

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
MODOC NATIONAL FOREST
DOUBLEHEAD RANGER DISTRICT

USE OF VEHICLE ON AND OFF FOREST DEVELOPMENT ROADS

A. PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR Section 261.50 (b) the following acts are prohibited on specific forest roads described in this order, all within the Doublehead Ranger District, of the Modoc National Forest until further notice.

- 1) **Use of any motorized vehicle on forest development roads within the Medicine Lake Highlands area as described in this order and Exhibit A. [36 CFR 261.54(a)]**
- 2) **Possess or use any motorized vehicle off forest development roads. [36 CFR 261.56]**

B. EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e) and FSM 2320.5(3), the following persons and vehicles are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. The use of a wheelchair when used as a necessary medical appliance.
4. Use of an over-snow vehicle during the winter season.

C. AREA DESCRIBED

The Medicine Lake Highlands encompass the area of T42N, R3E; T43N, R3E; and T43N, R4E. All roads closed to motorized vehicle use within the Highlands are listed in the table below. Road locations are illustrated in the enclosed map (Exhibit A). Italicized road numbers refer to roads that contain segments which are open to motorized vehicles and portions that are closed.

Roads closed to motorized vehicle use in the Medicine Lake Highlands.

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42N22	43A53B	43N15	43N47
43A01A	43A53C	43N17A	<i>43N47A</i>
43A21B	43A53D	43N23	<i>43N56</i>
43A21C	43A53E	43N23B	43N66
43A42A	43A66A	43N23C	43N66A
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D. PURPOSE

To provide rules and standards for public safety and the protection of recreation, cultural values and vegetation resources. To implement the Decision Notice (DN) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) of the Medicine Lake Highlands Roads Closure plan (2008), and the Land and Resource Management Plan of the Modoc National Forest.

E. EXHIBITS AND IMPLEMENTATION

1. This order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until rescinded.
2. Exhibit A, Map - *Medicine Lake Proposed Motorized Travel Plan*, is attached and incorporated into this Order.

Executed in Alturas, California, this 21st day of July, 2008.



STANLY G. SYLVA
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Modoc National Forest

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization and/or imprisonment of not more than 6 months [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3571(b)(7)].

Civil Rights Impact Statement

Medicine Lake Highlands Motor Vehicle Use Modoc Forest Order #09-08-10

Proposed Action

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Duration

Until further notice.

Employee/Community Involvement

The following Special Emphasis Program Managers (SEPM) reviewed and approved this proposed Order:

Modoc National Forest Civil Rights Officer

Modoc National Forest Tribal Relations Program Manager

Based on input from these subject matter specialists, no further scoping or input is necessary.

Justification

The prohibitions are necessary to protect the Medicine Lake Highlands from resource damage resulting from motor vehicles.

As a result of the action being proposed, the following results, along with others, could be experienced:

1. Adequate signing, backed by a Forest Order and enforcement, will encourage individuals to follow the prohibitions to protect the Medicine Lake Highlands.
2. The Medicine Lake Highlands will be protected from motor vehicle caused resource damage.

Mitigation

The following are suggested mitigations:

1. Ensure signing is adequate in significant locations.
2. Periodically monitor to see if enforcement is being applied equally to all.

Implementation

Prior to going into effect, announcements are placed in the local papers, the Order is posted in the Ranger Stations, and Supervisor's Office, and local impacted groups are contacted.

Agency

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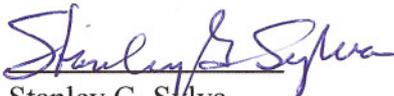
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