

**Pike and San Isabel National Forests,
Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands (PSICC)
IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY/ ACTION PLAN**

**For The
Travel Management Final Rule**

FY 2006-2009

Updated: April 2007

Basic Travel Management Approach:

The PSICC has adopted a Travel Management Rule implementation strategy based on the status of data cleanup efforts, and disposition of project-scale travel management planning. In some areas of the PSICC there exists no urgent need to change our system of motorized opportunities. In other areas, intensive travel management planning has been completed and implementation is underway. In such cases designation of motorized routes and areas will be made pursuant to the "Final Rule" by publishing Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM's), without initiating further analysis or project-level NEPA.

We recognize from public input and our general recreation planning that off-highway vehicle use is an integral part of our recreation program. On some Districts, specific project areas still needing in-depth travel management have been identified and prioritized, and pre-NEPA data-gathering efforts are being focused in these areas. However, at this time it is the intent of the PSICC to move forward with publication of MVUM's in accordance with the attached schedule, regardless of ongoing project-scale planning and NEPA efforts. The MVUM's will constitute a snapshot of current motorized system roads and trails at any given point in time.

We will continue to evaluate priority project areas where travel management is most needed, and will work with the public to mitigate adverse impacts of unmanaged motorized recreation. The PSICC will enhance the quality of motorized recreation opportunities via a high-quality, sustainable system of OHV routes. Maintenance and capital improvement needs on existing routes will be better identified and pursued. We will continue to leverage external assistance, where appropriate and available. Over time, we expect to improve the way motorized recreation activities are managed throughout the PSICC, to better protect the health of the land, while meeting the diverse needs of Colorado's Front Range population.

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I. Compile Existing Information

A. Infra Data & Spatial Data

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| - The GIS shop to provide each District with the best available spatial data, linked to Infra, for PSICC roads and trails. | Completed July 2006 |
| - Districts to review spatial data and give corrections to the GIS shop | Ongoing |
| - Districts to make Infra data corrections for roads & trails as necessary. | Ongoing |

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- GIS personnel to revise data and produce baseline roads and trails layers. Ongoing
- Engineering personnel to produce “baseline maps”, similar to the motor vehicle use maps required by the Final Rule. Ongoing
- B. Forest Orders Completed Dec. 2006
 - Planning and Law Enforcement to compile existing Forest Orders, State & Federal laws related to roads and trails and determine if any new orders are needed (for parking, etc.)
- C. RMOs and TMOs Ongoing
 - Districts need to compile and update RMOs and TMOs as necessary.
- D. D. District Rangers to decide if their District’s roads and trails may have an urgent need for some changes. Completed Jan. 2007
- E. Initiate Public Involvement Ongoing
 - Public Relations personnel to present the baseline system of roads & motorized trails and explain the process to partners and the public.
- F. Public Safety – assemble data concerning mixed-use roads Completed Feb. 2007

II. Assemble Resource and Social Data

- A. Roads Analysis Ongoing
 - Engineering personnel to complete forest-wide RAP for level 3-5 roads for the Forest Plan revision.
- B. Districts to identify existing user-created roads/trails/areas that may need to be added to the system and/or system routes recommended for decommissioning/converting. Ongoing
- C. Lands shop needs to identify legal access needs and issues, and determine priorities for public reconciliation. Ongoing
- D. Public Involvement Ongoing
 - Districts to get public input for suggestions for adding user-created roads/trails/areas to the system and/or eliminating/converting existing system roads/trails.
- E. Mixed-Use Studies Ongoing
 - Prioritize and perform studies and engineering judgments to inform Rangers/staff decision-making

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III. Identify Proposals for Change to the Existing Roads & Trails System

- A. Districts where urgent changes may be necessary will start to develop changes using Travel Analysis Process (TAP). N/A
 - Possible changes include:
Adding user-created routes, changing vehicle class, changing seasonal restrictions, establishing new areas, adding new routes, relocating existing routes, decommissioning routes, establishing mixed uses, establishing parking w/r/t dispersed camping, converting roads to trails, establishing game retrieval access, etc.
- B. Publish Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUMs) on Districts where no urgent changes are necessary. See V.B., below
- C. Districts to complete TAPs for roads/trails and areas to be evaluated. N/A

IV. NEPA and Decision Making

- A. Districts to initiate the preparation of EAs (if necessary), based on any urgent changes identified above, with appropriate public involvement. N/A
- B. Districts to complete NEPA process (if necessary). N/A

V. Publish Motor Vehicle Use Maps/ Complete Designation Process

- A. Districts to update RMOs, TMOs, INFRA and spatial data based on NEPA decisions. N/A
- B. Publish Motor Vehicle Use Maps
 - Cimarron N.G. Aug. 2007
 - South Platte RD. Nov. 2007
 - San Carlos RD. Dec. 2007
 - Leadville RD. July 2008
 - Pikes Peak RD. Sept. 2008
 - Salida RD. Nov. 2008
 - Comanche N.G. Feb. 2009
 - South Park RD. July 2009

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VI. Implement, Monitor and Revise

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| A. Districts to update/improve signing for all roads/trails on the MVUM. | Ongoing |
| B. Districts to block unauthorized routes as needed. | Ongoing |
| C. Law Enforcement to enforce travel management laws based on the MVUM. | Ongoing |
| D. Engineering shop to prepare and maintain Forest Transportation Atlas. | Ongoing |
| E. Districts to initiate NEPA for previously identified non-urgent changes, and/or use the TAP process for identifying new changes; revise MVUMs as necessary. | Annually |
| F. Districts to work with Partners to monitor effectiveness of travel management and address needs as necessary. | Ongoing |
| G. Districts to identify and address road/trail-related erosion problems. | Ongoing |
| H. Public Education | Ongoing |
| I. Districts to produce Recreation Opportunity Maps as needed. | Ongoing |