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Public Comments Sought for OHV Grant

The Plumas National Forest is developing its draft Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) draft grant application that will be submitted to the State of California in early March. The application will be available for public review from March 3 through April 17, 2009. The public is invited to comment on any changes or improvements or the grant application on the website, <http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/>. Final applications are due to the State of California on May 4, 2009.

One grant application will be prepared for a development project, planning projects, and ground operations projects for winter and summer. The projects will provide for operation, maintenance, signing, resource protection, and law enforcement for trails and facilities associated with the Plumas National Forest recreation program.

The summer OHV program consists of approximately 4,690 miles of roads available for summer OHV touring of which, 4X4 miles may be used as OHV routes including "true" 4X4 roads and single-track; developed OHV camps at Gold Lake, Poker Flat, Stag Point, American House & Cleghorn Bar; monitoring for OHV impacts to soils and wildlife habitat; and an active volunteer program through Adopt-A-Trail.

The winter snowmobile program consists of: three winter recreation areas (Bucks Lake, La Porte, and Lakes Basin) consisting of 184 miles of groomed snowmobile trails with an active volunteer grooming program; 868 miles of ungroomed snowmobile riding opportunities; winter staging areas at Gold Lake, Bucks Summit, Big Creek and La Porte; warming huts at the La Porte staging area, Four-Trees, four trailside warming huts associated with the La Porte trail system; and monitoring for winter use impacts to wildlife habitat.

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Written comments may be directly submitted to: Plumas National Forest, Attn: Susan Barron, P.O. Box 11500, Quincy, CA 95971, by close of business on April 17, 2009 to ensure inclusion in the grant application.

Key points:

- 1) Public input sought for Plumas National Forest Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) grant applications by April 17, 2009.**
- 2) The draft grant application is available for review at <http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/>.**
- 3) Contact the local Plumas National Forest Ranger District for more information.**

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