

**Legal Notice of Opportunity to Object**  
**Lassen National Forest Over-snow Vehicle Use Designation**  
**USDA Forest Service**  
**Lassen National Forest**  
**Notice of Objection: Lassen National Forest Over-snow Vehicle Use Designation**

The Forest Service is proposing to designate trails and areas for over-snow vehicle (OSV) use and to identify snow trails that will be groomed for OSV use on the Lassen National Forest. This decision will be effective on the Lassen National Forest within Lassen, Shasta, Tehama, Butte, Plumas, Siskiyou, and Modoc Counties, California

The responsible official for this decision is Forest Supervisor Russell Hays. A final environmental impact statement (FEIS) and draft record of decision (ROD) have been prepared. The Forest Supervisor is planning to implement Alternative 4 with modifications. This decision designates approximately 900,680 acres (83.4%) of the Lassen National Forest for public OSV use, and 398 miles of snow trail on the Lassen National Forest for public OSV use. It also identifies 349 miles of snow trail to be groomed for public OSV use by the Lassen National Forest's OSV trail grooming program.

The FEIS and draft ROD are available for your review and opportunity to object. They can be found on the Lassen National Forest website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45832>. Notice of document availability will be sent to those who submitted comments on the DEIS. Paper copies of these documents are available upon request.

The proposed project is an activity implementing a land management plan and not authorized under the HFRA; therefore it is subject to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Objections will only be accepted from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or other designated opportunities for public comment in accordance with 36 CFR 218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must also be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless the issue is based on new information arising after the designated comment opportunities.

The following address should be used for objections sent by regular mail to: Objection Reviewing Officer, USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592. Objections sent by private carrier or hand delivery must go to: Objection Reviewing Officer, USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm, excluding Federal holidays. Objections can be faxed to the Objection Reviewing Officer at (707)562-9229. The fax coversheet must include a subject line with "Lassen OSV Designation Objection" and should specify the number of pages being submitted. Electronic objections must be submitted to the Objection Reviewing Officer via email to

[objections-pacificsouthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:objections-pacificsouthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us), with "Lassen OSV Designation Objection" in the subject line. Electronic submissions must be submitted in a format that is readable with optical character recognition software (e.g. Word, PDF, Rich Text) and be searchable. An automated response should confirm your electronic objection has been received.

Objections must meet the minimum content requirements of 36 CFR §218.8(d), and include the following information: 1) the objector's name and address, with a telephone number or email address, if available; 2) a signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a

scanned signature for email may be filed with the objection); 3) when multiple names are listed on an objection, identification of the lead objector as defined in 36 CFR §218.2 (verification of the identity of the lead objector shall be provided upon request); 4) the name of the project being objected to, the name and title of the responsible official, and the name of the national forest and ranger district on which the project will be implemented; 5) a description of those aspects of the project addressed by the objection, including specific issues related to the project and, if applicable, how the objector believes the environmental analysis or draft decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested remedies that would resolve the objection; and supporting reasons for the reviewing officer to consider; and 6) a statement that demonstrates the connection between prior specific written comments on the particular project or activity and the content of the objection, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the designated opportunity for formal comment. With certain exceptions, all documents referenced in the objection must be included with the objection and incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in 36 CFR §218.8(b).

Objections, including attachments, must be filed with the appropriate reviewing officer within 45 calendar days following publication of this legal notice of the objection filing period in the Lassen County Times, which is the newspaper of record for Forest Supervisor decisions on the Lassen National Forest. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Objectors should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer pursuant to 36 CFR §218.9. All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process. Responses that do not adhere to these requirements make review of an objection difficult and are conditions under which the reviewing officer may set aside an objection pursuant to 36 CFR §218.10.

For more information or to request a copy of the FEIS and draft ROD, please contact Christopher O'Brien, Ecosystems and Public Services Staff Officer at the Lassen National Forest at 530-252-6698 or by email at [cjobrien@fs.fed.us](mailto:cjobrien@fs.fed.us) with "Lassen OSV Designation" in the subject line.

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