

Agency Route Designation Workshop

Tentative Agenda

October 12-15, 2006

Rapid City, SD

Sessions

- **Role of NOHVCC and Industry in the Process** **15 minutes**

Objective: Understanding of role of NOHVCC, MIC and SVIA and how all groups are working together for success

- Brief history of NOHVCC
- To facilitate successful (define) implementation of the Rule to meet needs for high quality, quantity and sustained opportunity
- Facilitate collaboration by BRC/United 4WD/ARRA/AMA
- Facilitate discussion/collaboration between agency and OHV community
- Provide future resources – help in next steps
- Demographic factoids

- **Overview of Public Route Designation Workshops** **15 minutes**

Objective: Build confidence in the agency that we are trying to develop effective partners

- Mobilize grassroots to garner support and involvement
- Educate users on the Process
- To help the users get involved
- Support of OHV public/organization for designated route
- Address total trail process – motorized and non motorized
 - Understanding that Process includes all “Motorized Recreation”
 - Competing interests – examples of successful multiple use trails

- **4E’s** **15 minutes**

Objective: To provide an understanding of the interrelationship and importance of Education, Engineering, Enforcement, and Evaluation to achieve desired OHV management outcomes.

- Engineering
- Education
- Enforcement
- Evaluation

- **Rule Overview**

- What the Rule is and what the Rule isn’t
 - Emphasize road, trail, area

- Where the public may have problems with/may be difficult to understand
 - Basics of the Rule – SEE FS RULE MODULE

- **Status of Travel Management** **30 minutes**

Objective: To help agency and public identify common understanding

- Need to define baseline/where they are right now – take from FS Training Rule Section 9. Many NFs already in Travel Management Planning.
 - Homework –Compile Existing Travel Management Direction for your forest as indicated in the Implementation Guide
 - Session needs to be interactive - help agency to identify common understanding of status and help users to understand the situation
 - 4 scenarios on wall – have participants go to where they are
 - Matrix to share with OHV public

Ask Forests do short presentation to complete the matrix so it can be shared with the enthusiast workshop

- **Demographics and Sales – Who are the users?** **15 minutes**

Objective: Understanding of whom enthusiasts are, how to communicate with them and different needs, put human face on

- Who are the enthusiasts
- How to reach the enthusiasts
- Where are enthusiasts coming from
- Understanding who their enthusiasts are and what are their goals
 - How does dealing with different users in different fashions work
 - Hunters on ATVs versus recreationists on ATVs
- Importance of bringing right/diverse users to the table
- Current and future trends and the need to provide opportunities
- Recognize economic impact
- Effective ways to communicate with the different users

- **User Needs and Desires/Recreation Niche** **60 minutes**

Objective: To help planners understand users so that they can develop systems that will be accepted

- What can NF provide – considerations
 - Recreation Opportunity Spectrum
 - Range of needed opportunities
 - Cost of not providing for
 - Resource – “OHV Adventure” video
 - Recreation niches – don’t have to meet all needs everywhere but need to identify/consider what will/does work for that NF
 - Meet needs that can’t be met elsewhere
- Why do we ride/drive
- What are we looking for
- Variety of uses and users
- The new user – how to recognize them

- Demographics - general
- What attracts – cost
- Add to notes NOHVCC “Needs and Desires” handout
- Understanding & Developing & Defining Recreation Niche (also needs to be under System Planning)
 - Understand/identify range of opportunity that is/can be available in each forest and enhance what you have
 - Balance motorized and non motorized users
 - Understanding user terminology

- **System Planning and Design**

4 hours

Objective: Overview of what needs to be known and considered to develop a quality sustainable system that meets user needs

- Vision/Goal – Vision without action is a daydream, action without a vision is a nightmare
- How the individual routes should serve as the building blocks for a quality system
- There’s a solution to every challenge
- Where would you put trails if you could
- Group exercise - Stimulate thought/Illustrate considerations & options
- User conflict considerations
- Carrying capacity
- Managing expectations
- Variety & level of difficulty
- Temporal zoning/seasonal designations
- Vehicle differences
- Downgrading/conversion of roads to trails including 4WD trails
- Mixed traffic trails
- Emphasize consistent and coordinated implementation across administrative boundaries

- **Collecting and Compiling Route Data**

1 hour to 1-1/2 hr.

Objective: What will help make the process a success

- Lewis & Clark NF module
- Riders can be trained to use desired data collection equipment
- Data does not have to be GPS – pencil line is o.k.
- Displaying user presented data builds trust and confidence – need some documentation/proof that provided public information in any form was considered
- Fish Lake NF example
- Artificial restrictions on data that is presented or accepted will cause problems – Ocala NF example
- The identification of the best OHV routes will be the result of a collaborative process
- Information flow should be transparent and tractable

- **Volunteer Development and Management**

1 hour

Objective: Development of a volunteer body that supports the mission of agency, and implementation and continued management of the Rule

- How to identify and bring to table
- What can you realistically expect
 - Get work done on ground
 - Improve understanding
 - Build program support
- Success stories – effective volunteer programs/how they got to where they are/challenges along the way
- Limitations – training requirements (chainsaw, etc.)/weekends versus weekdays
- Volunteer forms/Liability
- Enticement to keep – rewards/recognition
- Cost to manage
- Long term return – better compliance/ownership/peer pressure/work done/trail ranger/meet targets/reduced conflicts/advocacy for agency
- Match funding

- **Funding – financial feasibility of implementation**

1 hour

Objective: Convince land managers that trail systems can be managed and funded

- Recognition that there is little dedicated money and little expected to accomplish implementation
- Alternatives to traditional funding – supplemental funding sources
 - “No money” should not be your first answer
 - Local and State funding programs
 - State registration/gas tax program
 - Economic development programs
 - Examples - Minooka
 - Fee Demo
 - RTP
 - Volunteer support – application/support for grants
- Use of traditional funds for designation
- Define sustainability in the funding framework
- Mitigation may resolve issues
- What is cost not to manage
- Sustainable and satisfying trails reduce costs

- **Pool of Resources – see FS Guidelines**

30 minutes

Objective: Understanding of available resources and how to obtain them.

- Organizations – National/State/Local clubs
 - What they do
 - What they have to offer
- Enterprise Teams
- Consultants - Who they are – what they offer

- National Training
 - SVIA ASI ATV Training
 - MSF Dirt Bike School
 - NTPP
- Industry/dealerships
- State Government organizations
- Items in FS Implementation Guide
- Field trip to understand user needs
- Funding sources
- Handouts – on CD
 - Wernex Report CD
 - NOHVCC OHV Recreation Management Guidelines
 - Copy of Rule
 - Implementation Guidelines
 - Links to organizations
 - Volunteer Development
 - Resolving User Conflict
 - Web Directory
 - FS Training PPT or link
 - Other collaborative documents
 - Glossary – NOHVCC Workshop glossary attached

- **Potential Issues to Consider/
Possible Levels of Route Designation**

1 hour

Objective: Discuss possible levels of designation and identify issues that may create problems and need to be considered.

- ATV use on groomed snowmobile trails that are normally roads
 - Major groomed OSV trail in winter
 - Reason to allow ATV use on
 - Should route be designated
- Big game retrieval: Rule allows off-trail travel, need to consider extent of the use
- Firewood: Rule allows off-trail travel if one has a permit/may need to modify Permit forms
- Designated but unavailable category
- O.K. to designate up to boundaries if there is goodwill access
- Roads under jurisdiction of others must be designated by others
- Access to dispersed camping
- Trails – single track, 50” and 4WD can be designated in Roadless Areas
- Conversion of roads to trails
- Mixed use