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Travel Analysis Process Public Meeting Planned

The Inyo National Forest announces that a public meeting to share the Draft Travel Analysis Report (TAR) is planned for Tuesday, April 21st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm at the Cerro Coso Community College in Bishop, CA .

The Travel Analysis Process (TAP) is required by the 2005 Travel Management Rule and requires that forests provide a safe, financially, and environmentally sustainable road system that can realistically be maintained. Due to increased use, aging infrastructure, and decreasing budgets, the forest cannot maintain all roads to standards for safety and environmental protection. TAP fulfills the requirement in Subpart A of Travel Management that states each forest uses a science-based roads analysis to help identify the minimum road system.

The Inyo National Forest, as well as other national forests in the country, is required to complete TAP by September 30, 2015 to receive federally appropriated funds for its road system.

Under TAP, the forest must determine the risks, benefits, and opportunities for every designated system road and identify possible changes or repairs to the road system. These may include safety, the cost of maintenance, recreational experience, or environmental impacts. The results will be shared in a Travel Analysis Report (TAR). To learn more, check out [this worksheet](#) that explains the process further.

Inyo National Forest staff will share how they developed the Draft TAR, answer questions about TAP, and have the Draft TAR available for review at the public meeting.

TAP not designate the minimum road system, but rather a set of recommendations. It will not close roads, add roads to the system, or otherwise change the current road system. However, TAP will be used to inform future planning regarding management of the forest's roads.

TAP does not replace the decision made during Travel Management, Subpart B; which designated routes for the National Forest Transportation System (NFTS) for the Inyo National Forest. Rather, TAP will help to identify possible changes to the road system that was identified in Travel Management.

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