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Thank you for submitting comments to the Klamath National Forest 2013-2014 review of the 2012 Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM). Most comments received were submitted in response to our outreach efforts in 2013, however, comments that continued to come in after that time have also been considered in the 2015 MVUM update.

Approximately 167 separate comments were submitted to the Forest by mail, email, web form, and telephone. Two petitions were also received. The comments received can be generally categorized as follows:

Comment Category	Number of comments received
Want greater OHV routes/use areas/access for disabled	38 comments
Open all roads	31 comments
Add more dispersed campsites	24 comments
Close Road 47N80 (Bee Camp Road)	22 individual comments One petition with 1306 signatures
Want greater roadside clearance/woodcutting/access for disabled	22 individual comments One petition with 841 signatures
Game retrieval/disabled access	11 comments
Close roads	7 comments
Request to add specific roads	5 comments
MVUM is unconstitutional	3 comments
MVUM maps are hard to read	2 comments
General support for MVUM	2 comments
Total comments received	167 comments Two petitions with 2147 signatures



Some of the comments received for adding specific roads concerned roads not located on National Forest lands and not within the jurisdiction of the agency. Some comments received were not specific enough to be addressed. For roads to be considered for addition to the MVUM, a road number or location needs to be provided. If you are unsure of the road number or unable to obtain a GPS coordinate, please contact your local Forest Service office and this information can be determined.

Comments desiring additional access for woodcutting have been at least partially addressed by opening additional areas for woodcutting opportunities on the Gooseneck Ranger District.

Attached is a summary of specific comments from the 2013-2014 review and responses.

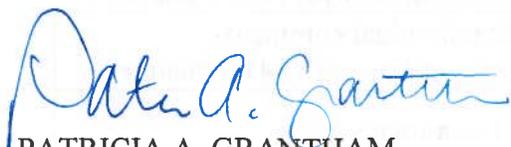
The MVUM will be updated periodically and comments are invited on an open and continuing basis for future map revisions. Comments may be submitted in several ways:

- On the Klamath NF website at www.fs.usda.gov/klamath
- By email to klamathinfo@fs.fed.us. Please type "Travel Management" in the subject line.
- By mail to the Klamath National Forest, 1711 South Main Street, Yreka, CA 96097 attention: Travel Management.

All comments received are a matter of public record and are published online in a public reading room (<https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/ReadingRoom?project=42227>).

Thank you for taking the time to provide comments and improve the 2015 MVUM.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Changes to the 2012 Klamath NF MVUM

Responses to Comments Received to date for the Klamath National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) 2013 Review of the 2012 MVUM

ALL DISTRICTS

- **Comment:** It would be helpful to add Township, Section and Range information to the MVUM.
Response: This suggestion has been adopted and maps have been revised to include Township, section and Range information.
- **Comment:** Please add major map features including existing Dispersed Camp Sites and additional existing roads.
Response: This suggestion has been adopted and maps have been revised accordingly.

SALMON/SCOTT RIVER RANGER DISTRICT

- **Comment:** Change Forest Road 40N47 road on the Salmon River Ranger District from a level 3 road to allow mixed use.
Response: Forest road 40N47 is the main access to the Mule Bridge trailhead. This road has historically been managed as a level 3 road, as are most of the Klamath's trailhead access roads. Relative traffic volumes are moderate to high on these access roads, and allowing mixed use on this road would not meet safety standards. Unfortunately, due to a printing error, Forest Road 40N47 does not appear on the 2015 MVUM revision.
- **Comment:** Add Forest Road 40N47A the MVUM for dispersed camping access.
Response: Due to a printing error in the 2012 MVUM, Road 40N47A does not appear on the maps, however, this road was included in the original MVUM decision and is open for use. This road appears on the 2015 MVUM.
- **Comment:** Open Forest Road 44N40 and surrounding area for motorized use.
Response: Forest Road 44N40 and many of the surrounding roads are not open to motor vehicle use for resource protection reasons. Soils in this area are highly erosive and subject to movement (small landslides). Because of this, these roads are very difficult to maintain to a safe driving standard.
- **Comment:** Add the Methodist Creek River Access road to the MVUM.
Response: Due to a printing error in the 2012 MVUM, motorized access to the Methodist Creek River Access site did not appear on the maps. This access was included in the original MVUM decision and is open for use. This road appears on the 2015 MVUM.

- **Comment:** Add Johnson Bar River Access on the Scott River Ranger District to the MVUM.

Response: Due to a printing error in the 2012 MVUM, motorized access to the Johnson Bar River Access site did not appear on the maps. This access was included in the original MVUM decision and is open for use. This road appears on the 2015 MVUM.

- **Others Changes to the 2015 MVUM (not related to public comments):**

- Forest Road 43N45B was a decommissioned road that was shown on the 2012 MVUM. The road has been removed from the 2015 MVUM. Due to a printing error the label for the road can still be seen on the 2015 MVUM.
- Forest Roads 44N17Y and 44N17YA have been removed from the 2015 MVUM. These roads are on private lands not under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service.
- Forest Road 39N46 has a small section that was decommissioned that was shown on the 2012 MVUM. The decommissioned section is no longer displayed on the 2015 MVUM.

HAPPY CAMP/OAK KNOLL RANGER DISTRICT

- **Comment:** Add Ash Creek River Access to the MVUM.

