

## **California National Forests:**

**Angeles National Forest:** <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/>  
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The Angeles National Forest recently completed a revised inventory of existing roads and trails (both National Forest System and unplanned or user created routes). They have produced maps of the inventory in an updated map format. The Forest is now seeking input from the public, and is providing an opportunity for interested persons to validate the revised inventory. Comments should be submitted by July 31, 2007.

The inventory was completed using aerial photographs and field verification. The routes have been documented using a Global Positioning System (GPS). The Forest has generated maps showing the location of the user-created routes as they pertain to OHV. Although most of the user-created routes in the forest have been inventoried and field checked, gaps in their data may still exist.

The forest needs your help to confirm the data and fill in the gaps to ensure a complete and accurate inventory. The purpose of the inventory review is to confirm the presence of an user-created route. The inventory maps and guidelines for reviewing the maps and submitting comments are available on-line at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/recreation/ohv/>. A Route Inventory Review Sheet is provided for your convenience. Maps are available online at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/recreation/ohv/OHV-route-maps.shtml>.

Comments on the map inventory can be mailed to:

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Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers Ranger District  
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Please submit all comments by July 31, 2007.

The Forest's Route Designation website is at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/recreation/ohv/>.

To get additional information you can contact Tom Kaucher, OHV Management Lead at (626) 574-1613. If you want to get onto the forest mailing list contact Sherry Rollman at (626) 574-5205 or by email at [srollman@fs.fed.us](mailto:srollman@fs.fed.us).

**Cleveland National Forest:** <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland/>  
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The Cleveland Forest has completed Step 1 of the 5 Step Route Designation process being use on all California National Forests. Since their Forest Plan Revision was just signed earlier this year, Step 2 of the process, Issue a temporary Forest Order is already in place restricting all Green Sticker vehicles to designated roads and trails.

The forest is moving into Step 3 of the process, which is the pre NEPA phase. The working map showing all existing roads and trails will be available at the next round of public meetings scheduled for the end of July 2007. The forest has screen some user created routes that they want to do an analysis on in order to add them to the inventory.

The draft maps can be viewed or download from the forest's website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland/projects/ohv/maps.shtml>. The final Motor Vehicle Use Map is scheduled to be published by September 2008.

For any information on the Route Designation Process on the Cleveland NF or to get added to their mailing list, you can contact Anne Carey, Recreation Planner, at (858) 674-2976 or by email [agcarey@fs.fed.us](mailto:agcarey@fs.fed.us). Any comments or suggestions that you have should be emailed to the following address [r5\\_cleveland\\_ohv\\_suggestions@fs.fed.us](mailto:r5_cleveland_ohv_suggestions@fs.fed.us). There is a lot of good information available on the forest's website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland/projects/ohv/index.shtml>.

**Eldorado National Forest:** <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/eldorado/>  
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The Eldorado National Forest continues to move forward toward completing a new wheeled vehicle management plan that will designate a system of routes throughout the national forest as ordered by the court in 2005. The national forest remains under the 2005 court order that restricts wheeled motor vehicle travel to routes identified on the free Motor Vehicle Restrictions map until the new plan is adopted.

The restriction map is available free-of-charge at all Eldorado National Forest offices. Visitors who plan to camp outside of developed campgrounds must park their wheeled motor vehicles on a route identified on the map, or within a reasonable distance of the route so as not to block the travel way, create a safety hazard, or damage vegetation and other forest resources.

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement was released for public comment and review on July 20, 2007. The Forest Service's preferred alternative will be identified in the DEIS. The Forest Service says all of the alternatives were developed to be consistent with current federal laws, regulations, and policies; to create a system of routes that can be better maintained and enforced, while providing high quality and diverse motorized recreation opportunities; and to minimize impacts to forest resources.

A 45 day public review and comment period will follow the official release of the DEIS. The information learned from the public will be evaluated by Ramiro Villalvazo who will issue his final decision before December 31, 2007, the deadline set by the court in 2005. Click the following link to view the DEIS [http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/eldorado/documents/route/deis/route\\_deis\\_fullversion\\_no\\_maps.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/eldorado/documents/route/deis/route_deis_fullversion_no_maps.pdf).

