Appendix L

Forest Plan Consistency Checklist

Ivory Mill Saddle to Snow Mt OHV Hunting Connectivity

The tables below identify applicable Forest Plan management direction and explain how the proposed action is consistent with that direction. The interdisciplinary team identified this management direction as that which is applicable to the proposal. They evaluated compliance based upon the results of their environmental analysis and public scoping.

Table 1 – Forest-wide Standards and Guides
Direction Consistency evaluation
Facilities and Transportation (pp IV 18-20)
6. Determine the influence of each road on aquatic conservation strategy objectives through watershed analysis. Meet aquatic conservation strategy objectives. COMPLIES – Refer to items 1d, 1e, 1i under Riparian and Aquatic Ecosystems below, for compliance with applicable ACS objectives.
8. Minimize sediment delivery to streams from roads…. COMPLIES – Hydrology report indicates reduced sediment production from the affected segment of M3 over time.
Heritage Resources (pg IV – 22)
3. Whenever heritage resources might be affected by an activity, protect the properties or resource sites until they…. The proposed action is an exempt undertaking (Stipulation III(E)) under terms of the *First Amended Regional Programmatic Agreement Among the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region, California State Historic Preservation Officer, and Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Process for Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Undertakings on the National Forests of the Pacific Southwest Region* (2001).
Recreation (pp IV – 28, 29)
1. Integrate recreation planning and management with other management activities through the Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) as reflected by the ROS objectives specified in this plan, and shown on the ROS map accompanying this Plan… COMPLIES – The ROS classification for the areas in which this segment of M3 is located is 'roaded natural'. The proposed approval of mixed use is compatible with this ROS class.

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Direction Consistency evaluation
2. Separate conflicting recreational uses to the extent practical and consistent with Management Area objectives. COMPLIES – The main recreational use of the areas served by this segment of M3 is hunting. Use of vehicles to get to camp and to travel from camp to hunting areas is a nearly universal aspect of the hunting experience in the area. OHV use on M3 would not conflict with this existing use. It would enhance the experience for hunters that currently use OHVs to travel the maintenance level 2 roads that connect to M3. This segment of M3 is also used for vehicle access to the West Crocket and other minor trailheads to Snow Mountain Wilderness. OHV use on M3 should not conflict with that use either.
4. Coordinate OHV planning and management with Federal, State, and local agencies, adjacent landowners, and other interested individuals and organizations. COMPLIES – The extensive public involvement to date has offered ample opportunity for interested parties to participate in the development and review of the proposed action.
5. Revise and implement an OHV plan consistent with the management objectives of the Forest Plan. COMPLIES - This direction applies because the proposed action would revise the OHV plan by adding OHV-useable mileage to the system in the form of maintenance level 2, mixed-use road. The proposed action is consistent with the objectives of the Forest Plan as explained in this document.
Riparian and Aquatic Ecosystems (pg IV- 30
1d. Maintain and restore water quality necessary to support healthy riparian, aquatic, and wetland ecosystems. Water quality must remain within the range that maintains the biological, physical, and chemical integrity of the system and benefits survival, growth, reproduction, and migration of individuals composing aquatic and riparian communities. COMPLIES – The proposed action all will reduce the average annual sediment production from the affected road segment. Watershed analyses found that reductions in road related sediment production would contribute to restoring water quality [hydrology report].
1e. Maintain and restore the sediment regime under which aquatic ecosystems evolved. Elements of the sediment regime include the timing, volume, rate, and character of sediment input, storage, and transport. COMPLIES - The proposed action will reduce the average annual sediment production from the affected road segment. Watershed analyses found that reductions in road related sediment production would contribute to restoring the sediment regime in terms of the volume, rate and character of sediment

Table 1 – Forest-wide Standards and Guides
Direction Consistency evaluation
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1i. Maintain and restore habitat to support well-distributed populations of native plant, invertebrate and vertebrate riparian-dependent species. COMPLIES - The proposed action will reduce the average annual sediment production from the affected road segment. Reductions in fine sediments contributes to restoring habitat for aquatic invertebrates and vertebrates
Watershed & Water Quality (pp IV – 40, 41)
1d. Implement Best Management Practices (BMP) to meet water quality objectives and maintain and improve the quality of surface water on the Forest. Identify methods and techniques for applying the BMPs during project level environmental analysis and incorporate them into the associated project plan and implementation document… COMPLIES - Routine road maintenance activities are conducted according to MNF Road Maintenance and Repair Project Design Standards, which identifies methods and techniques for applying BMPs.

Table 2 – Management Area Direction
Direction Consistency
MA 6 Alder (pg IV – 104)
No applicable direction
MA 9 Bowery (pp IV – 116)
No applicable direction
MA 18 Refuge (pg IV – 154)
2. All activities within this management area are to be implemented in accordance with the LSR management prescription. COMPLIES – LSR Rx consistency, documented below in Table 3, satisfies consistency with this standard.
5. Develop road management objectives for maintenance …that are compatible with wildlife management objectives. COMPLIES – The emphasis in this management area is on species that are dependent on late-successional forest. Consistency of the proposed change of road management with the LSR Rx, documented below in Table 3, satisfies consistency with this standard.

Table 3 – Prescription Direction
Direction Consistency
Rx 6 – Late Successional Reserve (pp IV – 65)
7. Allow nonsilvicultural activities inside LSRs that are neutral or beneficial to the creation and maintenance of late-successional habitat. While most existing uses and developments may remain, it may be necessary to modify or eliminate some current activities in LSRs that pose adverse impacts.… COMPLIES – The project is confined to an existing system road and complies with the Regional programmatic design criteria for route designation. We are awaiting the result of Regional focused studies before we evaluate existing OHV trails. As of September 2007, these studies do not indicate any need for changes. Changes may be warranted following the final data analysis and reports

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