Response: Due to a printing error in the 2012 MVUM, motorized access to the Ash Creek River Access site did not appear on the maps. This access was included in the original MVUM decision and is open for use. This road appears on the 2015 MVUM.

- **Comment:** Close Forest Road 47N80 (Bee Camp Road) (*note: official name is Lily Pad Road*).

Response: A portion of Forest Road 47N80 is a trail (from Mile 3.162 to 3.95) and no longer appears on the 2015 MVUM. The remainder of 47N80 will be analyzed in future site-specific projects to determine whether it should be closed or not.

- **Comment:** Please close Road 40S29, east of Wrangle Gap, and take it off the Oak Knoll MVUM. This road goes into the Red Mountain Botanical Area. The map shows the road ending in the saddle above Wymer Glade, but there are two unmapped routes extending past the end of the mapped road. One goes east along the crest, past a tank trap intended to terminate the road; the other goes north for quite some distance on to the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, past the Pacific Crest Trail and on to the benches east of upper Monogram Lake. Not only does it penetrate the heart of the Botanical Area, it encourages illegal motorized use of the Siskiyou Crest, the Pacific Crest Trail, and roadless areas of the Rogue River National Forest. It would be easy to close at the intersection of Road 20; in fact, it looks like it was closed once, not too long ago.

Response: Road 40S29 is currently a road open to all vehicles per the Klamath National Forest MVUM up to the boundary with the Rouge River-Siskiyou National Forest. Beyond that point, the road is managed under the jurisdiction of the Rouge River-Siskiyou National Forest.

- **Comment:** Add the spur off the 40S01 to the old Dry Lake Mountain Lookout site on the Oak Knoll RD. This road is not on the MVUM, but it's well used and has a good surface.

Response: This road will be considered for inclusion in future MVUM revisions.

- **Others Changes to the 2015 MVUM (not related to public comments):**

- Forest Road 48N35 did not appear on the 2012 MVUM. The road now appears on the 2015 MVUM.
- Forest Road 41S08 is no longer under a seasonal use designation.
- Forest Road 15N06 did not appear on the 2012 MVUM; it was temporarily closed after a wildfire for safety hazards. Hazards have been mitigated and the road is now open for use and is displayed on the 2015 MVUM.
- Forest Road 46N21 (maintenance level 1) has been removed from the MVUM.
- Forest Road 45N42 (maintenance level 1) has been removed from the MVUM. (This change is also reflected on the Salmon/Scott River Ranger District MVUM.)

GOOSENEST RANGER DISTRICT

- **Comment:** Add Forest Service Route 44N08A (44N08.7 in the official record) to the MVUM.

Response: Forest Service Route 44N08A was an unauthorized route that was added to the National Forest Transportation System and appeared on the 2012 MVUM but the road number was not printed. The road number has been printed on the 2015 MVUM.

- **Comment:** Add Forest Road 44N23 to the MVUM.

Response: Forest Road 44N23 was included in the 2012 MVUM and remains on the 2015 MVUM.

- **Comment:** Need more public access for woodcutting on the Goosenest Ranger District.

Response: The Goosenest Ranger District allows woodcutting access up to 100 feet off roads with a valid woodcutting permit. In addition, the District has been working with the public to open up additional personal firewood cutting areas with increased access. Maps of these new woodcutting areas are included in the personal firewood cutting permit package available at any Klamath National Forest office.

- **Comment:** There are a number of roads on the Goosenest Ranger District that are closed due to wildlife restrictions. Are these restrictions necessary?

Response: As part of the 2015 MVUM update, wildlife and other seasonal closures were reviewed. As a result, it was determined that some of the wildlife closure restrictions are no longer required and have been lifted. This is displayed in the 2015 MVUM.

- **Comment:** Add the Alder Creek Road (described as road 42N10 also known as Pom Springs road), that begins in NE ¼ of Section 5, T42N R2W MDM off of the # 19 (Pomeroy road, old road # 42N12) and proceeds to 42N33 (Alder Springs) to the MVUM.

Response: The Alder Creek Road (also described as above) is not under Forest Service jurisdiction.

- **Comment:** Add the roads in T40N R9W Sec. 7/8 to the MVUM.

Response: The roads in T40N R9W Sec. 7/8, are privately owned and the Forest Service has no jurisdiction over them.

- **Comment:** The following roads are suggested to be added as OHV routes (46N05, 70, 47N05, 46N03Y, 46N06, 44N27, 47N44, 11, 47N01, 48N06, 40N54).

Response: These roads can be examined for reclassification to provide possible interconnecting road systems for OHV use. They will be considered for inclusion in future MVUM revisions.

- **Comment:** Add Fox Flats/ Bull Meadows area, between 45N22 and 45N66Y as a Dispersed Camping Area.

Response: These accesses will be considered for inclusion in future MVUM revisions.

- **Comment:** Add Ball Mountain Dispersed Campsite to the MVUM.

Response: This access will be considered for inclusion in future MVUM revisions.

- **Comment:** Show seasonal closures on roads in the Deer Mountain Snowmobile Park Area to be consistent with the 2007 Tri-Forest Snowmobile Trails mapped roads and their subordinate roads.

Response: These routes are on the 2015 MVUM. Some of these roads' designations as Over Snow routes were adjusted to match Over Snow Vehicle use. This was a correction in our data. The shading indicating the seasonal designations on the 2015 MVUM has been updated.