

**Legal Notice  
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**NOTICE OF 30 DAY COMMENT PERIOD**

USDA - Forest Service  
Pacific Southwest Region  
Modoc National Forest  
Doublehead Ranger District

The Big Valley Ranger District has completed a draft environmental assessment for the Medicine Lake highlands Roads Closure Order.

**Proposed Action**

Permanently close 28 miles of existing National Forest System (NFS) roads and 6.64 miles of known unauthorized user created routes. Restrict wheeled motorized vehicle travel by the public to designated NFS roads in the Medicine Lake Area. Authorized users would not be affected. This would not prohibit the use of over-snow vehicles during the winter time and for the purposes of this proposal, a wheelchair is not considered to be a motor vehicle. There will be 45 miles of NFS roads, within the project area, left open for public access.

<b>Roads Remaining Open for Public Use</b>	
<b>Route Number</b>	<b>Miles</b>
43A17B	0.1
43A21A	0.1
43A47AA	0.1
43A48	0.1
43A48A	0.3
43A48D	0.2
43A53YA	0.1
43N17	2.9
43N19	0.5
43N19A	0.5
43N19B	0.1
43N21	2.5
43N32	0.6
43N42	1.8
43N44	0.1
43N47A	0.6
43N47B	0.3
43N48	4.6
43N53	1.6
43N53Y	2
43N55	0.4
43N56	0.9
43N58	0.3
43N59	0.3
43N60	0.3
43N99	9.1

<b>Roads Remaining Open for Public Use</b>	
<b>Route Number</b>	<b>Miles</b>
44B17A	0.1
44B17C	0.1
44N17	4.6
44N75	9.9
44N75C	0.1
44N75D	0.2
<b>Total Miles of Road Remaining Open</b>	<b>45.4</b>

<b>Roads Closed for Public Use</b>	
<b>Route Number</b>	<b>Miles</b>
42N22	0.8
43A01A	0.1
43A21B	0.7
43A21C	0.5
43A42A	0.2
43A48A	0.8
43A48B	0.1
43A48D	1.4
43A48DA	0.7
43A48DB	0.3
43A53A	1.1
43A53B	0.1
43A53C	0.9
43A53D	0.4
43A53E	0.5
43A66A	0.2
43A99A	0.8
43A99B	1.4
43N01	1.2
43N01A	0.3
43N01B	0.4
43N01C	0.4
43N15	0.3
43N17A	0.6
43N23	1.7
43N23B	0.6
43N23C	0.4
43N29	1.2
43N29A	0.8
43N32	1.2
43N39	0.7
43N42A	0.5
43N42B	0.4
43N47	0.9
43N47A	0.7
43N56	1.1

<b>Roads Closed for Public Use</b>	
<b>Route Number</b>	<b>Miles</b>
43N66	1.3
43N66A	0.4
44A75BA	0.4
44A75BC	0.3
44A75BD	0.1
44A75BE	0.1
44B75A	0.1
44B75B	0
44N75B	0.7
<b>Total Miles Closed</b>	<b>27.8</b>

The responsible official will decide whether to adopt and implement the proposed action which will permanently close 28 miles of existing roads and 6.64 miles of known unauthorized user created routes. This will restrict public use to 45 miles of designated NFS roads in the area, or to take no action which will allow the current management direction to remain in place.

### **Location**

The proposed action is located within a portion of the Medicine Lake Highlands in portions of T42N, R3E; T43N, R3E; T44N, R3E; and T43N, R4E. All of this area is contained within the *Medicine Lake Highlands Traditional Cultural Property District* that has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the Register in 1999. The area has important historic and present day cultural value to the Tribes of the area.

Copies of the environmental assessment and additional information may be obtained by contacting:

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Copies are also available the Doublehead Ranger District Office in Tulelake, California and at the Modoc National Forest Supervisor's Office in Alturas, CA, and on the Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc/projects/environmentalanalysis.shtml>

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