



Pacific Southwest REGION

USDA Forest Service • Motorized Recreation

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Discussion Topics

California Ride On Campaign with Tread Lightly!

The Pacific Southwest Region has partnered with Tread Lightly to develop a Ride On California! Campaign and will include stakeholder meetings to identify key messages, methods for messaging, and additional partnership opportunities. The stakeholder meeting is planned for the spring. We have added increased the Forest Service share of the project to \$50,000. The project includes materials for distribution, volunteer events, educational outreach, youth engagement, and trainer training.

OSV Planning Update

The USFS will be sharing information on the progress of the NEPA for Subpart C & the OSV grooming for the Lassen NF, Plumas NF, Tahoe NF, Eldorado NF, and Stanislaus NF as a result of settlement of litigation.

- Casey Jardine from Stanislaus NF is in the RO on a detail for 120 days helping the Public Services Staff. She will be helping out with some of the day to day management of the Subpart C NEPA/Settlement Project.
- All forests have their Proposed Actions out and have completed scoping except for the Plumas, which anticipates release of their PA before end of September.
- Lassen NF DEIS has been released.

Forest Plan Update

The Inyo, Sierra, and Sequoia National Forests are planning to release their Draft Environmental Impact Statements soon.

National Trail Strategy

Development of a draft strategy is underway and anticipated for release for stakeholder comments in February. The National Trail Strategy will change the Forest Service trail program to prioritize sustainability, partnership, and community

connectivity. New approaches may involve use of citizen science (crowdsourcing), providing open source data on trail opportunities, broader engagement in forest stewardship, and increased training for agency staff and volunteers.

If there are items of interest you would like the USFS to discuss in future meetings that you feel would benefit the knowledge or understand of the OHV Commission, the OHV Division, interested parties, or the statewide program on Forest Service Lands please contact: United States Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region, Trails, Motorized Recreation & Travel Management Planning Lead – Garrett Villanueva at gvillanueva@fs.fed.us or 530-543-2762