

## Appendix B – Public Involvement

The Fremont-Winema National Forest involves the public regarding all areas of resource management, including changes to the road system. During National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) projects, the public is solicited for their input, and the 2005 Travel Management Rule allowed for public discussions about the Forest's transportation system. Community members, City and County officials, the Klamath Tribes, and all interested stakeholders were solicited in an effort to obtain as much public input as possible in the Travel Management decision process (Travel Management Subpart B). This public outreach resulted in multiple community meetings and many hours of lengthy discussions, and the Forest was able to integrate the many valuable comments into the 2010 Fremont-Winema Travel Management Decision.

### *Additional Public Involvement*

In addition to the public involvement in the specific project-level decisions, as well as the numerous public meetings and discussions held for the 2010 Fremont-Winema Travel Management Decision, the Forest recently met with Klamath County Commissioners, Lake County Commissioners, and the Klamath Tribes in order to discuss and solicit information regarding this Forest-wide Travel Analysis. Information gathered through public solicitation has been considered and used as objectively as possible for this travel analysis.

### *Future Public Involvement*

In recognition of the fact that this Travel Analysis Project is only as accurate as the information provided, the Forest expects additional information and resource concerns to arise, closure orders to be lifted, and roads be closed or opened. This means this Travel Analysis process and information should be updated often. It is anticipated that Line Officers and Interdisciplinary Teams will utilize the information in this report in the planning stages of future projects. It is imperative the Forest follows the NEPA process and solicit public input on project-level decision development pertaining to the Fremont-Winema National Forest's transportation system. This Travel Analysis does not make any final decisions, so it is possible that a future planning project will recommend a decision that is not consistent with the information provided in this report. In that case, the information in the final decision should override and merge with this Forest Travel Analysis.