

Notice of Decision
Travel Management Project
Deschutes National Forest, Ochoco National Forest, and Crooked River National Grassland
Deschutes, Jefferson, Crook, Klamath, Lake, Grant, and Wheeler Counties, Oregon

As the Responsible Officials, John Allen, Deschutes National Forest Supervisor, and Kate Klein, Ochoco National Forest Supervisor, signed a Record of Decision on August 4, 2011 approving the Travel Management Project for the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests and the Crooked River National Grassland. The selected alternative : 1) Prohibits motorized access off of designated routes and outside of designated areas as shown on the Motor Vehicle Use Map; 2) Allows motorized access for dispersed camping within 300 feet of designated routes shown as open to such use on the Motor Vehicle Use Map only to existing, designated, or defined dispersed sites no closer than 30 feet to a stream, wetland, or water body; 3) Prohibits motorized mixed use on all roads not shown as open to such use on the Motor Vehicle Use Map; 4) Designates some existing rock/cinder pits as open to cross-country motorized travel; 5) Amends the Ochoco and Crooked River National Grassland Land and Resource Management Plan by eliminating Standards and Guidelines that are redundant or in conflict with the 2005 Travel Management Rule, and; 6) Rescinds current Forest Orders for permanent or temporary public motorized use restrictions that are redundant to the Travel Management Rule.

Copies of the Final Environmental Impact Statement, Record of Decision, and Motor Vehicle Use Maps are available at all Deschutes and Ochoco National Forest and District Offices and the Crooked River National Grassland Office. Copies are also available on the web at:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/centraloregon/travel-management>

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/centraloregon/mvum>

This decision is subject to administrative review (appeal) pursuant to 36 CFR 215. The 45-day appeal period begins the day following the date the legal notice of this decision is published in *The Bulletin*, Bend, Oregon. The publication date in *The Bulletin*, newspaper of record, is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal. Those wishing to appeal this decision should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Individuals or organizations who submitted comments during the DEIS comment period (October 9, 2009 – December 8, 2009) specified at 215.6 may appeal this decision. Interest expressed or comments provided on this project prior to or after the close of the comment period do not have standing for appeal purposes. The notice of appeal must meet the appeal content requirements at 36 CFR 215.14. Names and addresses of appellants will become part of the public record. Appeals can be submitted in several forms, but must be received by the Appeal Deciding Officer, Regional Forester, within 45 days from the date of publication of this Notice of Decision in *The Bulletin*, Bend, OR. Appeals may be : 1) Mailed to: Appeal Deciding Officer, Pacific Northwest Region, USDA Forest Service, Attn. 1570 Appeals, PO Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208-3623; 2) Emailed to: appeals-pacificnorthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us. Please put APPEAL and the project name in the subject line. Electronic appeals must be submitted as part of an actual e-mail message, or as an attachment in Microsoft Word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), or portable document format (.pdf) only. The appeal must have an identifiable name attached or verification of identity will be required. A scanned signature may serve as verification on electronic appeals. E-mails submitted to addresses other than the ones listed above or in formats other than those listed above or containing viruses will be rejected. It is the responsibility of the appellant to confirm

receipt of appeals submitted by electronic mail. For electronically mailed appeals, the sender should normally receive an automated electronic acknowledgement from the agency as confirmation of receipt. If the sender does not receive an automated acknowledgement of the receipt of the appeal, it is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means; 3) Delivered to: Pacific Northwest Regional Office, 333 S.W. First Avenue, Robert Duncan Plaza Building, Portland, Oregon 97204-3440 between 7:45 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday except legal holidays; or 4) Faxed to: Regional Forester, Attn: 1570 APPEALS at (503) 808-2339.

If no appeals are filed within the 45-day time period, implementation of the decision may occur on, but not before, 5 business days from the close of the appeal filing period. When appeals are filed, implementation may occur on, but not before, the 15th business day following the date of the last appeal disposition.

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