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Public Invited to Travel Analysis Open Houses

(Yreka, CA) – The Klamath National Forest welcomes the public to attend several open houses that will be held in May and June regarding the Travel Analysis Process (TAP) being implemented under Subpart A of the Travel Management Rule. Forest Service representatives will be available to share information about the Travel Analysis Process and answer questions. Information about how to provide input will also be provided.

Travel Analysis is a whole-Forest look at the road system, and associated risks and benefits to users and natural resources. It involves a science-based process coupled with input from interested publics, including those who use and are affected by the roads, to identify future opportunities to maintain a safe, affordable and environmentally sustainable road system.

“We’re committed to balancing the needs for public access with our responsibility to sustain productive, diverse and healthy national forest lands,” said Patty Grantham, Forest Supervisor for the Klamath National Forest. “We invite the public to participate in this process and provide input about issues related to National Forest Transportation System Roads.”

Included below are the dates and times for the open houses:

<p>Gooseneast Ranger District Date: Tuesday, May 28th Time: 5:00pm to 8:00pm Location: Gooseneast Ranger District Office 37805 Highway 97 Macdoel, CA 96058</p>	<p>Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District Date: Tuesday, June 4th Time: 5:00pm to 8:00pm Location: Seiad Valley Volunteer Fire Department 44601 Highway 96 Klamath River, CA 96050</p>
<p>Klamath National Forest Headquarters Date: Wednesday, June 5th Time: 5:00pm to 8:00pm Location: 1711 S. Main Street Yreka, CA 96097</p>	<p>Salmon/Scott River Ranger District Date: Tuesday, June 11th Time: 5:00pm to 8:00pm Location: 11263 N. Highway 3 Fort Jones, CA 96032</p>

“We’re facing some future challenges with road maintenance, but our past efforts to improve the integrity of the road system and reduce future maintenance costs provide us with greater flexibility to keep investing in the public’s most valued roads,” said Grantham.

A Travel Analysis Report will be available for the public to view when the TAP is finished. This document will provide recommendations to guide forest managers in considering opportunities to manage the Forest’s road system through future projects. These projects will offer public comment opportunities prior to any decisions that may result in changes to the current road system. It’s important to work together today to identify a

sustainable road system.

An information packet will soon be available at all Klamath National Forest offices and on the Klamath National Forest website for anyone interested in learning more about TAP. The Motorized Vehicle Use Map that was produced during implementation of Subpart B of Travel Management is currently available at www.fs.usda.gov/klamath. This map shows the roads, trails and areas open for motor vehicle use on the Klamath National Forest. The miles of roads identified on the Forest's road system actually increased to over 4550 miles through implementation of the Travel Management decision.

For more information contact Ken Stagg, Engineering Officer for the Klamath National Forest, at (530)841-4536 or kstagg@fs.fed.us. You can also call the Travel Management Information Line at (530)841-4597. Additional information is available online at www.fs.usda.gov/klamath.

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