



USDA Forest Service - Pacific Southwest Region Motorized Recreation Program

**Report to California State Parks OHV Commission
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Discussion Topics

Six River's NF Smith River NRA – Travel Management Decision

- The Smith River National Recreation Area released their draft travel management Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on April 11, 2014 with a notice to the federal register. They are currently in a 60-day public comment period on the draft. They hope to issue a decision later summer or early fall.

5 Forest OSV Grooming NEPA Documents

- Due to prior litigation the region will be undertaking NEPA for the OSV grooming programs on the Lassen NF, Plumas NF, Tahoe NF, Eldorado NF, and Stanislaus NF. The project will be announced very soon in each of the national forests Statement of Proposed Actions (SOPA). This will be followed soon after by a notice of intent and proposed action and public scoping letter. The project from initiation to conclusion will last a couple years.

Forest Plan Revision – Early Adopter Forests – Inyo NF, Sierra NF, Sequoia NF

- The Forests continue to work on the revision of their forest plans. It is important for all recreation enthusiasts that enjoy recreation on these forests or have general interest in national forest recreation become involved and to participate in the revision process. This can be done by following the forest website and press releases on the various phases of the process.

OSV Sound Concerns

- The region continues to work with Quiet Warrior Racing to discuss and explore solutions to reducing OSV sound on national forest lands in the region. The Forest Service believes that the development of proactive solutions will benefit the sustainability of winter recreation experiences throughout the state.

Best Management Practices (BMP's)

- The region continues to work with RJ Poff & Associates, Soils Consulting, to develop best management practices for trails greater than 50 inches. These trails

are becoming more prevalent as forests look at opportunities for converting roads to trails, and 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 environmental sustainability.

Stanislaus NF – Addressing Judge's Order

- The region continues to work with the Stanislaus NF on strategies to address the judge's order associated with the application of the travel management criteria in their Subpart B Travel Management Decision.

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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

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