

Travel Management Planning on the Umpqua National Forest

Issue:

Compliance with the final rule, Travel Management; Designated Routes and Areas for Motor Vehicle Use (36 CFR 212.51), and development of a Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) by September 2009.

Background:

- ❑ Forest Service published Travel Rule (36 CFR 212) in the Federal Register on Nov. 9, 2005
- ❑ Umpqua National Forest is currently open to cross country travel
- ❑ Currently 96 percent of the Umpqua National Forest's 4,800 miles of roads are open to off-highway-vehicle use
- ❑ Topography and vegetation on the Umpqua NF limit use of open acres by OHVs
- ❑ OHV use is not a strong component of the Umpqua NF's recreation niche

Opportunities:

The travel planning/designation process will resolve guidance conflicts and provide for sustainable motorized and non-motorized forest access opportunities into the future. Based on the low level of controversy identified during pre-scoping, we don't anticipate any problem meeting the national schedule of September 2009 for publication of the MVUM.

Next Steps:

- ❑ Public scoping of the Proposed Action
- ❑ Identify Issues/Develop Alternatives
- ❑ Environmental Analysis
- ❑ Pre-decisional scoping
- ❑ Decision
- ❑ Development/publication of MVUM (due September 2009)

Stakeholders:

- ❑ Federal (FS, BLM, NPS, USFW)
- ❑ State (Oregon Dept.'s of Fish & Wildlife, Forestry, Parks & Rec., etc.)
- ❑ Local (Douglas, Lane, Jackson counties, Cities of Cottage Grove, Roseburg, etc.)
- ❑ Tribes (Cow Creek Tribe)
- ❑ User groups (OHV, motorcycle, 4x4, horse, bicycle, hiker, hunting, etc.)
- ❑ Environmental groups (Umpqua Watersheds, American Hiking Society, etc.)
- ❑ Economic interests (small business supplying recreation and sporting goods, etc.)
- ❑ Special Uses (timber sale contractors, grazing permittees, outfitter/guides, etc.)
- ❑ Fire and Law (County Sheriff's Offices, Douglas Forest Protective Assoc., etc.)

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