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Meetings Held – Public Input Needed

Alturas ... The Modoc National Forest has completed the second round of Travel Management public open houses. Comments about the proposed action will be helpful if received by June 11. Four meetings were held, one each in Cedarville, Alturas, Adin and Tulelake. About forty people attended the four meetings.

Many people asked questions and voiced concerns about off-road vehicle use. They want to make sure good loop routes are available to ride their quads and dirt bikes. There are some roads that the Forest proposes to designate as “street legal vehicles only.” These are roads that are maintained for low clearance vehicles and higher speeds. The majority of Forest roads are proposed for “mixed use.” They would allow both street legal and green sticker vehicles.

The Forest is considering doing traffic counts on roads and intersections where mixed use is being considered. These counts may be done using electronic devices, forest personnel and/or volunteers. Improving understanding of use rates and speeds will help the Forest make better decisions for the safety of the Forest Road users.

Additional meetings have been scheduled with groups who want to learn about the proposed action. Meetings will be held with the California Wilderness Coalition, the Sheriff’s Posse, the Motocross group, the Modoc County Transportation Commission and the Board of Supervisors. Forest personnel are looking for other opportunities to explain and receive input on the planning process and the proposed action. Please call Laura Williams at 233-8713 to set up a presentation for your group.

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