



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

### Program Update

**Rubicon Trail:** Appeals with drawn, Easement between Eldorado County and USFS has been signed.

### New projects

**Wet Weather Strategy** - Working with field units and Soil Scientist to develop strategies to approach wet weather management.

**Training G-Y-R Soil Monitoring** - Providing field units with on-the-ground training.

### Budget

Forest Service trails budget continues to decline and is down for 2013.

### Litigation

Lawsuits related to Travel Management Subpart B Motor Vehicle Designations

- Eldorado - Judge's order issued. Forest will complete SEIS.
- Klamath - Waiting for hearing
- Stanislaus - Hearing complete. Waiting on Judges decision
- Tahoe - Hearing pending

### OSV

- National Litigation on Subpart C - Facial challenge of Forest Service Regulations of discretionary implementation of Subpart C planning.
- Regional Litigation of grooming program.

**Subpart A** - Region has completed a process guidebook. It is available on request in hard copy. Transportation Analysis Process (TAP) implementation of the process should be completed by 2015. R5 should initiate the process in 2013.

### Travel Management:

All units have completed their Motor Vehicle Use Maps and are implementing their Travel Management decision with the exception of the Tahoe N.F and the Shasta-Trinity N.F. These units continue to work through local challenges due to the large amount of mixed landownership patterns and road jurisdictions.

Completed MVUM's can be found on individual Forest websites or at the

Forest Service National website:

[http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/ohv/ohv\\_maps.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/ohv/ohv_maps.shtml).

- Most of the forest supervisors have met and discussed all types of issues with their local counties, including travel management. Many counties have not expressed concern over relationships, travel management implementation, or the Motor Vehicle Use Map. Issue themes include
  - Increased access
    - OHV use on passenger car roads
    - OHV trail opportunities
    - access to dispersed camping
  - Continued project involvement
- Where issues exist forests have been open and willing to make changes where that ability exists. Examples include
  - Shasta-Trinity NEPA to provide additional access
  - Eldorado NF and the Rubicon
  - Sierra NF conducting EA to solve seasonal closure issue
  - Klamath MVUM revision
  - Tahoe NF MVUM Revision
  - Plumas wildlife surveys to allow new routes

#### **Motor Vehicle Use Map Changes**

- The forests are working very hard to implement their designation decisions via the agency required MVUM.
- As the forests continue to implement they are working with local communities, organizations groups and local officials to make changes to their MVUMs were they are able.
- The types of changes range from
  - minor administrative corrections of roads, names and other data
  - Additions of roads and/or trails to the system as mitigations are completed
  - Changes to seasonal closures
  - Additions of mixed-use on passenger car roads where feasible
- Many forests in the region are working to develop products in addition to the MVUM to assist forest visitors
  - Travel Opportunity Guides (motorized & Non-Motorized Opportunities)
    - ENF
  - Motor Vehicle Opportunity Guides
    - R5 statewide map
    - ENF, MNF, LPNF, KNF, SQNF,
  - Modoc Guide to use of MVUM