Information about the route designation process on the Eldorado National Forest is available on their website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/eldorado/projects/route/index.shtml>. Comments and questions can be e-mailed to [eldoradoroutes@fs.fed.us](mailto:eldoradoroutes@fs.fed.us). When using electronic mail, please send your name and physical address in addition to your email address. To get more information contact Jason Nedlow, the Team Leader at (530) 621-5276 or by email to [jnedlow@fs.fed.us](mailto:jnedlow@fs.fed.us).

**Inyo National Forest:** <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/>  
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The Inyo National Forest has spent most of 2006 working with interested members of the public on "Step 3". The public has helped in fine-tuning national criteria for how to analyze routes, providing detailed comments on individual routes and specific local issues, and assisting the Forest in verifying route maps and data. Additionally, the forest has been gathering additional field data and has begun analyzing routes for other transportation management issues.

Click on the following link to view maps with all inventoried routes on all eleven analysis areas on the forest. <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/projects/inventory-maps.shtml>

STEP 2 - Forest Order 04-07-01, On March 2, 2007, Forest Supervisor Jeff Bailey signed a Decision Memo issuing a Forest Order which prohibits cross country motorized vehicle use. This Order limits the use of motorized wheeled vehicles to the existing routes and open area. This Order does not close existing routes and does not designate a Forest Transportation system. The purpose is to keep use on existing routes, prohibit cross-country travel with motorized vehicles, and prevent resource damage and the creation of new routes while completing the Route Designation Process. It will remain in effect for one year and will be extended, if necessary, until the completion of the Route Designation process.

View Forest Order Documents and Maps: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/projects/step-two-docs.shtml>

View Decision Memo: [http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/projects/route\\_des/step-two-docs/ce-dm-tfo-04-07-01.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/projects/route_des/step-two-docs/ce-dm-tfo-04-07-01.pdf)

View Forest: [http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/projects/route\\_des/step-two-docs/tfo-04-07-01.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/projects/route_des/step-two-docs/tfo-04-07-01.pdf)

PREPARING FOR STEP 4 - SAMPLE ROUTE RECOMMENDATIONS - A "Starting Point" for the Inyo Mountains and Mammoth East Areas.

Check out the criteria and process used to develop our recommendations for a proposed system of routes in two of the Forest's eleven analysis areas <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/projects/start.shtml>. Your comments on the criteria and process are welcomed.

The Inyo National Forest has published their timeline with complete information and where they are at in the process on their Route Designation website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/projects/ohvroute5.shtml>. There is a lot of great information on this site including maps, documents and contact information for the Route Designation Team. You can email your questions and comments to a centralized email address at [comments-pacificsouthwest-inyo@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-pacificsouthwest-inyo@fs.fed.us). To get on the mailing list or to talk to someone about the process contact Marty Hornick, the Route Designation Project Leader at (760) 873-2461 or by email to [mhornick@fs.fed.us](mailto:mhornick@fs.fed.us).

**Klamath National Forest:** <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/klamath/>  
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The Klamath National Forest is currently working on Step 3 - Evaluation of Routes of the Route Designation Process. The Forest completed a preliminary route inventory in 2003-2004 and public meetings were conducted in May, 2005 to introduce the route designation process and ask the Public to identify routes, trails, and areas they are currently using.

Submitting information on user created routes was due to the forest by August 31, 2005 at which time they "froze" this completed inventory. The Forest completed mapping these public identified routes, trails, and areas. The Forest came up with 2,374 miles of system roads, 20 miles of system trails, 54 miles of user created trails, and 52 acres of areas of concentrated use.

A second round of public meetings was held during February and March 2007 to share the inventory with the public and gather comments. This information is due by August 31, 2007. During the Spring/Summer 2007 the Forest will identify and evaluate resource issues/concerns of the identified routes, trails, and areas.

Below is a timetable for the completion of the remainder of the Route Designation Process. Additional information is available on their website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/klamath/projects/ohv/index.shtml>. To get on their mailing list or get more information contact Bob Talley, Team Leader at (530) 841-4423 or by email to [rtalley@fs.fed.us](mailto:rtalley@fs.fed.us).

#### **REMAINING TIMETABLE FOR THE KLAMATH NATIONAL FOREST**

Step 4: Complete analyses and prepare National Environmental Policy Act documents with Planning Amendment designating all trails and specifically defined areas for wheeled OHV use. Involve the public. Complete by 2008.

