

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest



Motorized Travel Management

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Recently, you received a copy of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Motorized Travel Management Proposed Action Scoping Document. Below is updated information to be included in your review of that document.

The description of *Motorized Mixed Use Roads* on page 16 is updated as follows:

Some motorized mixed use proposals are on ML 3 roads that allowed too high a speed for safe mixed use. The proposed action for these roads would reduce the maintenance level from ML3 to ML2, which would take one to three years. As the road surface roughened, traffic speeds would be reduced. A second engineering analysis would then be performed to determine if the associated risk to users was brought to an acceptable level. If so, then the road could be designated as motorized mixed use. However, this scenario of reducing the maintenance level would also decrease the comfort and speed of passenger car users and adjacent residents.

Routes that fit under this category include:

District	Road #	Road Name	District	Road #	Road Name
Tonasket	3900	Meadows-Toats	Methow Valley	4230	Beaver Summit
Tonasket	3525	Mt. Hull	Methow Valley	4235	Starvation Mt.
Methow Valley	4010	Black Canyon	Methow Valley	4235-100	Mid Beaver
Methow Valley	4200	S. Fork Salmon	Methow Valley	4330	S. Fork Gold Cr.

We realize that the above scenario improves opportunities for ATVs while reducing driving conditions for passenger vehicles, and point out that the proposed action is simply a starting point for our analysis. We encourage you to share your thoughts and concerns regarding these motorized mixed use proposals.

The following roads are proposed for motorized mixed use but have not been subject to an engineering safety analysis. This analysis will be completed summer 2009.

District	Road #	Road Name	District	Road #	Road Name
Chelan	5900118	Crescent Hill Trailhead	Methow Valley	4340300	
Cle Elum	3300135	South Fork Bypass	Naches	1201000	Lost Lake
Cle Elum	3300211	Hoyt	Naches	1400000	Oak Creek
Cle Elum	3330122		Naches	1714615	
Entiat	5200900		Naches	1714635	
Methow Valley	4010170		Naches	1714645	
Methow Valley	4340000		Naches	1714675	
Methow Valley	4340200		Tonasket	3810000	Gibson Creek