

County to intervene in off-road case

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The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday voted in closed session to intervene in a lawsuit between a coalition of environmental groups and the federal government.

The lawsuit, filed in August by groups, including the Center for Biological Diversity, accuses the Bush administration and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management of failing to protect private property, conservation lands and endangered wildlife from off-road vehicles.

The county is attempting to intervene against the environmental groups, the plaintiffs in the federal lawsuit, interim county counsel Dennis Wagner said.

Brad Mitzelfelt, chief of staff to Supervisor Bill Postmus, said the county is joining Imperial and Kern counties to intervene in the case.

It will be up to a federal judge to grant their request, he said.

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