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Dear Appellants,

I agreed to implement the following items in addition to my Record of Decision for the Eldorado National Forest Travel Management SEIS because I believe it is in the best interest of the public we serve to move forward on a collaborative path with you. I am committed to providing public motor vehicle access on this Forest while protecting and restoring sensitive resources.

- The Eldorado National Forest will create a detailed corrective action plan with accelerated time tables (for analysis through completion) and funding commitments to bring the 18 routes into compliance with S&G 100. A cost benefit analysis would be considered in the prioritization of the corrective actions. As a result of careful design and planning, the 18 routes will be opened after necessary corrective actions related to vehicular traffic are implemented. As planning work for the corrective actions begins on each of the 18 routes, appellants will be notified and given the opportunity to provide input in the planning process as well as the scoping and comment period. Environmental analysis would be completed for each route and be compliant with Forest Service NEPA procedures. Where appropriate, corrective actions will be implemented with the help of the OHV community, the environmental community, and any other volunteers under the direction of the Forest Service. If corrective actions are implemented in phases (not all meadows on the route at the same time), segments of routes where the work has been implemented with logical turn around points or destinations may be opened before corrective actions for the entire route are implemented as long as temporary physical closures are in place for the remaining segments of the route.
- Temporary physical closures will be utilized on the 18 routes by November 30, 2013 to eliminate public travel until corrective actions have been implemented.
- The other 24 routes will be evaluated relative to S&G 100 as it pertains to water features other than meadows within 3 years. Corrective actions will be designed and implemented as appropriate within 4 years.

- An environmental monitoring plan will be developed for the 42 routes within 6 months. The monitoring will begin after the corrective actions have been implemented on the 18 routes and after the evaluations have been completed on the 24 routes. The plan will include a site visit and visual inspection conducted twice a year by the Forest Service. Site visits will be conducted once at the opening of the routes in the spring and once in the fall, for the purpose of determining the presence of environmental impacts. At the end of five years the monitoring plan will be re-evaluated by the Forest Service. The results of this monitoring will be documented and sent to all appellants after each season, including an explanation of any corrective actions that are needed and whether they have been designed and implemented. Corrective actions to minimize impacts will be designed and implemented as appropriate.

Sincerely,

/s/ Laurence Crabtree
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