Road and Trail Signage

Getting Around On Grindstone Ranger District Roads & Trails

This is the primary source of transportation for users visiting the Grindstone Ranger District. The National Forest Primary Route System is composed of the National Forest road, trail and area regulations. Compliance with these rules is the responsibility of the user. CFR 212.51. National Forest road, trail and area designations may be indicated by symbols shown below which indicate the type of surface treatment of the road. These symbols will be located next to the road and/or trail.

Road Symbols

- Open to Vehicles less than 80" wide
- Open to All Terrain Vehicles
- Open to Vehicles over 80" wide
- Open to Snow and all Road-Tyres Vehicles
- On-Forest Mowed Wheel Drive Vehicles

Route Difficulty Level

Route difficulty level designations may be expressed in terms of difficulty level of the topography, vegetation, or geology. Route difficulty level designations are based on factors such as steepness, altitude, and vegetation. They are classified into four categories: Easy, Moderate, Difficult, and Mountain. Each category is further divided into subcategories: A, B, C, or D.

Special Closures/Forest Supervisor Closures Orders

The Forest Supervisor may at any time close or partially close a road, trail, or area to public use in order to prevent damage to forest resources. The Forest Supervisor may also close a road, trail, or area to protect public safety. Any closure of a road, trail, or area will be posted and/or published in the local media.

Respect for Private Land

When encountered on private land, the user must respect all signs indicating private property. The user must not trespass on private property.

Seasonal Designation

Seasonal designations may be expressed in terms of the season in which the road, trail, area, or vegetation is closed. They are classified into three categories: Spring, Summer, and Winter. Each category is further divided into subcategories: A, B, or C.

Rural/Misdesignated Roads

Rural or misdesignated roads are roads, trails, or areas that are not officially designated for use by the public. They are classified into three categories: A, B, and C. Each category is further divided into subcategories: 1, 2, or 3.

Be Careful 6 Stay Alert! Ride at Your Own Risk!

California Regulations

Rural/Forest/Off-Campus/Law

As mandated by the California Highway Patrol, all vehicles on the road in order to legally operate an ATV on the forest are required to have a State of California Driver's License, and registration. All ATV operators must be at least 16 years of age. No vehicle shall be operated on the forest without a valid license and registration.

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