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Dear Stakeholder:

The Forest Service has conducted an environmental analysis of the Lassen National Forest Over-snow Vehicle (OSV) Use Designation. A draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) is now available online at the Lassen National Forest website at <http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/fs-usda-pop.php?project=45832>. The draft discloses the analysis of the environmental impacts of designating snow trails and areas of National Forest System land for OSV use, as well as the grooming of snow trails for OSV use.

The DEIS contains a no action alternative which continues current OSV management, as well as the proposed action and two other action alternatives. Additional information regarding this project can be obtained from Christopher O'Brien, Ecosystems and Public Services Staff Officer for the Lassen National Forest, at 530-252-6698.

The Lassen National Forest Over-Snow Vehicle Use Designation is an activity implementing a land management plan. Therefore, this activity is subject to pre-decisional administrative review consistent with subparts A and B of 36 CFR part 218.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 218.25, comments on this proposed project will be accepted for 45 days beginning on the first day after the date of publication of the Notice of Availability of this DEIS in the Federal Register. The Notice of Availability for the Lassen OSV Use Designation DEIS will be published in the Federal Register on January 29, 2016. If the comment period ends on a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday, comments will be accepted until the end of the next Federal working day. The publication date of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this proposal. You should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Only individuals or entities (as defined by 36 CFR 218.2) who submit timely and specific written comments about this proposed project or activity during this or another public comment period established by the Responsible Official will be eligible to file an objection. Comments should be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and must include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider (36 CFR 218.2). Other eligibility requirements are defined by 36 CFR 218.25 (a)(3) and include name, postal address, title of the project and signature or other verification of identity upon request and the identity of the individual or entity who authored the comments. Individual members of an entity must submit their own individual comments in order to have eligibility to object as an individual. A timely submission will be determined as outlined in 36 CFR 218.25(a)(4). It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure timely receipt of any comments submitted.



Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the Agency with the ability to provide the respondent with subsequent environmental documents.

Submit comments to me, Forest Supervisor of the Lassen National Forest, by one of the following methods; mail: 2550 Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130; telephone: (530) 257-2151; facsimile: (530) 252-6463; or email: comments-pacificsouthwest-lassen@fs.fed.us with Subject: Comments on Lassen OSV Designation in order to be considered when making the final decision. Office hours, for those who wish to hand deliver their comments, are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday (except Federal holidays). Acceptable formats for electronic comments are text or html e-mail, Adobe portable document format, and formats viewable in Microsoft Office applications (.doc or .docx).

Sincerely,



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Forest Supervisor