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Carson National Forest hosts open houses on Travel Management

Taos, N.M., March 2, 2009—Three open houses will feature information on Travel Management proposals on the Camino Real Ranger District, providing the general public an opportunity to comment. The open houses will be March 10th at the Angel Fire Community Building; the Ranchos Elementary School in Ranchos de Taos on March 11th; and the Peñasco Community Building on March 12th. All meetings will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Unmanaged recreation, including the effects of unmanaged off-highway vehicles (OHVs), was identified as a major threat to national forest resources. In November 2005, the Forest Service published a travel management regulation for use of motor vehicles on national forest system lands. The Travel Management Rule provides a national framework for local forests and districts to use in designating a sustainable system of roads, trails, and areas for motor vehicle use. The rule's goal is to secure a wide range of recreation opportunities while ensuring the best possible care of the land. The Proposed Actions focus on needed changes to the existing motorized transportation system on the districts. The actions do not propose any changes to non-motorized travel such as hiking, horseback riding and bicycling nor does it apply to snowmobiling.