

TRAVEL MANAGEMENT - ROUTE DESIGNATION

Inyo National Forest – An Update September 2008

Catch up on Current Status: It has been a busy summer! In between wildfires and mudslides we have been working hard on developing the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for our Travel Management planning process. We have experienced some unexpected delays, and are running behind where we had hoped to be at this point.

Timeline for the Future: Currently it looks like we will have the DEIS out for public review and comment this winter. We know that this is not ideal as you may want to review the draft transportation system by visiting specific routes. We recommend that you try to visit the routes that you are most concerned about in the next few months, as winter weather may make the routes inaccessible during the comment period. Route maps (the October 2007 Proposed Action and inventory) are available on our website at:
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/projects/ohvroute5.shtml#stepfour>

Join us for a Field Trip: Meanwhile, to be able to continue dialogue with you and help you better understand what you will see in the DEIS, we would like to invite you to join us on a field trip this fall. We will be hosting two public field trips to different parts of the Inyo National Forest to actually look at specific routes and describe the different management strategies which would be applied to those routes in the DEIS alternatives. Dates, times and meeting locations for the field trips are as follows:

North End – Saturday October 18 – 9:00am – 1:00pm

Meet at the pullout across from the chain-up area on Highway 203 (Mammoth Lakes exit) just west of US 395.

South End – Saturday October 25 – 9:00am – 1:00pm

Meet at the intersection of Highway 168 West and Buttermilk Road (7S01), approximately 7 miles west of Bishop.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend one of the field trips or have special needs for accessibility by calling Nancy Upham at 760-873-2427, or by email nupham@fs.fed.us. High clearance vehicles are recommended. Please let Nancy know if you will have room in your vehicle and can help with carpooling. Bring water and snacks, wear sturdy shoes, and dress for changeable fall weather. For further updates please check our website www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/projects/.