

Appendix C

Public Involvement and Collaboration

The Deschutes National Forest has been actively engaging the public in discussions about the Forest's transportation system for the last decade or so. Public involvement and collaboration has taken place during previous travel management (subpart B), and project-level public involvement efforts. Each of these efforts involved dozens of community and stakeholder discussions, collaborative processes, and other opportunities for public input. We asked the Counties to provide information for our travel analysis under subpart A and also reached out to the local tribes and other collaborative groups. The information gathered through the past decade of public involvement and collaboration was used both subjectively and objectively throughout the Travel Analysis Process.

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 presents opportunities for change and makes no decisions about the transportation system, 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 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.