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Dear Interested Party,

On November 12, 2008, I signed the decision notice and finding of no significant impact (DN/FONSI) for the Cleveland National Forest Motorized Travel Management Environmental Assessment (EA). **I selected Alternative 3 for implementation because it best meets the purpose and need for the project.** Based on public comments, the selected alternative was modified from the initial Alternative 3 that appeared in the EA which was released for public review in July 2008. The selected alternative **will not add any routes that intersect arroyo toad habitat or riparian conservation areas** into the Cleveland NF transportation system.

Summary of the Selected Alternative

The selected alternative will add approximately 1.0 mile of existing, user-created trails and 5.2 miles of new trail construction to the transportation system to maintain a diversity of motorized recreation opportunities in the Corral Canyon OHV area. Approximately 1.27 miles of routes for highway-legal vehicles will be added to the transportation system for access to dispersed recreation opportunities. A 2.0-acre open riding area and several areas totaling 12.8 acres adjacent to existing and proposed trails in the Corral Canyon OHV area will remain open for continued use, as will a 0.2-acre open riding area adjacent to the Wildomar OHV trailhead. All other OHV use in the Corral Canyon and Wildomar OHV areas will be restricted to designated routes. The Cleveland NF Land Management Plan will be amended to adjust land use zones and recreational opportunity spectrum designations on approximately 10 acres of land to reflect existing on-the-ground conditions. As per Forest Service policy and regulations, this amendment will be non-significant.

The selected alternative will result in the Cleveland NF having a transportation system that consists of approximately 202.7 miles of roads for highway-legal-only vehicles, 37.8 miles of routes for highway legal and non-highway legal vehicles, 13.1 miles of trail for all vehicles (that is, four-wheel drive, vehicles 50 inches or less in width, and motorcycles), 23.8 miles of trail for vehicles 50 inches or less in width, 5.4 miles of trail for motorcycles, and 15.0 total acres of open areas. Implementation of this alternative will lead to publication of a motor vehicle use map reflecting these changes in the transportation system.

To download a copy of the EA and the DN/FONSI, please visit the Cleveland NF website at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland/projects>

Appeal Rights

My decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215. To initiate an appeal, a written notice of appeal must be postmarked within 45 days of the publication date of the legal notice of this decision in the San Diego *Union-Tribune*, which I anticipate to be on or around November 15, 2008. Attachments received after the 45-day appeal period will not be considered. The publication date in the *Union-Tribune* is the



exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal. Notices of appeal must meet the specific content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14. Persons who wish to appeal must meet the requirements of 36 CFR 215.13.

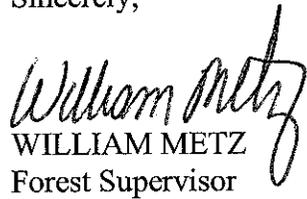
Copies of the notice of appeal must be filed with: Regional Forester, Attn: Appeals, USDA-Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592. Appeals may be submitted in person at the address above during normal business hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic appeals must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc) to appeals-pacificsouthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us.

If no appeals are filed within the 45-day appeal period, implementation of the decision may occur on, but not before, five business days from the close of the appeal filing period. When appeals are filed, implementation may occur on, but not before, the 15th business day following the date of the last appeal disposition.

Contact for More Information

For copies of the DN/FONSI and the EA, or for further information regarding appeals, contact Pete Gomben, NEPA coordinator, Cleveland National Forest, 10845 Rancho Bernardo Road, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92127 (858) 674-2901.

Sincerely,


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