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Regional Extended Core Team Members for Implementation

- Francisco Valenzuela
- Veronica Mitchell
- Pam Skeels
- Chuck Dunfee
- Janelle Smith

New mailing list in
LotusNotes for Travel
Management e-mail
communication:
pdl r2 tm leads

Training notebooks were
distributed. Please
contact a core team
member if you need
one.



Announcements

- **We have launched the web site!** Check it out at: www.fs.fed.us/r2/recreation/travel_mgmt. Note we have provided a link to those Forests that have posted travel management information. Please contact Janelle Smith when information for your forest is available.
- **Forest Action Plans** are due May 1, 2006. If you need more information, please contact a core team member.
- **Regional Training Update** - Chuck Dunfee has presented training for law enforcement personnel to the Pikes Peak RD, the South Park RD, the South Platte RD (PSICC) and the PSICC LT. Chuck is also scheduling presentations for the remaining PSICC Districts and the AR Districts.
- **Access and Travel Management (ATM) Training:** The next Sametime session is being offered on **Thursday May 4 at Noon EDT**. It is strongly recommended that folks sit in on one of several sessions being offered by Region 1. The schedule for the ATM basic overview is posted on Sametime.

The Call-in Number is: 866-566-5135, with Passcode: 653383
Course duration is about 2 1/2 to 3 hours

- **ATM Codes for R2:** A regional subgroup of forest travel route (Road and Trail) data stewards was formed to work on a recommendation on regional ATM allowed-use template codes. The sub group members are: Chris Strobl, GMUG; Todd Rivas, ARNF; Ann Marie Verde, MBR; Sharon Allard, BHNF; and Steve Coupal, RO. If you are interested in helping with this effort, contact Ann Marie.
- Information critical to the template codes are route and area restrictions from Forest Plans, Travel Management Plans, Project files, RMOs, Forest Visitor Maps, and any other documents that describe travel and travel restrictions.
- **Mixed Use Engineering Workshop:** Watch for more information about a workshop being planned for the third week of June. The objective of the workshop is to have some constructive discussion of the Mixed Use Guidelines to foster consistent interpretations of the evaluation process, safety risks based on road conditions, appropriate mitigation measures, state and local laws, and other factors involved in making an engineering recommendation. Veronica Mitchell and Steve Coupal are coordinating the workshop.
- An **OHV Workshop is being planned for July 6, 7, and 8th**. This is being held at Hahn's Peak near Steamboat Springs. The target audience is Agency Staff, Multi-Use Enthusiasts, and Volunteer Organizations. More information including an agenda will be available soon. Francisco is on the planning staff for this event.

The Regional TM cadre is available to discuss or make a presentation about implementing the Rule to units in the Region. Please schedule with Francisco, Pam, Veronica or Chuck.

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Unlicensed motor vehicle operator requirements and use on NFS roads:

Steve Coupal was tasked with researching state laws for operating ATV's on NFRS's as well as operator requirements in the various states within R2. He had several *interesting* conversations with state patrols, county sheriffs, DMV, Line Officers, LEO's while researching this information. Highlights of some of the conversations are as follows:

- The State Patrol is frustrated by the lack of operator requirements for ATV's – one sheriff said there was no authority for the county to allow for requirements.
- Another sheriff said his county has designated several roads as "OHV routes." Yet, another county has declared that ATV's are agricultural vehicles and there is no need to make a special designation.
- This last county also considers hunting to be an agricultural activity so there are no problems with ATVs being operated on public roads during hunting season.
- One county said that ATVs with a license plate from another state are allowed on public roads while another said absolutely not.
- Colorado doesn't recognize licensing ATVs at all.
- None of the counties imposed age restrictions.
- Most of the sheriffs indicated that they don't get too bothered when they see an ATV on a county road as long as it's being operated in a responsible and safe manner.
- Other counties are citing unlicensed drivers.

The take-home message for line officer's and engineers making mixed use recommendations is to make sure you know how your local county governments are handling the OHV use on their system roads, especially those roads accessing the national forest. It may be difficult to be consistent among the forests given the variety of interpretations by the various counties.