

GRASSLAND EAST

Consensus Recommendation

The group supports considering an expansion of the Henderson Flat OHV area into the polygon identified in the Grassland East landscape area under the following conditions:

- If only single route, south of Morris Lane
- Needs to be sufficient amount and difficulty to hold interest for at least 4 hours or a minimum of 35-50 miles of trail, including what is already there (in the designated OHV area), for Class I and III.
- Seasonal closures for soils (dust meter or soil moisture sign) and wildlife protection is currently in place in the Henderson Flat OHV area and should be considered in any expansion. Take hard look to determine whether a seasonal closure for soil is needed. Consider soil moisture criteria.
- Many conditions apply (TES [i.e., Pygmy Rabbit], cultural, first foods, etc.)
- Keep north of non-motorized area (horses, pedestrians, bikes)
- Consider weed management program to expand flexibility in red areas in future
- Design trail system away from weed problem for those who “can’t stay in the lines”
- Consider other access – Cyrus horse camp a problem with motorized use and horses. Need to protect horse trails (speed limits, crossings)
- Consider North and South staging areas
- Consider patch size and trail density (miles/square) because of effects on wildlife