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Modoc Travel Management Comments Needed

Alturas ... The Modoc National Forest is in the middle of a 30 day scoping period for their Travel Management Planning. The Forest is considering 1,800 segments (nearly 600 miles) of non-system roads for inclusion in the National Forest road system. Most of these segments are less than ¼ mile in length and have existed for years. Public input is a vital part of this planning effort. Comments should be received by Forest by June 11.

Two public meetings were held this week, one in Cedarville, and one in Alturas. While the meetings were sparsely attended, the Forest received good specific information and pointed and important questions to improve the planning effort. The comments we've received thus far have been generally supportive with excellent suggestions on the proposed action.

The next two meetings are scheduled for Weds. May 28 at the Adin Community Hall and Tues., May 29 at Honkers in Tulelake. Each open house will be from 6 to 8 p.m.

In addition to the four public open houses, Forest personnel have discussed this planning effort with the County Land Use Committee and Economic Vitality Group. We are scheduled to brief the Board of Supervisors, Modoc County Transportation Commission, and the Fish, Game and Recreation Commission. We will speak to groups about this plan upon request.

Last fall, public input was received at a number of meetings, including four open houses in November. A proposed action was developed based on public input and resource specialist evaluation. A notice of intent was published in the Federal Register on May 12. This was the official start of public information gathering which will end on Jun. 11.

“We listened to the comments and concerns of people during these workshops,” said Forest Supervisor Stan Sylva. “We’ve carefully considered what people told us and we’ve looked at and discussed each segment of the inventoried non system routes proposed to be added to our permanent road system. Now I’m asking Forest users to look at our best effort and share with us your thoughts about the proposed action maps.”

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Hard copy maps are available for review at all Modoc National Forest offices. You can receive your own copy of a CD containing each of the proposed action maps free of charge at the same locations.

For additional information or to schedule a Forest Service person to talk to your group, call Laura Williams at (530) 233-8713. Learn more about the travel management planning process at www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc.

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