



## Travel Management Update KEEPING YOU INFORMED

**2005:** The Forest Service published a new national rule that will prohibit motor vehicle travel outside of designated routes and areas on the National Forests and Grasslands.

**2006:** Six public workshops were held to identify values, activities, and solicit working group members. The Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests and the Crooked River National Grassland began working with local interests to publish a Motor Vehicle Use Map in 2009.

**2007:** The Travel Management Working Group contributed more than 1400 hours to develop recommendations on how to implement the new rule. We held four public workshops in July of 2007 to present these recommendations. Over 200 participants shared their thoughts on the Working Group's recommendations for access to dispersed camping and where to consider designating motorized trails.

**2008:** The Forest Service held its second round of public meetings between the

months of May and June. Guests were given the opportunity to comment on the projects during the development phase. Approximately 142 individuals attended these "open house" style public meetings.

## Implementing the Travel Management Rule

The Ochoco and Deschutes National Forests have begun a joint environmental analysis to implement the Travel Management Rule. This includes:

Motorized travel by off-highway vehicles will continue on approximately 8000 miles of lower standard National Forest System roads.

Motorized travel off of existing designated routes will be prohibited. Motorized access to dispersed campsites will be provided within 300 feet of most designated routes. In some areas, only existing, designated, or defined sites may be accessed.

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared to analyze the effects of the changes to motorized travel on the Forests. A Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS with a detailed description of the proposed action was published in the Federal Register on May 16, 2008. The Draft EIS will be available later this summer.

## Proposals Now Being Considered

**Ochoco Summit OHV Trail** includes federally managed lands east of Highway 26 and west of the line dividing Range 24 E. and Range 25 E. The project will likely include opportunities for Class I, II and III motorized vehicles. The timeline includes development of a Proposed Action in July of 2009. The decision date is expected early in calendar year 2010.

**Lava Rock OHV Trail** The team is in the process of updating the Proposed Action. Additions include multi-use trails and loop options in the north to south and east to west directions. An additional comment period is scheduled for late March.

**Three Trails OHV Project** will identify trail systems and staging areas in the vicinity of Boundary Springs, Two Rivers Subdivision, and Crescent Lake Junction. The goal is to provide 110-130 miles of interlinking trails in these main areas. A draft EIS will be made available to the public in the summer of 2009.



## Comment Period

During the scoping period we received approximately 120 responses from members of the public.

Comments most relevant to the proposed action:

Concerns about not allowing downed big game retrieval with an ATV while hunting  
300 feet not enough distance/300 feet too much distance to allow access to dispersed campsites  
Limiting motorized access to dispersed camping to existing sites everywhere  
Motorized recreation is a legitimate use of public lands  
Limiting accessibility to areas that have been used for generations of campers

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## Opportunities for Comment

### *For More Information:*

Deschutes & Ochoco National Forests  
& Crooked River National Grassland  
Travel Management Site:  
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/travel-mgmt/index.shtml>

Central Oregon Off-Highway Vehicle  
Information:  
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/recreation/cohvops/index.shtml>

Oregon State Parks OHV Site:  
<http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/ATV/index.shtml>

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