

Appendix C

Public Involvement and Collaboration

In preparing the TAP, the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) used several sources that synthesized public concerns related to motorized vehicle use on the District. The Geographic Area Assessment was completed in 2000 and was based on several years of public involvement on the overall management of the Mountainair Ranger District. The document was used to understand the overall management emphasis that the different geographic areas were intended to have.

The team also reviewed public comments, pertaining to road use and condition, submitted during the evaluation of the Tajique Watershed project and looked at several recent decisions pertaining to road easements on the District. These comments were used to articulate the issues that need to be considered in the overall management of the transportation system. The issues are described in Chapter 3 of this report.

The TAP is a “living” document and therefore will be updated regularly. Line officers and IDTs will continue to consult the TAP as they are planning future projects. Since the TAP contains only recommendations, future projects will continue to receive public input that pertains to the Forest transportation system and may recommend decisions which are not consistent with the initial recommendations of the TAP. Modifications to the TAP’s recommendations as a result of final decision will be incorporated, after the appropriate National Environmental Policy Act procedures have been completed.