

OHV Designated Routes Working Group

DRAFT South Riding Area Proposal Narratives

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<u>Riding Area:</u> South	<u>Proposal Identifier:</u> SA – DR - All
<u>Proposal Description:</u> Designate routes on all existing identified trails in the 10C portion of the riding area, and close all future user-created trails. Implementation of this proposal would result in approximately ___ miles of designated routes in the riding area.	
<u>Description of Area:</u> Applies to entire riding area.	
<u>Key Benefits of Route Designation or Zone Change:</u> Would designate all existing trails, making them available for continued use by riders. Maximizes the trail riding opportunities for OHV users.	
<u>Key Issues or Concerns Noted:</u> Designates many trails that may be in poor or unsafe locations, and that are difficult to maintain properly. Increases the potential for additional “user created” trails to develop adjacent to existing trails. Designates many trails that do not serve as connectors between open riding areas, and also a number of trails in isolated “islands” of FS ownership, surrounded by private property. Perpetuates the “spider web” of trails that have developed in some 10C areas, impacting native vegetation and potentially impacting high quality Matsutake mushroom habitat areas.	
<u>Summary of Working Group Evaluations/Support for Proposal:</u>	

<u>Riding Area:</u> South	<u>Proposal Identifier:</u> SA – DR - None
<u>Proposal Description:</u> Designate no additional routes in the 10C portion of the riding area, and close all existing and future user-created trails.	
<u>Description of Area:</u> Applies to entire riding area.	
<u>Key Benefits of Route Designation or Zone Change:</u> None noted.	
<u>Key Issues or Concerns Noted:</u>	
<u>Summary of Working Group Evaluations/Support for Proposal:</u>	

<u>Riding Area:</u> South	<u>Proposal Identifier:</u> SA – DR - 1
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Proposal Description: Identify and designate one OHV route to connect the Bull Run Staging area to the Old Bark Staging area.	
Description of Area: The area between the two staging areas is dominated by wetland and open water areas, with dense vegetation. Water levels typically rise seasonally, and routes that are dry in the summer months are submerged from late fall to late spring.	
Key Benefits of Route Designation or Zone Change: This route would provide clear and direct access between these two popular use areas. Current access between the areas requires traveling north on the west side of the riding area, to the Hauser Beach Access road area, and then back south on the east side of the riding area.	
Key Issues or Concerns Noted: There is currently no clear location for such a route. Extensive wetland areas between the two Staging areas have thwarted previous attempts to establish this route. There are concerns about being able to establish a route location, and obtain the necessary approvals and permits to construct the route.	
Summary of Working Group Evaluations/Support for Proposal: During Working Group discussions, OHV users expressed strong support for the establishment of this route. While many group members see the value of a connector route between the two areas, some have concerns as to whether or not it will be possible to locate a route due to the prevalence of wetlands and lakes.	

Riding Area: South	Proposal Identifier: SA – DR - 2
Proposal Description: Designate an existing trail that traverses behind the “tree island” on the eastern boundary of the riding area, north of the wildlife closure area. The route would connect open sand areas to the north and south.	
Description of Area: The tree island is an isolated stand of timber on the east side of the riding area. The stand extends onto the adjacent private land to the east. The north, west and south sides of the stand are bordered by open sand, which is designated as open riding area (MA 10(B)).	
Key Benefits of Route Designation or Zone Change: This route would provide for continued use of a popular trail that connects the open sand areas to the north and south, and also connects to trails on the private land to the east.	
Key Issues or Concerns Noted: None noted.	
Summary of Working Group Evaluations/Support for Proposal:	

Riding Area: South	Proposal Identifier: SA – DR - 3
Proposal Description: Designate an existing north-south trail south of the Hauser Beach access road,	

that traverses a 10(C) parcel, connecting open riding areas to the north and south.
Description of Area:
Key Benefits of Route Designation or Zone Change: This route would provide for continued use of a popular trail that connects the open sand areas to the north and south. This is a popular family riding area.
Key Issues or Concerns Noted: None noted.
Summary of Working Group Evaluations/Support for Proposal:

Riding Area: South	Proposal Identifier: SA – DR - 4
Proposal Description: Designate two existing north-south trails located south of the intersection of the 430 Designated Route and the Hauser Beach Road Designated Route. Both trails connect open riding areas to the north and south.	
Description of Area:	
Key Benefits of Route Designation or Zone Change: These routes would provide for continued use of popular trails that connect open sand areas to the north and south.	
Key Issues or Concerns Noted:	
Summary of Working Group Evaluations/Support for Proposal:	

