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**OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING  
Lake Arrowhead, CA**

**January 24, 2020**

**STAFF REPORT:** U.S. Forest Service OHV Planning Coordination

**STAFF:** Katie Metraux/Alex Stehl, Strategic Planning and Recreation Services Division

**SUBJECT:** Updates on the Pacific Crest Trail and Over-Snow Vehicle Travel Management

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**Summary**

This report provides and update on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) and Over-Snow Vehicle (OSV) travel management and planning efforts. It includes an update on the PCT Interagency Working Group and U.S. Forest Service (Forest) OSV Travel Management plans (OSV Plan).

**Discussion**

The PCT Interagency Working Group (PCT Group) consists of representatives from California State Park's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Program and Statewide Trails Program, Forest, and Bureau of Land Management. The purpose of the PCT Group is to collaborate on PCT management and develop an effective communication strategy between PCT land managers, including agencies, organizations, and private entities. The PCT Group began meeting in September 2018 and have met six times. Starting October 2019, the PCT Group meets monthly to discuss agency planning efforts and other topics affecting PCT management.

The Forest prepared OSV plans for the Plumas, El Dorado, Tahoe, Stanislaus, and Lassen Forests in 2019. The Inyo OSV plan is complete and the Sierra and Sequoia OSV plans' comment period ended in September 2019. The Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit released its scoping letter for the OSV use designation for public comment in November 2019. California State Parks reviewed the Lake Tahoe Basin OSV use designation and submitted a comment letter.

**Commission Action**

For information only.

**Attachment**

Department of Parks and Recreation, Winter Rec and Over Snow Vehicle Travel Management Proposed Action Comments letter



November 22, 2019

Ashley Sibr  
Project Team Lead  
Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit  
35 College Drive  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

RE: Winter Rec and Over Snow Vehicle Travel Management Proposed Action  
Comments

Dear Ms. Sibr;

California State Parks express support for the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) Winter Rec and Over Snow Vehicle (OSV) Travel Plan proposed action. As identified in the plan, the Forest determined the need to better align recreation uses with the 2016 Land Management Plan and identified several actions that help with this alignment.

Currently, the Forest manages winter travel use from a series of Closure Orders designating areas closed to OSVs and now will create a new travel map, designating areas and trails open to motorized and non-motorized use. Additionally the Forest, proposes to create a new OSV Use Map to show areas designated for OSV that will be more legible and understandable. In the past the Snowmobile Guide Map scale makes it difficult to determine which areas are open or closed to OSV use.

California State Parks only concerns would be to consider reviewing additional access points for OSVs crossings of the Pacific Crest Trail in winter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [alexandra.stehl@parks.ca.gov](mailto:alexandra.stehl@parks.ca.gov) or Katie Metraux at [Katie.metraux@parks.ca.gov](mailto:Katie.metraux@parks.ca.gov) or Amanda Blosser at [Amanda.blosser@parks.ca.gov](mailto:Amanda.blosser@parks.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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