Step 5: Issue Forest Orders to prohibit motor vehicle use off roads, designated trails, and specifically defined areas. Involve the public. Install appropriate signing, publish maps of approved OHV systems for public distribution by 2009.

**Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit:** <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/ltbmu/>

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Lake Tahoe Basin has had its own process, known as the ATM (Access Travel Management Plan), since the 1970's. Are working to produce maps to comply with national standards, but don't expect anything to change. <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/ltbmu/projects/>

**Lassen National Forest:** <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/lassen/>

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The Lassen National Forest has now completed Step 1 and Step 2 of the Route Designation process. Contractors completed an inventory of 4,088 routes across the Forest in November 2004. They mapped a total of 1,121 miles.

A public review of the inventory in 2005 lead to the submission of maps showing some missed routes. This added another 320 miles to the Forest inventory. A few more miles were also mapped in 2006. The final inventory maps were completed in October 2006 and posted on the Forest's website at [http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/lassen/projects/NEPA\\_projects/route/maps/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/lassen/projects/NEPA_projects/route/maps/).

On June 5th, 2007 Step 2 of the Route Designation process was completed. This included preparing a Forest Order map and Issuing a temporary Forest Order prohibiting travel off designated routes. This Forest order will go into effect July 12, 2007. Once the Order is in effect maps will be available free of charge at Lassen National Forest Offices.

The forest is currently working on Step 3 of the Route Designation process. Step 3 involves the identification of a motorized road and trail system to determine what types of motorized vehicles are appropriate on what parts of the system and if seasonal restrictions will apply.

A “discussion draft” of the proposed transportation system has been developed based on public feedback and other evaluation criteria. The public is invited to review the “discussion draft” and assess whether the proposed routes provide a sustainable OHV system.

The “discussion draft” includes loops and access to fishing areas or favorite dispersed camp sites with as many linking roads as possible. Route evaluation criteria for step 4 (the environmental analysis of the proposed system) will also be presented for your review. Maps of the “discussion draft” routes are now available online at [http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/lassen/projects/NEPA\\_projects/route/maps/index.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/lassen/projects/NEPA_projects/route/maps/index.shtml) .

For more information call Allen Nosler, Route Designation Team Leader at (530) 252-6637 or by email to [anosler@fs.fed.us](mailto:anosler@fs.fed.us) or Elizabeth Norton, Public Services Officer at (530) 252-6645 or by email to [enorton@fs.fed.us](mailto:enorton@fs.fed.us). There is also lots of additional help and information the Forest’s Route Designation website at [http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/lassen/projects/NEPA\\_projects/route/index.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/lassen/projects/NEPA_projects/route/index.shtml).

**Los Padres National Forest:** <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres/>  
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The Los Padres Forest is ahead of most other Region 5 forests in that a designated route system has been in effect in the Forest since the 1970’s. The forest is currently doing a mixed use analysis on two of the five Ranger District, which are the Santa Lucia and the Mt. Pinos. The forest is getting ready to publish Motor Vehicle Use Maps for the other three Ranger Districts sometime around the end of August 2007.

Unauthorized routes will not be part of the Motor Vehicle Use Map, but will be handled on a case by case basis in the future to determine whether the route will be decommissioned or incorporated into the system for other uses.

Off-Highway Vehicle Route Designation Maps are available for review and are posted on the Forest website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres/projects/ohv-route-desig/maps/index.shtml>. For more information call Bruce Emmes, Forest Recreation Staff Officer at (805) 961-5734 or by email to [bemmens@fs.fed.us](mailto:bemmens@fs.fed.us). There is also lots of additional help and information the Forest’s Route Designation website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres/projects/ohv-route-desig/index.shtml>.

**Mendocino National Forest:** <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/mendocino/>  
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The Mendocino National Forest has finished the Step 1 of the Route Designation Process and current Inventory Maps are now available for review at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/mendocino/projects/ohv/maps/>. Step 2 is complete since the Forest has an existing designated route system and a Forest Order requiring users to stay on those designated routes.

The Forest has also completed Step 3, Proposed Designations and Public Input. As a result of comments received from the public and Forest Service (FS) staff, some of the tentative proposals were modified. Changes between the tentative November 2006 proposals and the current ones are explained in the scoping documents.

Below are links to the scoping notice and to maps and brief descriptions of the proposed changes. The FS is asking that any interested parties provide them any comments on the proposals by August 3, 2007.

