

Meeting:

* **January 12**

Six Rivers NF Headquarters

1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka, CA

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sixrivers/news/2008/12/18/>

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The Six Rivers National Forest is seeking public comments on the Lower Trinity and Mad River Travel Management proposed action. The proposed action is described in the Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (NOI) and is expected to be published in the Federal Register on December 19, 2008. Publication of the NOI begins a 45 - day comment period on the proposed action.

The proposed action includes:

* Prohibiting cross country motorized vehicle travel (excluding snowmobile use) off designated National Forest Transportation System roads and trails except as allowed by permit or other authorization.

* **Adding approximately 58 miles of existing unauthorized routes** to the National Forest Transportation System as motorized trails by type of vehicle and season of use.

* Making limited changes to the existing National Forest Transportation System roads and trails.

Before commenting, Forest Supervisor Tyrone Kelley urges the public to review the NOI, scoping letter and associated maps and tables that will be posted on the following website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sixrivers/projects/ohv/>. Copies will also be available for viewing at the U. S. Forest Service offices in Eureka, Mad River and Willow Creek and provided upon request.

The comments received from the public will be used to identify issues and develop alternatives to the proposed action that will be considered in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS, expected to be released in spring 2009, will be followed by another 45-day comment period.

Written comments may be sent to: Travel Management Team, Six Rivers NF, 1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka, CA, 95501. Electronic comments may be submitted to: comments-pacificsouthwest-six-rivers@fs.fed.us. Please put "Travel Management Team" in the subject line.

The public can learn more about the Proposed Action at one of the upcoming workshops. Workshops will be held from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the following locations:

* January 6
Camp Kimtu Cookhouse
Kimtu Road, Willow Creek, CA

* January 8
Mad River Ranger Station
741 Highway 36, Mad River, CA

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For more information, contact Leslie Burkhart, Team Leader, at (707) 441-3520.

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Motor Vehicle Use Maps »

There are no areas on the Six Rivers National Forest that are open to cross-country travel. The Motor Vehicle Use Map displays roads and trails that are open for motor vehicle use by the public on the Six Rivers National Forest. The free map also displays public and private land ownership, plus any seasonal closures or restrictions by vehicle type.

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