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Coalition for Public Access meets with officials

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On September 10, the Coalition for Public Access met with Dan Jacquet of the Bureau of Land Management, Jeff Weise from the U.S. Forest Service and Phyllis Hunewill, Lyon County Commissioner, to discuss conditions in Wilson Canyon.

The group reviewed the history of an agreement the Friends of Wilson Canyon, Lyon County, the BLM, and the Forest Service in which the BLM became managers of the area north of Walker River, and the Forest Service became managers of the land south of the river.

The agreement also allowed use of off-highway vehicles on the BLM land and no OHV use on approximately 600 acres close to the highway on Forest Service land, and the Coalition believes this agreement should be followed; so in order to keep the BLM side open to OHV use, the Coalition would like to help the Forest Service keep the south side of Highway 208 open to other users, free of OHV users.

The consensus of the officials present at the meeting was that education and enforcement would be the most effective actions, and new agreements must be written before the Coalition can act.
