

**Deschutes National Forest – Bend-Fort Rock Ranger District
Kapka Butte Sno-Park Update – November 21, 2011**

Where we are in the process:

A Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be released for an additional 45 day comment period in December, 2011.

We are doing a Draft Supplemental EIS to evaluate a fifth alternative in response to public comments concerning visitor safety. The fifth alternative will assess the effects of constructing a Sno-Park to accommodate 70 vehicle with trailers on the east side of RD 45 and a separate Sno-Park to accommodate 40 passenger vehicles on the west side of RD 45 adjacent to the proposed Nordic Trails. There will not be any other substantive changes between the first Draft EIS and the supplemental Draft EIS.

The public does not need to re-submit comments during the comment period for the draft supplemental if the substance of their comments has not changed. The Response to Comments in the Final EIS will address all comments from both comment periods. The Final EIS should be released in April or May of 2012.

Other alternatives looked at only building one parking area to accommodate 50-110 vehicles. There is more information about the other alternatives in the Kapka Butte Draft EIS Alternative summary.

Kapka Butte Sno-Park Project Timeline

Funding Timeline:

FHWA Grant Funding – Forest Highway Enhancement Project

Grant Awarded: September 2005

Planning (EIS), Design and Construction: \$461,000

Planning Timeline:

Initial public scoping - 2006

Proposal was revised and scoping for current proposal – January 2009

Draft Environmental Impact Statement 45 day public comment period: April 15-May 30, 2011

Extension of the comment period: May 31-June 30, 2011

Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement 45 day public comment period: December 2011

Final Environmental Impact Statement: April/May 2012

Construct: Summer 2013

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