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Forestdale Road and Area Closure in Effect

Carson City, Nevada...As outlined in the Alpine Winter Recreation Project and in close coordination with Alpine County, the Forestdale Road (31013) and area is seasonally closed to motorized vehicles. The decision is outlined in the Alpine Winter Recreation Project that was signed August 27, 2007.

The purpose of the seasonal closure is to help disperse use mid-season in eastern Alpine County. Much of the motorized use of the Forestdale Road is in the early and late season when insufficient snow exists at the lower elevation, Hope Valley SnoPark.

The timing of the closure is determined on an annual basis by the Carson District Ranger based on a review of on-the-ground conditions. Alpine County, in cooperation with the Forest Service, will implement the closure. Private property owners are not subject to the closure for access to private property via snowmobiles. Law Enforcement Officials in performance of official duties are also not subject to the closure. Violation of this closure is a class B misdemeanor, and may result in a \$5,000.00 fine and or six months in jail.

To view a copy of the Alpine Winter Recreation Project please see the link below: http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/htmf/projects/archived/2007/Alpine Winter Rec DN.pdf

To view a copy of the closure order (#04-17-08-02) please see the link below: http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/htnf/forest_orders/Forestdale_Closure.pdf

For more information concerning this decision, please contact the Carson Ranger District at 775-882-2766.