

For Immediate Release

September 14, 2006
CONTACT: Paul Slavik
PHONE: 310-717-9674
EMAIL: paulslavik@nohvcc.org

Black Hills National Forest OHV Route Designation Workshops

Workshop Location:
Rushmore Plaza Civic Center
Meeting Hall H
444 Mt. Rushmore Road North, Rapid City, SD 57701
605-394-4115

**USFS Personnel – Thursday, October 12, 8AM – 5PM
– Friday, October 13, 8AM - 2PM**

**Public – Saturday, October 14, 8AM – 5PM
– Sunday, October 15, 8AM – 4PM**

The National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) in cooperation with the Black Hills National Forest is conducting an OHV Route Designation Workshop in October 2006 for agency personnel and the public. The purpose of this workshop is to assist the Forest Service and the public in effective implementation of the USFS Travel Management Rule in their State. While the sessions on Thursday and Friday are designed primarily for Forest Service personnel and the sessions on Saturday and Sunday are designed primarily for the public, the sessions are open to all who want to attend and there is no charge. Continental breakfast will be served at 7:30 AM. Lunch and breaks will be provided.

Registration is required on-line at:

<https://conference.nohvcc.org/?EVENT&EVENTCODE=010193-12&PASSWORD=4718&template=sd>

The **registration deadline is October 2, 2006** – For questions about registration contact Ann Vance at 800-348-6487 or e-mail avance@nohvcc.org .

NOHVCC has secured a limited number of rooms, on a first come basis, at the Holiday Inn next to the Civic Center, 505 North Fifth Street, Rapid City, SD 57701, 605-348-4000. The rate is \$63.00 per night, ask for the NOHVCC block of rooms, deadline for this rate is Oct. 6

This national workshop series is sponsored by the Americans for Responsible Recreational Access (ARRA), the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) and the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (SVIA). Coordination of all workshops is by the NOHVCC. Design of the workshop sessions was a collective effort by professional trail consultants, ARRA, MIC, SVIA, American Motorcyclist Association, Blue Ribbon Coalition, United Four Wheel Drive Associations, and NOHVCC, with input from USFS trail managers.

Specific objectives of the workshops for Forest Service personnel are to:

- Develop consistency in the national Route Designation Process,
- Develop an understanding of the Travel Management Rule,
- Communicate requirements in the Forest Service Manual Direction,
- Make compliance with the Rule and manual easier,

- Build upon the Agency/Industry/public partnership,
- Facilitate agency personnel and public communication,
- Discuss management techniques that provide high quality opportunities and resource protection.

Specific objectives of the workshops for public are to:

- Educate the public of how to be effective in influencing route designation decisions,
- Develop an understanding of the Travel Management Rule,
- Help the public understand how they can get quality trails and still comply with the Rule,
- Encourage long-term public involvement,
- Build upon agency, industry and public partnerships, and
- Facilitate agency personnel and public communication

The National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council is a non-profit educational foundation. For information regarding NOHVCC and its workshop programs visit its website at <http://www.nohvcc.org/>.

###