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U.S. Forest Service Open Houses to Feature

Travel Management Decision

Placerville, CA.....The U.S. Forest Service will officially release a Final Environmental Impact Statement and a Record of Decision designating a system of motorized travel routes in the Eldorado National Forest on April 2, 2008. Detailed information about the project is posted on the internet at: <u>www.fs.fed.us/r5/eldorado</u>. Four public open houses will be held to display and explain key features of the decision. The first open house will be held in Placerville on April 5 at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds between 9 AM – 3 PM.

Open houses are opportunities for interested people to drop in at any time during the event hours to informally meet with Forest Service staff and learn about the decision.

Each open house will feature maps and other information that illustrate and explain Eldorado National Forest Supervisor Ramiro Villalvazo's decision. "Finally, a Starting Point. Routes to Forest Adventures Designated," is the open house theme. Displays and Forest Service personnel will be on hand to help guide people to the information they want.

A CD containing the Final Environmental Impact Statement and a copy of the Record of Decision will be given to open house participants who need them. Forest Service personnel will be on hand to point out milestones on the journey to the decision; review maps; help people find information in the final EIS; look ahead to activities related to implementing the decision, including volunteer work; gain insights into project funding, and learn how the National Environmental Policy Act will fit into any proposed changes to the route system.



Open houses will be hosted in the following locations:

Placerville

Saturday, April 5 9 AM – 3:00 PM El Dorado County Fairgrounds - Organ Room 100 Placerville Drive Placerville, CA 95667

Pleasant Hill

Saturday, April 12 9 AM – 3 PM Diablo Valley College - Cafeteria 321 Golf Club Road Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

South Lake Tahoe

Thursday, April 10 3 PM – 9 PM Lake Tahoe Community College - Aspen Room One College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Jackson – Hosted by Amador District Ranger Doug Barber April 17 3 P.M. - 8 P.M. Amador County Board of Supervisors Office 810 Court Street Jackson, CA 95642

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