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Dear Interested Citizen:

**The Motorized Travel Management Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is now available for review and comment!**

The Inyo National Forest released a Proposed Action for public motor vehicle use in October 2007. The Proposed Action represented a starting point for the environmental analysis to designate a system of roads and trails providing public motorized access and recreation on the Forest. Since then, nearly 400 individuals, organizations and agencies provided comments on the proposed action. These comments helped the Forest identify issues about various resources and opportunities, leading to the development of the six alternatives analyzed in this DEIS.

**Comments are invited on the DEIS**

The comment period begins the day after the Notice of Availability (NOA) for this project is published in the *Federal Register*. The NOA is anticipated to be published Friday, January 30, 2009. Please check the *Federal Register* or Forest website to verify exact dates of the comment period.

While comments may be submitted anytime during the analysis process, only those who submit timely comments or otherwise express interest during the comment period will have eligibility to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR 215. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period.

In cases where no identifiable name is provided, a verification of identity will be required for appeal eligibility.

Your written comments ensure that your thoughts and intent are captured correctly; however, arrangements can be made for making oral comments over the phone or in person, by contacting Nancy Upham at (760) 873-2427 during the business hours listed above. Certain public meetings may also be designed to receive your oral comments.

**Comments may be:**

- ▶ **Mailed** to the attention of: Travel Management Project Leader, 351 Pacu Lane, Suite 200, Bishop, CA 93514
- ▶ **Hand delivered** weekdays between the hours of 8:00am - 4:30pm to the address above.
- ▶ **Electronically mailed to:** comments-pacificsouthwest-inyo@fs.fed.us  
Please include **“Travel Management Comments”** in the subject line. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc).

**For additional information**

For updates, schedule for public meetings, and other information, please check the Inyo National Forest website at: [www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/projects/ohvroute5.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/projects/ohvroute5.shtml)

To request further information or documents, please send your request to: [comments-pacificsouthwest-inyo@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-pacificsouthwest-inyo@fs.fed.us). To ensure a timely response, it is important to include **“Information Request”** somewhere in the subject line.



If the information you need cannot be found through the above methods, please contact one of the travel management team members below.

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- Susan Joyce, Forest Planner/Project Co-Leader (760) 873-2516
- Nancy Upham, Public Affairs Officer (760) 873-2427

Thank you for your participation in the planning process for the Motorized Travel Management Project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jim Upchurch  
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Enclosure: Errata #1

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**Inyo National Forest Motorized Travel Management DEIS  
Errata #1, January 2009**

1. **DEIS, Chapter 2, Mitigation Measures section, page 26, first paragraph.** Insert the following sentence into the first full paragraph following the “Mitigation Measures” heading: *Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) would be applied during implementation of mitigations to protect and maintain water quality.*
2. **DEIS, Chapter 2, Mitigation Measures section, page 26.** The following mitigation was inadvertently omitted from the “Maintenance Restrictions” bullet: *For all unauthorized routes added to the NFTS, clean all road maintenance equipment prior to beginning and after completing ground disturbing activities, e.g., road grading, in a new area. Ensure equipment is free of mud and plant parts by completing a thorough visual inspection of tires, tracks and underbody.*
3. **DEIS, Chapter 3, Soil and Geologic Resources, p. 160.** Proposed mitigation measures for route N5002 were inadvertently omitted in Table 3-54. Alternatives 2, 3, 4, and 6 should include the following post-designation mitigations to address erosion concerns on N5002: drainage work (2drg) and tread hardening (2h).
4. **DEIS, Appendix A, p. A-53.** Proposed mitigation measures for route N5002 were inadvertently omitted from Table A-1. Alternatives 2, 3, 4, and 6 should include the following post-designation mitigations to address erosion concerns on N5002: drainage work (2drg) and tread hardening (2h).