Notice of Public Scoping
Deschutes County Road Department Sand Shed Project
Deschutes National Forest
Bend-Fort Rock Ranger District

The Bend-Fort Rock Ranger of the Deschutes National Forest would like your comments concerning a proposal received in June of 2005 from the Deschutes County Road Department requesting approval to construct, operate and maintain a road sanding material storage facility on National Forest System lands. An environmental document is being prepared and your input will help us identify issues that are important to the public.

The proposed project area is located west of the town of Sunriver and south of Forest Road 40 adjacent to Little Ann’s cinder pit. The legal description is Township 20 South, Range 10 East, Section 11. The area is managed as ‘General Forest’ and ‘Scenic Views’ as designated under the Deschutes National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.

The proposed action would involve building two structures – a 60’x110’ sand storage shed and a 50’x80’ equipment storage building. Approximately 3.5 acres of space will need to be cleared to allow for construction of the buildings and to provide an area for storage of cinders, driveways and room equipment to maneuver. It may be necessary to remove some trees from the project area, particularly near the southern boundary.

Please submit your comments by April 14, 2006 to the Responsible Official, District Ranger Phil Cruz, at 1230 NE Third Street, Suite A-262, Bend, OR 97701; phone (541) 383-4000; FAX (541) 383-4700; email address:comments-pacificnorthwest-deschutes-bend-ftrock@fs.fed.us. Those submitting hand-delivered comments may do so during the regular office hours of 7:45 to 4:30 Monday through Friday except legal holidays. Those submitting electronic copies must do so only to the email address listed above, must put the project name in the subject line, and must either submit comments as part of the e-mail message or as an attachment only in one of the following three formats: Microsoft Word, rich text format (rtf) or Adobe Portable Document Format (pdf). For more information, please call Linda Carlson at (541) 383-4710.