



# News Release

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## **Forest Service to Host a Travel Management Meeting in Elko County Next Saturday, and one in Sparks Next Thursday**

**Sparks, Nevada...**The Mountain City, Ruby Mountains, and Jarbidge Ranger Districts in northeast Nevada have scheduled a public meeting and are inviting public comments on its proposed Combined Travel Management Project through March 23, 2009. This project will revise the Travel Management Plans for the Mountain City, Ruby Mountains, and Jarbidge Ranger Districts to accommodate the recreating public. The Reno-area meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2009, from 6 -8 p.m. at the Forest Supervisor's Office at 1200 Franklin Way, in Sparks. The Elko meeting will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the High Desert Inn on 3015 Idaho Street. (The inn's number is 775-738-8425).

The 2005 Travel Management Rule requires every National Forest to designate a system of routes for the recreating public. The need is for the protection and safety of visitors and to minimize conflicts among the various recreation visitors on public lands. Over the past decade or more, there has been an increase in the numbers and capabilities of off-highway vehicles (OHVs). This increase in motorized recreation must be managed to minimize conflicts and protect natural resources.

This project will designate a Forest motorized transportation system that includes adjustments and deletions to the current system, proposes to add non-system routes to that system, and proposes to prohibit motor vehicles off designated routes. Maps are available for review at the Ruby Mountains and Jarbidge Ranger Districts in Wells, Nevada, and at the Mountain City Ranger District Office in Elko, Nevada. A scoping document describing the proposed action and project maps are available on line at the following websites:

- <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/htnf/projects/#mountaincity>;
- <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/htnf/projects/#rubymountain>; and,
- <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/htnf/projects/#jarbidge>.

The Districts held eight meetings in Elko County and are holding a meeting next week in the Reno/Sparks area. District Rangers will be on hand to discuss the 2005 Travel Management Rule and the proposed action. Your help is requested in identifying roads and trails that should or should not be included on the travel management planning maps. You will be creating a transportation system that meets both your and other visitors' recreation needs.

"We welcome your input on this plan, and encourage you to contact the District Rangers for additional information on this process and timeline," said Tom Montoya, Mountain City District Ranger. "It's always optimal to gather the most comprehensive response possible. The Forest Service requests your comments on this project by March 23, 2009." Please contact either Montoya at 775-738-5171, or Jarbidge and Ruby Mountains District Ranger, Gar Abbas, at 775-752-3357.

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