



USDA Forest Service - Pacific Southwest Region
Motorized Recreation Program
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Report to California State Parks OHV Commission

Program Update

Rubicon Trail

Eldorado National Forest continues to work with the county on issues associated with the Rubicon.

Travel Management:

Completed Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUMs):

Eldorado NF

Angeles NF

Los Padres NF (Ojai, Santa Barbara, and Monterey Ranger Districts)

Mendocino NF

Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit

Sequoia NF (Western Divide Ranger District - Hume Lake)

Six Rivers NF (Orleans Ranger District)

Upcoming MVUM in the next 30 to 45 days:

San Bernardino NF

Cleveland NF

Stanislaus NF (Summit RD)

Six Rivers (Gasquet RD)

Completed MVUM maps may be found on the individual Forest website or at:

http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/ohv/ohv_maps.shtml.

Travel Management Current Schedule:

Information on deadlines, public workshops & meetings, and other items can be found on the regional Travel Management calendar located at

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/routedesignation/>

- All Draft Environmental Impact Statements (DEIS) have been released
- Final Environmental Impact Statements (FEIS) and Decisions are estimated to occur in 2009 as follows:
 - Modoc NF - July/August
 - Plumas NF- August/September
 - Inyo NF- August/September
 - Sequoia NF - September
 - Sierra NF - September

Stanislaus NF - September/October

- Completion of FEIS & ROD for the Tahoe, Lassen, Klamath, Shasta-Trinity, and Six Rivers National Forests are still being determined.

Forest Plan Revision

Due to a recent court decision the 2008 Planning Rule is vacated and remanded to the USDA for further proceedings. The agency is now evaluating how to proceed and move forward.

FY 2009 Appropriations Language

Committees on Appropriations expect that each individual National Forest or Grassland will comply fully with all travel management regulatory requirements, particularly the science-based analysis in 36 CFR 212.5(b)(1), the identification of unneeded roads in 36 CFR 212.5(b)(2), and the criteria for designation in 36 CFR 212.55(a) and (b). The Committees expect the Forest Service to identify priorities, and associated resource requirements, to fully comply with the regulatory requirements of 36 CFR 212.5(b) (1) and (2).

Nationally all regions are working with the Washington Office for guidance.

New projects

User Friendly Motor Vehicle Guide Maps - Work is ongoing on the pilot Mendocino NF and Eldorado NF next generation guide maps.

Regional Office providing input and comment on upcoming National OHV Implementation Guide.

Personnel

Agriculture Secretary Vilsack named Tom Tidwell the new Chief of the U.S. Forest Service. Beginning on July 2, 2009 Chief Tidwell will assume his duties as the 17th Chief of the United States Forest Service.

Secretary Vilsack said "Tom Tidwell's 32 years of experience in our forests and impressive track record of collaboration and problem-solving will help us tackle the great challenges ahead".