

Travel Management Update!

Thanks to you, changes are here!

In an effort to promote dialogue throughout our communities, the Wallowa-Whitman has been busy producing some new tools for sharing travel management information. In response to citizen requests for better maps, we have created a *NEW* set of Travel Management Maps to assist with the dialogue. These maps are posted on our website and will help promote discussion regarding the future Wallowa-Whitman travel management decision. In addition, we have developed discussion papers that address key considerations and concerns that have been raised regarding travel management. A schedule of community workshops has been posted and the specific location and time for the workshops will be included as that information becomes available.

New Maps: The new maps are a larger scale and easier to read. They include the entire 7 digit road numbers for designated and non-designated roads and have a simplified legend. We removed the snowmobile closures which some people found confusing. The new maps have topographic lines, more landmarks, and show roads outside of the project area (including those roads which will be shown as available for public motor vehicle use in the Sled Springs, Bald Angel, and the South Fork Burnt River areas).

All 19 maps, plus an overview map, are available for download at:

http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/ww_travel_management

These maps, when plotted at full size, are 36" x 40+" in size; therefore, we are including instructions on how to zoom and plot a portion of the map you may be interested in on your personal printer at home.

We welcome feedback on these maps, which are a work in progress, and have been designed to facilitate further discussion at the public forums. Please feel free to send your comments to:

wwnf_travel_mgt_plan@fs.fed.us.

To keep the dialog going the following are **COMING SOON** to this webpage:



Interactive Map: An interactive map that highlights various features used to develop the Agency Alternative will be available for your use. The interactive map includes layers that users can click "on" and "off" that show: designated motorized routes, non-designated motorized routes, road and trail numbers, social circles, public access distance bands, forest plan open road density guidelines, elk security areas and more.

Discussion Papers: To accompany the interactive map, Discussion Papers have been developed which highlight the social and resource areas of concern displayed on the interactive map. Topics include: Project Area vs. Analysis Area, Critical Wildlife Areas, Fisheries Protection and Federally Listed Fish, Forest Plan Open Road Density Guidelines, Big Game Habitat Distance Bands, Inventoried Roadless Areas, Social Circles, and Public Access Distance Bands.



Discussion papers are also being developed highlighting areas of concern we heard from the public and potential options for addressing those concerns. These include concerns such as:

Access for People with Disabilities

Access for Emergency Responders – [Available Now](#)

Berry-picking Mushrooming and Other Day Uses

Big Game Retrieval – [Available Now](#)

Elk Security

Dispersed Camping

Firewood Gathering – [Available Now](#)

Grazing Allotment Administration – [Available Now](#)

Access for Private Property Owners – [Available Now](#)

Oversnow/Snowmobiling

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Resource Protection Areas (where/why)

What is an ML1 Road and why do we have them?

Why Designate Roads, Trails and Areas?

Fisheries Resource Protection (where/why)



Stay Involved! We will be posting a timeline of travel management planning on the Wallowa-Whitman, which shows the anticipated schedule for public involvement as we develop the final decision. In addition to community workshops, we welcome opportunities to meet with organizations and stakeholder groups.



Watch for updates on the Wallowa-Whitman website at:
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Thank you for your interest! We look forward to this continued dialogue about travel management and appreciate the care and the value that you place on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.