

## SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST ROUTE DESIGNATION PROCESS

The Sequoia National Forest, like other forests throughout the country, is updating its transportation system. In 2005, the Forest Service issued a national rule that restricted travel using motorized vehicles to designated routes – including roads and trails. In following the required process, the Sequoia National Forest conducted an inventory of all of the trails used by motorized vehicles. To accompany Forest Order 06-09, which imposes motorized vehicle restrictions and prohibits cross-country travel by motorized vehicles, the forest prepared maps of the Lake Isabella, Piute Mountains, Breckenridge Mountain, and Greenhorn Mountain areas, displaying existing routes. The Forest Order is effective from September 17, 2006 through September 16, 2007. The Forest Order maps identify the routes that may be used for travel with a motorized vehicle. Motorized travel off of these routes is not permitted.

Routes will now be evaluated for inclusion in a designated route system where use of motorized vehicles is allowed. Existing system routes can also be evaluated. Sequoia National Forest staff members are seeking your assistance in evaluating routes for an updated designated motorized vehicle route system. Please take a few minutes to look over the route designation materials and provide us with your feedback on where motorized travel should or should not be allowed.

Some route numbers on the Forest Order maps begin with a “U”. For the most part, these routes are not currently part of the official trail system, but they will be considered for the revised motor vehicle route system. While the system is being updated, since these routes are on the Forest Order maps, they can be used for motorized travel. While your input on “U” trails will be especially helpful, your input on any road or trail is welcome.

You may notice that some of the route numbers on the Forest Order maps do not match their corresponding route numbers on signs in the forest. When filling out the comment form, you may use either route number. Please try to show us on a map where the route is so we can make sure we address your comments.

For more information on this process, or to view Forest Order maps, please visit our website at [www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia). Under the “Features” section, click “Route Designation Strategy.” Please send your **comments** to: **[sequoia\\_route\\_designation@fs.fed.us](mailto:sequoia_route_designation@fs.fed.us)**.

Additional information is provided on the Forest Service Regional Office website at [www.fs.fed.us/r5/routedesignation](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/routedesignation). On the Regional Office website, your e-mail address can be entered to receive e-mail updates on the Route Designation Process for all national forests in California.

Thank you for your involvement and comments.