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The Nevada Four Wheel Drive Association continued to be involved in land use issues such as:

- President Obama, using his ability to designate National Monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906, has designated several National Monuments in Nevada during the past year. These National Monuments, as have been the case in Wilderness designations, are simply designated as an amount of acreage with the managing agency, Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service, National Park Service, etc., left to set the boundaries and allowable uses within these monuments. Usually the management practices parallel those of Wilderness areas and we stand to lose many more miles of OHV opportunity as these plans are augmented.
- The trend, at this time, is for counties to request lands bills that would transfer federally managed lands to the counties under the pretext of economic opportunity. These bills, invariably, contain a Wilderness component (to satisfy Senator Reid). We, in concert with ranchers, mineral prospectors, miners, are working together to change the language in these bills to maintain access to these lands.

N4WDA, now four years old, held its first off-road fund-raising event, the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Silver State Poker Run on September 10<sup>th</sup>. The course, set up as a "tulip rally" whereby the participants had to navigate the course using diagrams of intersections (tulips) and mileages between these tulips, was 26.2 miles in length. Most participants completed the course, set up on county roads, utility pole line trails and private property, in about 3½ hours. Rewards of \$100, \$50 and \$25 were given for the best hands (3 kings was tops) and a meal of hamburgers and hot dogs was followed by a super raffle (over \$5000 in prizes from local and national contributors). We are working on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Silver State Poker Run for next year.