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Fishlake National Forest



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FISHLAKE NATIONAL FOREST TO STUDY OHV ROUTE DESIGNATIONS

RICHFIELD, Utah -- Natural resource specialists on the Fishlake National Forest will begin a process to designate routes for motorized and non-motorized recreational opportunities. The move became necessary due to the increased use of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) on the forest. Dale Bosworth, Chief of the Forest Service, has named unmanaged recreation as a major threat to all the national forest system of lands.

The Fishlake NF hopes to adopt a management plan that will protect the land while ensuring the sustainability of OHV recreation locally. The route designation process will follow guidelines that have been promulgated by national policy, which will be forthcoming in the summer of 2004. Cross-country travel by OHVs will be generally prohibited, and decisions on which roads, trails, and areas to designate will be made at the local level.

The following public meetings have been scheduled to explain the process and to discuss routes on the Fishlake NF.

- June 15 Snow College Conference Room 147, Richfield, 6:30 p.m.
- June 16 Millard High School, Fillmore, 7:00 p.m.
- June 17 Civic Center, Loa, 7:00 p.m.
- June 22 10th Street Center, Beaver, 7:00 p.m.
- June 23 Public Library, 210 E. 400 S., 4th Floor, Salt Lake City, 7:00 p.m.
- June 24 Piute Event Center, Junction, 7:00 p.m.
- June 29 American Legion Hall, Salina, 7:00 p.m.

If you are unable to attend any of the scheduled meetings, you may mail your comments to: Forest Supervisor, Fishlake National Forest, 115 E. 900 N., Richfield, UT 84701, or e-mail them to: comments-intermtn-fishlake@fs.fed.us. Please put in the subject line of your e-mail, Fishlake OHV Route Designation Project. For more information visit the project website: www.fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake/projects/ohv.shtml, or call (435) 896-1070.