- ☑ Scoping Notice document <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/mendocino/projects/ohv/scoping/scoping-cover.pdf>
- ☑ Dispersed Camp Access proposal <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/mendocino/projects/ohv/scoping/disp-scope-may07.pdf> and maps <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/mendocino/projects/ohv/proposed/discamp/>
- ☑ OHV Connectivity proposals <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/mendocino/projects/ohv/scoping/scope-connectivity-jun07.pdf> and maps <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/mendocino/projects/ohv/proposed/recon/>
- ☑ Trail Closure proposal <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/mendocino/projects/ohv/scoping/scope-trail68closure07.pdf> and maps <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/mendocino/projects/ohv/proposed/cabbage/>
- ☑ Commander Tract Access proposal [http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/mendocino/projects/ohv/scoping/scope\\_commander07.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/mendocino/projects/ohv/scoping/scope_commander07.pdf) and maps <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/mendocino/projects/ohv/proposed/commander/>

There is information available at their website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/mendocino/projects/ohv/> or you can contact Mike Vandame, Forest Planner at (530) 934-1141 or by email to [mvandame@fs.fed.us](mailto:mvandame@fs.fed.us).

**Modoc National Forest:** <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc/>  
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**Alturas, CA 96101**  
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The Modoc National Forest is finished with Step 1 of the route designation and all that information is currently at the Regional Office, who is finalizing and preparing the maps and data for the initial map review. The forest has approximately 4000 miles of roads and trails in their current system and about 669 additional miles of user created routes. Once they begin Step 3 of the process, the user created routes are what they will be focusing on.

For Step 2 of the process the Forest is beginning the process to issue temporary OHV route closure orders for the Medicine Lake Highlands area. This closure will implement the travel management plan and order issued in 1985. The only designated route for OHV travel in the Modoc National Forest is the Modoc Back Country Discovery Trail.

Most roads and trails outside the South Warner Wilderness are open to use by all users. The Highgrade National Recreation Trail and the Blue Lake National Recreation Trails are closed to motorized use. The Red Tail Rim Trail is also closed to motorized use. There are plans for public meetings to beginning in fall 2007.

They hope to have their Motor Vehicle Use Map published by December 2008. For additional information or to get on the forest's mailing list you can contact Robert Haggard, Public Services Staff Officer at (530) 233-8840 or by email at [rhaggard@fs.fed.us](mailto:rhaggard@fs.fed.us). You can also contact Laura Williams, Public Affairs Officer at (530) 233-8713 or by email to [ljwilliams@fs.fed.us](mailto:ljwilliams@fs.fed.us).

**Plumas National Forest:** <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas/>  
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The Plumas National Forest has completed Step 1 of the Route Designation Process and Step 2, the Temporary Forest Order was released to the public December 1, 2006 with an effective date of December 31, 2006. This order affects everything on the forest except those areas that are already closed and those areas that the forest does not control the right of way.

The Plumas National Forest is currently working on Steps 3 & 4 of the OHV Route Designation process. They plan on beginning the NEPA process after the first of the year. The environmental ID team has been designated by the Forest Supervisor and will be working with the public on Step 3 and working on a Proposed Action.

Anyone interested in participating in the process or getting on the mailing list can contact Deb Schoenberg, Recreational Specialist at (530) 283-7825 or by email to [dschoenberg@fs.fed.us](mailto:dschoenberg@fs.fed.us). Other contact for the Route Designation Process is Fred Krueger, Project Leader at (530) 283-7840 or email [fjkrueger@fs.fed.us](mailto:fjkrueger@fs.fed.us).

The information on the forest's Route Designation website is some what dated. However, Deb did tell me that they are working on getting the information updated. So check back often to see what information is available and updates at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas/projects/ohv/index.shtml>.

**San Bernardino National Forest:** <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/>  
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The San Bernardino National Forest has completed Step 1 of the Route Designation process. The final inventory maps have been done and ready for review. These maps are available on the Forest Service website at [http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/projects/ohv\\_map.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/projects/ohv_map.shtml). Below is the Timetable from the forest website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/projects/ohv.shtml>.

