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OHV use on NF system roads

I fully understand the liability and concerns to allowing non-street legal vehicles on level 3-5 roads! Please consider this proposal to minimize the risk.

I have in hand R-6 Supplement 7709.59-92-1 effective May 6, 1992, R-6 Supplement 7730-2003.1 effective April 10, 2003, an eastern forest's ATV Evaluation for FR 2231 documentation, the San Dimas Pre-project proposal for a July 2006 publication, my May 2004 Issue paper, and my 2004 Backcountry Discovery Trail Signing protocol.

Enclosed is a proposed methodology to evaluate and document the risk of allowing non-street legal vehicles to share use with street-legal vehicles on individual FS System roads.

Further, I propose that the Lassen NF evaluate the appropriateness of this methodology by applying it to BCDT 3B (Share-the-Dream) route around Lassen Volcanic National Park as a test effort during the 2005 field season. This will allow time for further feedback to San Dimas in their efforts to document a National process, due in July 2006.

And, finally, if this proposal is acceptable to the Lassen and Region, I will work with the Backcountry 4X4s Club in 2005 to perform the field data gathering to formally document an evaluation for use on BCDT 3B. The snow is already melting!

"Shared" terminology is already used on signs shown in the current MUTCD manual. When shared use is approved then the "shared use" signing protocol will need to be developed and could be made a part of the BCDT Signing Protocol for trial testing.

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Enclosure

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