Riding Area: South	Proposal Identifier: SA – DR - 6
Proposal Description: Designate existing trails located in an “isolated” 10(C) parcel bordered on two sides by the Goergen property, southeast of the Old Bark Staging area.	
Description of Area: The existing trails are in an isolated parcel of older, larger timber (up to 36” trees) bordered on two sides by private property. These trails pass from Goergen property onto FS land, and connect to open riding area in the NRA.	
Key Benefits of Route Designation or Zone Change: Designation would provide for continued use of these trails for user access to and from the Goergen property. The landowner supports the designation to provide for this continued use.	
Key Issues or Concerns Noted: Some group members are concerned about the number of trails to be designated and the potential for trails to increase instability of the larger trees over time.	
Summary of Working Group Evaluations/Support for Proposal:	

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<u>Riding Area:</u> South	<u>Proposal Identifier:</u> SA – DR - 7
<u>Proposal Description:</u> Designate an existing trail to provide an east-west connection between the 430 Designated Route and open sand to the west, located northwest of Beal Lake.	
<u>Description of Area:</u> This trail would pass through a narrow strip of native forest vegetation and connect to open riding area to the west.	
<u>Key Benefits of Route Designation or Zone Change:</u> Designates a key east-west connector that is heavily used to get from the 430 Designated Route into the open riding area.	
<u>Key Issues or Concerns Noted:</u> None noted.	
<u>Summary of Working Group Evaluations/Support for Proposal:</u>	

<u>Riding Area:</u> South	<u>Proposal Identifier:</u> SA – DR - 8
<u>Proposal Description:</u> Designate an existing trail to provide access to the north shore of Beal Lake at a point where there has been historical access. (Note: This proposal is within Management Area 10(F), Wildlife).	
<u>Description of Area:</u> This area is dominated by beach grass hummocks intermixed with open sand areas.	
<u>Key Benefits of Route Designation or Zone Change:</u> The designation of this route would restore OHV access to a popular access point on the north end of Beal Lake. This access was eliminated in 2009 with the implementation of a management zone to protect wildlife values in the Beal Lake area.	
<u>Key Issues or Concerns Noted:</u> A portion of the proposed route is in Management Area 10(F), not MA 10(C). Some group members are concerned about the wildlife values present, and the potential impacts to those resources.	
<u>Summary of Working Group Evaluations/Support for Proposal:</u>	

<u>Riding Area:</u> South	<u>Proposal Identifier:</u> SA – DR - 9
<u>Proposal Description:</u> Designate an existing trail that traverses a parcel of MA 10(C) that lies immediately north of the Coos County parcel that is just north of Beal Lake.	
<u>Description of Area:</u>	

<u>Key Benefits of Route Designation or Zone Change:</u>
<u>Key Issues or Concerns Noted:</u>
<u>Summary of Working Group Evaluations/Support for Proposal:</u>

<u>Riding Area:</u> South	<u>Proposal Identifier:</u> SA – RZ - A
<u>Proposal Description:</u> Re-zone an area of approximately 120 acres comprised of several parcels of MA 10(C) in the vicinity of Old Bark Staging, and others that lie to the east of the Old Bark Designated Route as it goes north from the Horsfall Lake area.	
<u>Description of Area:</u> These parcels are dominated by beach grass hummocks, and lie adjacent to open sand area on the east side of the riding area. These areas have many existing trails between the hummocks, and are popular family riding areas.	
<u>Key Benefits of Route Designation or Zone Change:</u> This zone change would establish consistency with many existing areas that are zoned as open riding. The additional riding allowed would help limit the non-native beach grass that dominates the vegetation in these parcels. This zone change would also provide a more logical set of zones adjacent to the Old Bark Road Designated Route. Areas to the west of the route would be closed to OHV use, and areas to the west would be open riding.	
<u>Key Issues or Concerns Noted:</u> None noted.	
<u>Summary of Working Group Evaluations/Support for Proposal:</u>	

<u>Riding Area:</u> South	<u>Proposal Identifier:</u> SA – RZ - B
<u>Proposal Description:</u> Re-zone an area of approximately 30 acres located north of Beal Lake and east of the 430 Designated Route, to MA 10(B), Open Riding. A portion of the area proposed for re-zoning is included in the wildlife closure area at Beal Lake.	
<u>Description of Area:</u> This area is dominated by beach grass hummocks, and some areas of continuous beach grass.	
<u>Key Benefits of Route Designation or Zone Change:</u>	
<u>Key Issues or Concerns Noted:</u>	
<u>Summary of Working Group Evaluations/Support for Proposal:</u>	