#### **Timetable for San Bernardino National Forest**

- 1) The process identified in the Memorandum of Intent between the Forest Service and the OHMVRC is designed to facilitate new route designations in areas where none exist. Because a system of designated routes already exists in Southern California, most of those steps are not needed to meet the primary objective of the Chief or the MOI.
- 2) The first step in the process will be completion of an inventory of existing roads, trails, and off-route use areas. Maps will be available to the public for review in mid May, 2006, and suggested adjustments to the route inventory will be accepted until July, 2006.
- 3) After the inventory is completed, participating Forests will, in collaboration with the public, develop a list of opportunities for adjustments to the system. This list will be used as the basis for future proposals as time and funding permits. It may include opportunities for additional trails, as well as identification of system modifications which will help to prevent unauthorized use. The forest will also host a series of open house workshops addressing the OHV route designation process. The workshops were held on; Monday, June 26 at the Idyllwild Fire Station, Tuesday, June 27 at the new Forest Supervisor's Office at 602 S. Tippecanoe in San Bernardino, and Wednesday, June 28 at the Hootman Center in Running Springs.
- 4) Forests will review the list of opportunities, and identify those they want to carry forward into the NEPA process as time and funding permits.

- 5) As projects are brought forward, Forests will complete analyses and prepare National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents on any proposed changes to the system.
- 6) Following approval of any changes, Forests will install appropriate signing, publish maps of approved OHV systems for public distribution, and implement any mitigation measures identified in NEPA analysis. Throughout the Region, most Forests will be completing these steps no later than September, 2008. Plans are currently in place on the San Bernardino National Forest to complete these steps and publish a new Motor Vehicle Use Map by September, 2007.

There is additional information available on the forest's website or you can contact Chris Evans, Project Manager at (909) 382-2716 or by email to [chrisevans@fs.fed.us](mailto:chrisevans@fs.fed.us).

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The Sequoia National Forest is moving into the next step of the Wheeled Motorized Vehicle Route Designation process known as the environmental analysis which is required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This analysis began with the Forest issuing a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Along with the Notice of Intent, a Proposed Action is prepared that explains how the Forest Service proposes to designate a forest-wide motorized vehicle route system.

The EIS will focus on the restriction of motorized vehicle travel to designated routes. They will also examine needed changes to the Sequoia transportation system, including the addition of some user-created routes and other changes to existing motor vehicle restrictions on the Kern River Ranger District and a small portion of the Hot Springs Ranger District.

The release of the NOI and the proposed action is also known as "Scoping". Scoping is an opportunity for you to provide the FS with your issues, concerns or opportunities regarding the proposal. The NOI was published in the Federal Register on June 15, 2007. A copy of the NOI can be downloaded from the Sequoia National Forest website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia>.

The Forest Service then takes the input from scoping, as well as the input of various Forest Service specialists and uses it to shape several alternatives that can implement the proposed action. The draft alternatives are then released for review and public comment. These comments are used to help shape the final decision. This step ends with a final decision released by the Forest Supervisor.

Public comments on the proposed action ended on July 16, 2007. A draft EIS is expected to be available for public review in September 2007. A final EIS is expected to be completed by September 2008.

For more information regarding the wheeled motorized travel management plan, please contact Chris Sanders at 559-784-1500, extension 1131 or by email to [csanders@fs.fed.us](mailto:csanders@fs.fed.us).

**Shasta-Trinity National Forest:** <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/shastatrinity/>  
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The Shasta-Trinity National Forest is still working on Step 1 of the Route Designation Process. The inventory has been completed and all the data is being verified and the maps are being put together by

the GIS guys. They hope to be able to have the maps completed by January 2007 at which time they can schedule meetings with the public in order to review them.

Their Route Designation Website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/shastatrinity/news/ohv/index.shtml> is somewhat dated, but they hope to get more current information posted soon. Below is listed contact information for all the members of the Route Designation Team. Please feel free to contact them for any additional information. To get on the mailing list contact Brenda Tracy.

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The Sierra National Forest (NF) held a series of informational meeting in March 2007 to provide updates on the forest route designation process. At that time they planned to have a Notice of Intent (NOI) and Proposed Action available for public review in June.

The Forest is still working on preparing the Proposed Action. This is an important step in the planning process and the Interdisciplinary Team (ID) has just about completed the proposal. The new time frame for the release of the NOI and Proposed Action is August. The Proposed Action will explain how the Sierra NF proposes to designate a forest-wide motorized vehicle route system.

