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Dear Interested Citizen,

The Forest Service is beginning to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the designation of over-snow vehicle (OSV) use on the Eldorado National Forest. The analysis to be documented in the EIS is needed to comply with Subpart C – Use by Over-Snow Vehicles, of the Forest Service Travel Management Rule (36 CFR part 212) and to comply with a Settlement Agreement between the Forest Service and Snowlands Network et al. The Settlement Agreement requires the Forest Service to analyze the effects of grooming snow trails for OSV use.

The Forest Service's goal in designating OSV use on the Eldorado National Forest is to provide access, minimize impacts to natural resources, avoid conflicts among various uses, and provide for the safety of all visitors. OSV use that is inconsistent with these designations would be prohibited under 36 CFR 261.14. The overall objective of this proposal is to provide a manageable system of trails and areas designated for OSV use within the Eldorado National Forest, consistent with and to achieve the purposes of the Forest Service Travel Management Rule at 36 CFR part 212.

As an important step in preparing the EIS, I have prepared a Proposed Action, which serves as a point from which to continue dialog with the public about this project. A detailed description of the Proposed Action is attached.

At this time, a decision has not been made regarding this project. We encourage you to review the attachment. Please let us know if you have concerns (points of dispute, debate, or disagreement regarding potential effects of the Proposed Action) or suggestions on how concerns might be resolved. To assure your comments are fully considered during the scoping phase of this project, please submit comments by April 6, 2015. Additional comments are welcome throughout the planning process.

We encourage you to submit written comments electronically using the "Comment on Project" button available on the right hand side of the screen on the project webpage (<http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46034>). You may also submit electronic comments via a web-based collaborative map. More information on this tool and how to use it is available on the project webpage.

You may also send written comments to: Micki D. Smith, Amador Resource and Recreation Staff Officer, Eldorado National Forest, 100 Forni Road, Placerville, CA 95667, 530-295-5960.



Comments may also be sent via facsimile to 530-621-5297. We will use significant issues and other ideas we receive to develop alternatives to the Proposed Action.

For additional background and supporting information related to this project, please visit the project website. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Micki D. Smith.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laurence Crabtree". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "L" and "C".

Laurence Crabtree  
Forest Supervisor

Enclosure: Eldorado OSV proposed action and map