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Sierra National Forest and partners replace Stage Coach OHV trailbridge

Clovis, CA – Replacement of a bridge currently deemed unsafe for Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs) was completed today through collaboration with the Sierra National Forest Trailshots, trail crew and volunteers from the Stewards of the Sierra National Forest.

The Stage Coach OHV trail, located approximately 8.8 miles North of Oakhurst, CA, in the Miami OHV recreation area, is part of a system of trails allowing OHV recreation as well as dispersed camping.

“The bridge replacement will enhance motorized recreation opportunities on the Sierra National Forest, resulting in uninterrupted connectivity between key motorized trails, roads and areas in Miami and provide ease of access for equipment and crews in order to continue the high level of trail maintenance that protects natural resources,” said Linda McPhail, Sierra National Forest, Bass Lake Ranger District OHV Manager.

Funding for the bridge work was derived from a California OHV Recreation grant and a grant awarded to the Stewards of the Sierra National Forest by Yamaha OHV Access Initiative in the amount of 25K – a grant available to deserving organizations to help further the program’s goal of Guarantee Responsible Access to our Nations Trails.

The Stewards of the Sierra National Forest is an all volunteer organization that operates under a Memorandum of Understanding and Volunteer Agreement with the Sierra National Forest.

“People spend a lot of money on their vehicles that they play in, but they have to also invest in the area where they ride,” said Mike Wubbles, Executive Director, Stewards of the Sierra National Forest. “You have to give back to the areas you like to recreate in. There’s a lot of work needed to maintain trails and the only way it’ll get done is through volunteers.”

Individuals wanting to volunteer with the Stewards of the Sierra can email: info@sotsnf.org or view additional information at: www.sotsnf.org.

For information on roads, camping and backpacking call the High Sierra Ranger District Visitor Information Services located in Prather at (559) 855-5360 or the Clovis office at (559) 497-0706. Visitors can also find safety and recreation information on the Sierra National Forest Web site: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sierra/>. The California Department of Fish and Game Web site contains all pertinent fishing information: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/>.