The release of the NOI and the Proposed Action for public review is also known as scoping. Scoping is an opportunity for you to provide the FS with your comments regarding issues, concerns or opportunities regarding the Proposed Action. Your comments, along with others, will be used to develop a set of alternatives that will be displayed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, which is usually released 4-6 months after scoping.

When the NOI and Proposed Action are released, the Sierra NF will hold a series of Open Houses to help the public better understand the proposal and provide an opportunity to ask questions of the ID team. Meetings will be scheduled for September in the communities of Mariposa, Oakhurst, Clovis and Prather.

Maps of the proposed routes will be released with the Proposed Action. These maps will be posted on the forest website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sierra/projects/ohv/index.shtml> and will be available in Forest Service offices and at public meetings. In attempt to keep costs down, the NOI and Proposed Action will be released electronically on the Sierra NF website.

If you are on our mailing list, you will receive the documents electronically. Since the map of the proposed routes is such a large document, it will be displayed on the forest web page in a series of smaller maps for you to view.

If your group or organization would like a presentation on the proposal or for more information contact Susan Burkindine, Assistant Recreation Officer at (559) 297-0706 ext4921 or by email to [sburkindine@fs.fed.us](mailto:sburkindine@fs.fed.us). If you want to get on the mailing list send your information to the following email address, [sierra.route.designation@fs.fed.us](mailto:sierra.route.designation@fs.fed.us).

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The Six Rivers National Forest is currently working on Step 1 of the OHV Route Designation process. A contractor completed the route inventory on the Smith River National Recreation Area/Gasquet Ranger District in 2004. The National Recreation Area elected to combine the inventoried route into their completed Roads Analysis Process.

In 2005 public meetings were held May 16, May 19, June 7, and June 9, in four locations to introduce the public to the route designation process to occur on the Forest (excluding the National Recreation Area). This first round of meetings informed attendees regarding why we are beginning the four year OHV route designation process, the five step process, timelines, and how the public can become involved. The four meetings were attended by stakeholders with a variety of interests regarding OHV routes and motorized recreation. Loggers, tribes, hunters, mountain bikers, senior citizens, local residents, OHV users and organizations, recreational and environmental groups as well as general recreation users engaged in lively discussion throughout each of the four meetings.

An interdisciplinary team has been designated by the Forest Supervisor to begin the process. Since the first round of public meetings held in 2005 the Forest Supervisor decided to integrate the Regional Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Route Designation Process with the Orleans Roads Analysis Process (RAP). This was done for efficiency and to provide a complete transportation assessment on the Orleans Ranger District, particularly given that few new routes were mapped as part of the OHV inventory for this district. Our analysis includes an evaluation including management options of these routes and roads found on the Orleans District. Please visit the web site ([www.fs.fed.us/r5/sixrivers/projects/ea/orleans-rap/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sixrivers/projects/ea/orleans-rap/)). Quarter quad maps of these routes and roads including management options are on-line so interested parties may view them.

The contractors are inventorying the remaining south half of the Forest which includes the Lower Trinity and Mad River Ranger Districts. The Lower Trinity Ranger District inventory has been completed and the Mad River Ranger District inventory is expected to be completed late summer 2006; data then will be verified and GIS maps will be constructed with the data.

The OHV team will start the field verification and evaluations for the remaining south half of the Forest during the summer 2006. The Forest expects to put quarter quad maps on-line this summer for the remaining south half of the forest so interested parties may download them and see if favorite routes have been inventoried. You can participate by providing information identifying the location of trails and reviewing the inventory maps.

Public workshops will be held in the Summer, 2006, to review the maps and to identify any gaps or errors prior to a temporary forest order (Step 2) being developed and implemented in 2006. The temporary forest order for resource protection will restrict non-street legal motorized travel to routes mapped during the inventory process; vehicles using any routes not on the forest order map will be subject to citation.

The intent of the temporary forest order is to stop additional resource damage and the proliferation of unplanned roads and trails while the route designation process is in progress, and to provide better protection for natural resources.

There is additional information available online at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sixrivers/projects/ohv/> or you can contact Ray McCray, Project Lead at (707) 574-6233 or by email to [rmccray@fs.fed.us](mailto:rmccray@fs.fed.us).

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The Stanislaus National Forest has completed Step 1-mapping existing roads, trails (both National Forest System and non-system), and off-route use areas, and entering the data in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and sharing Inventory Maps with the public for comment.

