



Five-Forest Over-Snow Vehicle (OSV) Open Houses

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Who should attend?

- Recreationists
- County Governments
- Environmental Organizations
- Industry
- Land Managers
- Private Landowners
- Rural Communities
- Scientists
- State/Federal Government
- Tribes
- Youth

All meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome to participate. Meetings are anticipated to last approximately two hours.

LOCATIONS:

Stanislaus: Mon. 11/3 in Sonora, at the Best Western Sonora Oaks

Eldorado: Tues. 11/4 in Placerville, at the Best Western Placerville Inn

Lassen: Wed. 11/5 in Susanville, at the Lassen National Forest Supervisors Office

Plumas: Thurs. 11/6 in Quincy, at the Mineral Building at the Plumas County Fairgrounds

**November
3-6
2014**

Five-Forest Over-Snow Vehicle Open Houses

**Monday, November 3 – Friday,
November 6, 2014
6:30 pm**

Please join us to discuss the Pacific Southwest Region's over-snow vehicle use designation analysis that is currently occurring on five National Forests in California. This process will consider the designation of over-snow vehicle use on five forests as a result of a recent court settlement. Forests included are the Lassen, Tahoe, Eldorado, Stanislaus, and Plumas National Forests. The open houses will introduce the project and enhance public awareness of the associated National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process beginning later this year. Four of the five forests are hosting open houses in November. The Tahoe National Forest will host meetings after the NEPA process begins sometime after December 2014.

The open houses have the following **GOALS**:

- Inform the public about the project and the **NEPA process**
- Explain the project requirements under the **Travel Management Rule Subpart C – Over-Snow Vehicle Use**
- Explain the project requirements related to the August 26, 2013, **Settlement Agreement** between the Forest Service and Snowlands Network, Winter Wildlands Alliance, and Center for Biological Diversity
- Confirm and collect preliminary public input on the **Purpose and Need for Action**

Future Public Involvement Opportunities

- A Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement will be issued for each of the five forests that formally begins the public scoping process. Additional public involvement opportunities will be available during the public scoping process. The public is encouraged to participate and:
 - help identify issues and concerns with current management
 - provide comments on the proposed action, after its development

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r5/recreation/travelmanagement>

Questions? Contact Kathy Mick, USDA Forest Service; kmick@fs.fed.us | Phone: 707-562-8859

We look forward to your participation as the Forest Service continues to work to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations on the Lassen, Tahoe, Eldorado, Stanislaus, and Plumas National Forests.