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Forest Service Starts Public Involvement Process for Travel Management in Elko County

Elko, Nevada...The Mountain City, Ruby Mountains, and Jarbidge Ranger Districts in northeast Nevada have scheduled public meetings and are inviting public comments on the proposed Combined Travel Management Project through February 20, 2009. This project will revise the Travel Management Plans for the Mountain City, Ruby Mountains, and Jarbidge Ranger Districts to accommodate increasing numbers and capabilities of off highway vehicles (OHVs) on the Districts, and to protect natural resources.

This project will designate a Forest motorized transportation system that includes adjustments and deletions to the current system, proposes to add user-created 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 District 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>.

As a first step in developing a collaborative process, the Districts will hold open house meetings. District Rangers will be on hand to acquaint people with the new travel rule and discuss the proposed action. Dates, times, and locations for these open houses are as follows:

- **Elko** – January 26, 2009, 5:00–7:00 p.m., Elko Forest Service Office
- **Wells** – January 27, 2009, 5:00–7:00 p.m., Wells Forest Service Office
- **Jackpot** – January 28, 2009, 5:00–7:00 p.m., PST, Jackpot Recreation Center
- **Mountain City** – January 29, 2009, – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., PST, Mountain City Courthouse

“The public is encouraged to contact the District Rangers for additional information on this process and timeline,” said Tom Montoya, Mountain City District Ranger. “This is an important topic to National Forest visitors, and we need to make sure everyone’s voice is heard and understood. The Forest Service requests your comments on this project by February 20, 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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