The inventory represents a snapshot in time, indicating areas and routes where OHV use has been occurring. The inventory is not a determination of which routes will be designated for off highway vehicle use. The inventory maps provide us with a valuable starting point to develop a preliminary proposed action for Step 2.

**Step 2** Issuing temporary Forest Orders prohibiting wheeled vehicle use off of mapped roads, trails, and off-route use areas. It's important to note that for Step 2, the term "designated trails and roads" is not the finalized designation of trails or roads. The final designation does not occur until completion of the environmental analysis to be conducted in Step 4.

The primary purpose of Step 2 is to stop any further proliferation of unauthorized trails that could cause erosion and damage soil, wildlife and fish habitat, and cultural resources. The baseline data for the proposed action for Step 2 will be the Step 1 Inventory Map completed and posted on the Forest website in January, 2006. Any new routes will not be considered in this step. The Forest proposal and temporary Forest Order should be ready by April, 2007.

**Step 3** Evaluating inventoried roads, trails, and areas; collaborating with the public in developing proposed systems of roads, trails, and specifically defined areas for use by motor vehicles; completing surveys of information and data gaps; publishing maps of proposals, and collecting public input. Step 4 calls for: completing an environmental analysis and preparing National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents that propose a system of designated roads, trails and specifically defined areas for motor vehicle use; involving the public in compliance with NEPA and Forest Service regulation and policy to assist the Forest Supervisor in making a well-informed decision.

Productive dialogue with the Stanislaus Recreation Stakeholders, and independent group working with the Forest Service and others has helped us determine the best way to approach involving the public in the development of a proposed action for route designation.

This December the Forest will bring forward to public workshops a working proposal for a system of roads and motorized trails. At these workshops, the proposal will be refined, added to, or otherwise modified.

The Forest will carry forward this refined proposal, along with a statement of purpose and need, for environmental analysis through the process prescribed by NEPA. It is anticipated that the level of analysis required for this project will mandate completion of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The approximate analysis timeline will look something like this: in January 2007, the Forest will publish in the Federal Register a Notice of Intent (NOI) to conduct an environmental analysis. Formal public scoping would occur in sometime this January, and continue into February.

In April 2007, significant issues to be addressed, and alternatives to achieve the proposed action's purpose and need, will be identified by evaluating and incorporating the results of scoping, including information gathered at public workshops and additional extensive public and agency involvement. It is expected that a Draft EIS for public review and comment would be published in September 2007, with a Final EIS that identifies the Forest designated route and trail system by January 2008. Implementation of the decision could occur as early as May, 2008.

If you contact Sue Warren, Public Services Program Area Leader, you can additional information as well as getting added to the mail and email lists. You can call (209) 532-3671 or by email [swarren@fs.fed.us](mailto:swarren@fs.fed.us). There is additional information on their link <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/stanislaus/projects/planning/fra.shtml>.

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Tahoe National Forest is currently working on their Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to analyze various alternatives – based in part on the comments received at the spring 2007 public meetings. The Draft EIS is expected to be completed this fall and available for comment for 45 days. The Final EIS is expected to be completed in early 2008. The following contains links to the most current map sets available for the project [http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/tahoe/projects\\_plans/ohv\\_inv/maps.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/tahoe/projects_plans/ohv_inv/maps.shtml).

If you'd like to receive electronic updates, news releases or to get on the mailing list or If you belong to a group located within or adjacent to the Tahoe National Forest and would like a presentation from the Forest Service on this process please contact Ann Westling, Public Affairs Officer at 530-478-6205 or by email to [awestling@fs.fed.us](mailto:awestling@fs.fed.us).

More information about the complete process is available by contacting Trail Coordinator Dave Michael at [demichael@fs.fed.us](mailto:demichael@fs.fed.us), or Jeff Wiley, Trail Coordinator for the Truckee and Sierraville Ranger Districts at 530-994-3401, extension 6667 or Interdisciplinary Team Leader – David Arrasmith at (530) 478-6143 or by email to [darrasmith@fs.fed.us](mailto:darrasmith@fs.fed.us).

The forest has done a pretty good job of keeping information on their website up to date, so check it out at [http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/tahoe/projects\\_plans/ohv\\_inv/index.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/tahoe/projects_plans/ohv_inv/index.shtml).