

**White River National Forest  
Travel Management Plan  
Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

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**Abstract:** The action proposed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, in this document, is to present a comprehensive travel management plan for the White River National Forest. The travel management plan and supporting environmental impact statement (EIS) present ways to accommodate and balance the transportation needs of the public and provide adequate access for forest and resource management, while still allowing for protection of natural resources.

Reviewers should provide the Forest Service with their written comments during the review period of the draft EIS. This will enable the Forest Service to analyze and respond to the comments at one time and to use the information acquired in the preparation of the final EIS, thus avoiding undue delay in the decision-making process. Reviewers have an obligation to structure their participation in the National Environmental Policy Act process so that it is meaningful and alerts the agency to the reviewers' position and contentions (*Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 [1978]). Environmental objections that could have been raised at the draft stage may be waived if not raised until after completion of the final EIS (*City of Angoon v. Hodel* [9<sup>th</sup> Circuit, 1986] and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 [E.D. Wis. 1980]). Comments on the draft EIS should be specific and should address the adequacy of the EIS and the merits of the alternatives discussed (40 CFR 1503.3).

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