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Abstract: This Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) describes the environmental effects of a proposal by the Tahoe National Forest (TNF) to;

1. Prohibit cross country motorized travel off of National Forest Transportation System (NFTS) roads, NFTS trails and areas designated as “Open Areas” for motorized vehicle use,
2. Make limited motorized trail additions to the existing National Forest Transportation System.
3. Make limited changes to current prohibitions and allowances for public motorized vehicle travel by vehicle class and season of use.

The areas affected by this proposal are outside of congressionally designated wilderness areas. These actions are needed in order to implement the 2005 Travel Management Rule (36 CFR Part 261) while providing for a diversity of motorized vehicle recreation opportunities, and providing motorized access to dispersed recreation opportunities on the TNF. The DEIS discloses environmental impacts associated with the proposed action, a no action alternative and five additional action alternatives developed in response to issues raised by the public. Of the alternatives under consideration at this stage, Alternative 6 is the alternative preferred by the responsible official.

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