



USDA Forest Service - Pacific Southwest Region Motorized Recreation Program

Report to California State Parks OHV Commission September 26, 2014 Truckee, CA

Discussion Topics

Tahoe National Forest Staff Presentation

The Tahoe NF staff will share information about the Tahoe National Forests OHV & OSV program and answer any lingering questions from the field trip.

OHV Ranger Ride & Natural Resource Discussion

The annual agency Ranger Ride organized by Don Amador of Blue Ribbon Coalition and Quiet Warrior Racing will be held October 28th through October 30th on the Tahoe National Forest at Sugar Pine Campground and OHV Staging Area outside of Foresthill. This gathering allows agency staff to gather and receive training and tour system trails, examine local project implementation and exchange ideas.

Forest Plan Revision

There are three National Forests (Sierra, Sequoia, Inyo) in the process of revising their Forest Land and Resource Management Plans (FLRMP). They recently released their Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and initiated scoping of their Proposed Action. These documents were released to the Federal Register and can be found at the Pacific Southwest Regions website at the link included below.

<http://tinyurl.com/r5earlyadopters>

H.R.4886 113th Congress – Proposed Legislation

On June 18, 2014, in the U.S House of Representatives, the 113th Congress, a bill (H.R.4886) was introduced. This legislation is known as the “National Forest System Trails Stewardship Act of 2014”. The intent of the bill is to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to publish in the Federal Register a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance, and for other purposes.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

The full text of the bill can be found at

<https://beta.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/4886/text>

5 Forest OSV NEPA Documents

The region will soon begin NEPA for the OSV grooming programs on the Lassen NF, Plumas NF, Tahoe NF, Eldorado NF, and Stanislaus NF as a result of settlement of litigation. The first forest to undertake NEPA will be the Lassen NF. Their project will officially begin this fall/early winter.

Wet Weather Management & Best Management Practices (BMP's)

The region continues to work with RJ Poff & Associates, Soils Consulting, to develop a wet weather strategy and best management practices for general trail maintenance and trails greater than 50 inches. These trails are becoming more prevalent as trends in use change from ATV's to the use of side by side vehicles. These BMP's will help field units manage these trails in a way that provides for sustainability.

The topics included in this report are generally the result of discussions between the California State Parks OHV Commission Chair Person and the U.S. Forest Service, and/or information relevant to U.S. Forest Service current events that may promote or affect OHV Recreation.

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 – Kathleen Mick at kmick@fs.fed.us or 707-562-8859.