

Appendix Z

Consideration of Comments on the Proposed Action

Pursuant to 36 CFR §215.6(b)

Project Name: Close Trail 68

Publication Date of Notice of Opportunity to Comment: 27 October 2007, in Chico Enterprise Record

Ending Date of Comment Period: 26 November 2007

Distribution of Draft Environmental Documents: Draft EA (dated 23 October 2007), Draft FONSI (dated 25 October 2007), final Appendices C & D, draft Appendix L were sent to those that either provided scoping comments or specifically requested the draft documents. Distribution was via email (13 recipients). A copy of the notice was sent to those who had expressed any general interest in the route designation process – 128 snail mail recipients; 115 email recipients. A copy of the notice was also sent to listserv FS-ROUTE-DESIGNATION@newsbox.usda.gov. Draft documents were also posted to the MNF route designation web page. News releases were issued to local and regional newspapers, radio, and television stations.

Number of Individuals	2
Number of Organizations	0
Number of Government Entities	0
Total Number of Commenters	2

¹ An additional supportive comment was received after the close of the comment period. It is not included in these statistics.

Table 2 - Commenters			
Name	Representing	Non-Substantive Comment Numbers²	Substantive Comment Numbers³
Kilkenny, Anne	Self		1
Crider, Allen	Self	2	

Comment Analysis

The comments received during the comment period were assessed to determine which were substantive and which were not. Comments must be substantive to be considered by the Responsible Official [36 CFR 215.6(b)].

The responses in Table 3 below are either a) only expressions of interest that do not make a comment, or b) comments that do not meet one or more of the criteria for substantive comments as defined in 36 CFR 215.2:

- The comment is within the scope of the proposed action.
- The comment is specific to the proposed action.
- The comment has a direct relationship to the proposed action.
- The comment includes supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider.

Table 3 – Non-Substantive Comments & Expressions of Interest	
#	Response Determination and reasons
2	Closure... of Trail 68 is ok with me! The comment did not include any supporting reasons.

² Comment numbers correspond to those in Table 4.

³ Comment numbers correspond to those in Table 5.

The comments listed in Table 4 below satisfy the definition of a substantive comment. For each comment an explanation is given of how the comment was considered.

Table 4 - Substantive Comments	
#	Comment How the comment was considered.
1	<p>I continue to SUPPORT the closure of Trail 68 for the following reasons... [cites six reasons].</p> <p>This comment that is supportive of the proposed action. It includes reasons that reiterate aspects of the purpose and need for the proposed action, which are discussed in the environmental assessment, pp. 4 & 6, and in Appendix D.</p>

Administrative Review Opportunities

I have determined that during the comment period the only comments submitted are supportive of this proposal and that there were no other expressions of interest. Therefore my decision on this proposed action will not be subject to appeal [36 CFR §215.12(e)(1)].

s/Thomas A. Contreras

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Date