

Six River National Forest

Guidelines for Development of Proposed Action

The Lower Trinity and Mad River Travel Management Team integrated the purpose and need to the project area with the development of guidelines to guide project development, as follows:

Guidelines that are considered “givens”

1. No cross country travel.
2. No open areas.
3. No motorized trails within Wilderness, Research Natural Areas (RNAs), or Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) classification of Semi-primitive Non-motorized.
4. Changes to non-motorized system trails will not be considered. Maintenance Level 2 Roads (ML2, roads maintained for high clearance vehicles) are open to OHV use.

Guidelines that will define which unauthorized routes will be proposed to be added and which will not.

5. Unauthorized routes not identified for designation by the public or Agency will not be included in Proposed Action.
6. Include all public-identified unauthorized routes that do not have resource concerns or other conflicts. Potential motorized trails with resource concern may be added based on risk and possible mitigations.
7. Redundant unauthorized route opportunities will not be added. Consider potential companion trails to system roads not allowing mixed use.
8. Unauthorized routes to dispersed campsites will be proposed as motorized trails open to high clearance vehicles.
9. Unauthorized routes that dead end will not be considered as motorized trails unless they access a recreational site, viewpoint or other feature.
10. Consider designating unauthorized routes in Inventoried Roadless Areas on a case-by-case basis. No new roads will be designated.
11. Do not designate unauthorized routes leading to or out of private lands that do not have public rights-of-way (ROWs). Unauthorized routes that access a large area of National Forest System lands prior to entering private land will need review and discussion.

Guidelines regarding proposed actions on existing system roads and trails.

12. Identify or change use on system motorized trails consistent with use, public safety, and resource considerations.
13. Maintenance Level 1 Roads (ML1, Transportation System roads closed year round) can be considered for dual management with motorized trails on a case by case basis if restricted to vehicles less than or equal to 50 inches in width.
14. Consider allowing mixed use on some Maintenance Level 3 or higher roads (ML 3, 4, or 5; Transportation System roads maintained for passenger cars).
15. Consider reducing ML3 roads to ML2 as recommended under the 2003 Six Rivers NF Roads Analysis where it contributes to an existing system motorized trail network. Additional roads analysis will not be conducted, however mixed use analysis would be required.
16. Motorized trail use will be consistent with the unique values for which the Special Interest Areas were established.
17. Follow Port Orford Cedar (POC) root disease guidelines.

Other Proposed Action Guidelines

18. Identify mitigations on unauthorized routes to be added to the system. No routes will be designated on the Motorized Visitor Use Map until the mitigation is completed.