

Close OHV Trail 68

**USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region
Upper Lake Ranger District, Mendocino National Forest
Lake County, California**

Proposed Action

The Forest Service is proposing to close and decommission trail 85468, which dead-ends at private land (refer to Trail Closure maps). The trail is about 2.7 miles long. The trail would be blocked to traffic on each end. Prior to closure, drainage features would be maintained as needed to assure proper drainage after closure. The trail is situated so as to be hydrologically stable, and should recover on its own without further intervention besides preventing vehicle use.

Purpose and Need

This trail is not connected to any other routes that are designated for OHV use. It is connected to a maintenance level 3 road at its north end, and terminates at private land on its south end. It does not form any loops with other OHV routes that are open to the public. These characteristics of the trail have had the effect of encouraging both trespass onto private land and unauthorized vehicle use on National Forest land. The private land trespass has been reported to the Forest Service for many years. Other, less drastic prevention measures (such as signing and not showing private roads on the OHV trail map) have not been effective in controlling the problem.

This proposal implements the following Forest Plan direction:

- It implements the following Forest-wide Standard & Guide:
 - Recreation #4 – Coordinate OHV planning and management with Federal, State, and local agencies, adjacent landowners, and other interested individuals and organizations. [Forest Plan, p. IV- 29]