

**Black Hills National Forest**  
**Comments on the Proposed Action**

Due November 13, 2007

The Proposed Action is a starting point—it is not a decision. We want to know what you think about our approach to the Proposed Action, and whether you think we should change specific things, leave things as they are, or consider an alternative more in line with your views. The more specific you can be in your comments, the better. For example, telling us you don't like the Proposal is of limited value; but telling us exactly what you don't like, and specifically how or where you would do it differently would be of great value. The following questions are intended to help you respond to the Proposal. You may respond to these questions (using extra sheets if needed), or provide your comments in another form if you like. By checking the "OK" box, you're telling us that you are OK with the proposed approach on a specific item as it stands.

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Early public involvement identified a number of features that our travel system should include or address. Some of these are:

1. In order to provide easy access for a variety of motorized and non-motorized users, our proposal provides for motorized travel on designated routes only. Non-motorized uses are not addressed, but such opportunities are available throughout the Forest.

OK

If no, please explain. What is your alternative?

2. In order to establish a publicly supported, actively designed, maintained, and enforced travel system, our proposal provides for a total designated route system of 3,998 miles.

Roads open to highway legal vehicles:	1,075 miles
Roads open to all motor vehicles:	2,213 miles
Trails open to motor vehicles:	165 miles
Trails open to vehicles <= 50 inches wide:	437 miles
Trails open to motorcycles only:	79 miles
Special local designations (rock crawlers):	29 miles
Total	3,998 miles

OK

If no, please explain. What is your alternative?

3. In order that all funding options would be pursued, our proposal depends on a mix of funding sources including the Congress, user groups, possible action by the State of South Dakota and cooperation with the State of Wyoming, counties, cities, communities, interest groups, businesses, universities, and anyone else interested in a quality designated system.

OK

If no, please explain. What is your alternative?

4. In order to promote cooperative management between Federal, State, and Local Governments, our proposal depends on cooperative management on many levels including possible outcomes of the South Dakota Governor's Task Force on Off Highway Vehicles which is working to find legislative and other remedies for challenges that lay ahead.

OK

If no, please explain. What is your alternative?

5. In order to tie multiple scale loops into local communities, our proposal uses the existing road network plus some other roads and trails suggested by users. Multiple-scale loops are provided in a limited way. More extensive loops and routes may be provided with future Motor Vehicle Use Maps.

OK

If no, please explain. What is your alternative?

6. In order to limit noise and conflicts adjacent to communities, our proposal would be to limit noise levels of OHVs to 96 decibels in conformance with current industry standards.

OK

If no, please explain. What is your alternative?

7. In order to designate some areas for motorized game retrieval, our proposal provides for cross country motorized use up to 300 feet off an open route to retrieve downed elk only.

OK

If no, please explain. What is your alternative?

8. Our proposal does not address firewood cutting. We will continue to manage firewood cutting using the Forest Service firewood permit system. The firewood permit does not allow off-road travel unless specifically authorized in the permit.

OK

If no, please explain. What is your alternative?

9. In order to allow motorized dispersed camping, our proposal provides for cross-country motorized travel up to 100 feet off an open route for the purpose of dispersed camping outside of a designated campground.

OK

If no, please explain. What is your alternative?

10. Mud-bogging would not be allowed under the proposal.

OK

If no, please explain. What is your alternative?

11. Motorized use is proposed only on a system of roads and trails (designated routes). There would be no open areas for OHV use (cross-country travel).

OK

If no, please explain. What is your alternative?

12. Are there any issues you have with specific routes or areas, such as where you live or where you use the Forest? Do you want to see certain routes or areas open or closed to motorized use? Where? Why? (Please provide a Route # or describe the area in enough detail to understand what you would like to see in that location).

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