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## **Inyo National Forest to Host Public Meeting on 2013 Travel Management Implementation**

The Forest Service will host two public meetings this spring to share the latest information about the status and plans for implementation of the 2009 Motorized Travel Management decision for the Inyo National Forest. The meetings will be held on:

- Tuesday June 11 – Mammoth Lakes Community Center, 1000 Forest Trail, 6:00 to 7:30 pm
- Thursday June 13 – Inyo National Forest Supervisors Office, 351 Pacu Lane, Bishop (behind DMV office on Line St.), 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Nearly a decade ago, initial inventories and planning for Motorized Travel Management began in response to growth in Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) recreation on public lands across the country. The 2005 National Travel Management Rule provided guidance for motorized travel management planning on National Forests. The goal was to designate and maintain a sustainable system of roads and trails that provide an array of motorized recreational opportunities and access to recreation destinations, while ensuring protection of natural and cultural resources.

In 2009, the Inyo National Forest finished an Environmental Impact Statement for Motorized Travel Management, which designated a system of approximately 2,350 miles of motorized trails and roads, of which 2200 miles are available for OHV use.

Since 2010, the Forest Service has been implementing a variety of actions in the 2009 Decision. Many routes have received mitigations or repairs that have stabilized the routes to protect resources and ensure that the routes remain open to use. Identification of the legal motorized system is a primary goal of implementation. Major efforts have been focused on signing of system routes – including some highly desired loop systems – and clearly marking or physically closing and restoring unauthorized routes that were not added to the system.

With the help of Forest Service engineering and trail crews, local volunteers and partners, American Conservation Experience crews, and with substantial funding assistance from the California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division (CA OHMVR), implementation of the 2009 Decision is on track to be substantially complete in 2014. Maintenance, monitoring and patrols will continue over the long-term.

The public meetings will include a roundup of accomplishments to date, anticipated plans for summer 2013, related ongoing planning efforts, and summaries of recent grant submittals with the CA OHMVR division which could begin next year. For more information, please contact Marty Hornick at 760-873-2461 or [mhornick@fs.fed.us](mailto:mhornick@fs.fed.us)

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