

Don Klusman Memorial State Conservation Project Award

The Don Klusman State Outstanding Conservation Project Award shall be presented to the club that, during the calendar year, accomplished the one project judged to be outstanding on a statewide basis.

Don Klusman served as the northern natural resource consultant for many years, as well as being an event chair and CA4WDC board member. Among the many services to the OHV community, he worked on several national forest and BLM management plans and recently completed work on a two-state advisory council subcommittee helping to develop a management plan for the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area. Don pursued studies on the California Environmental Quality Act, National Environmental Policy Act and the Endangered Species Act. He has served on several committees for the California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division, California Back Country Discovery Trail and California Chamber of Commerce.

Judging will be as described:

Conservation Accomplishments

Trash cleanup campaigns, fish and wildlife protection, habitat or erosion control

1. Stream clearing
2. Trail relocation or improvement
3. Meadow restoration
4. Culvert installation
5. Bridge repair and construction
6. Re-forestation
 - a. Tree planting
 - b. Tree thinning of USFS marked trees
 - c. Seeding
7. Mapping (GPS) of OHV trails or areas

Camping Areas and Campground Improvement

1. Back country sanitation construction or repairs
2. New campsite construction
3. Installation of stoves, fire rings, and/or tables
4. Construction of or repairs to water system
5. Traffic control (off-road)
 - a. Signs and trail markings
 - b. Installation of barricades

Special Projects

1. Fire control
 - a. Fuel breaks
 - b. Patrol duty
 - c. Heliport construction
2. Sign posting
3. Fencing
4. Survival feed
5. Hazard reduction studies (mine shafts, etc.)
6. Land surveys, historical, archaeological artifact surveys, etc.
7. Other

Applying clubs should submit documentation including details, hours worked, number of members involved and pictures detailing the project in an essay. All reports must be received on or before December 31 of each year.

The project submitted for the Outstanding Conservation Project Award can also be included in the submittal for district Awards and judged accordingly. The club that wins the Outstanding Conservation Project Award will be eligible for district award.