cause for cancellation of permit or nonrenewal in future years.

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12/01/2021

Signature and Date

MORCA- Night Riding 8th and Gigling



2019-2020 Fort Ord - 8th & Gigling BLM Authorized MORCA Night Ride Access Routes :

Allowed Paved and Fire Road Segments: 8th Ave., Parker Flats Rd., Watkins Gate Spur, Watkins Gate Rd., Lion's Revenge Rd., Henneken's Ranch Rd., East & West Machine Gun Flats Rds., Barloy Canyon Rd., Little Moab Rd., Sandstone Ridge Rd., Jack's Rd., Pilarcitos Ridge Rd., Lookout Ridge Rd., Crescent Bluff Rd.

Allowed Singletrack Trails: 49 north, 50, 59, 60, 61, 62, 69n segment, 70, 80, 82, 84, 85, 95, 96 91, 92

All other road and trail segments remain unavailable for use from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise.