

READER'S GUIDE

This Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) contains supplemental information about proposed use and resulting environmental effects associated with **Motorized Vehicle Use on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest**.

The purpose for supplementing the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) dated December 3, 2009, is to clarify issues, expand on analyses, and provide additions, changes and corrections that are responsive to issues brought forth from administrative appeals of the FEIS.

This DSEIS analysis supplements, is tiered to, and incorporates by reference the Administrative Record for the 2009 FEIS and its Record of Decision (ROD) for Motorized Vehicle Use on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest.

Understanding the structure of this DSEIS document is important to an overall understanding of the information presented in this supplement. Edits were completed throughout this document to provide clarification of information previously presented. All modifications, clarifications, or additions for each section will be framed within a box. Other minor corrections, explanations and edits have also been made. This document is designed to supplement the existing 2009 FEIS document by adding information and analysis to Chapter I (Purpose and Need), Chapter II (Alternatives), and Chapter III (Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences). In some cases (as noted), it will replace certain sections of these FEIS chapters. This supplemental process will then allow the latest and most complete information and analysis to include the 2009 FEIS concurrent and integrated with the 2011 supplemental information and analysis.

The following provides an overview of the components of this document.

Summary: The summary included in this DSEIS provides a concise overview of the analysis process, information, and consequence analyses presented in the complete text the document. The format for this Summary is adapted from "Eight NEPA Questions" (8 questions any EA or EIS should readily answer), developed by Owen L. Schmidt, Attorney, formerly with USDA, OGC Portland OR.

Table of Contents: A table of contents is presented at the beginning of the document. It includes specific page reference to the primary Chapters of the EIS and to three levels into the outline structure of these Chapters. Lists of maps, tables, figures, and the contents of the appendices are also included in the Table of Contents.

Chapter I - Purpose and Need: Chapter I provides a background to the proposal and the Travel Management Rule, describes the Purpose and Need for the proposal, and the scope of analysis. It briefly describes the Proposed Action and identifies the decision framework. A summary of applicable management direction is also provided. The final sections describe Scoping and other public involvement activities, identification of issues, including Significant, Other, and Out of Scope Issues.

Chapter II - Alternatives: Chapter II includes a description of the alternative development process, describes alternatives considered in detail, including Alternative 1-No Action, which represents the current condition. The Action Alternatives are comprised of: Alternative 2, would designate the current condition, excluding cross-country travel, with Plan Amendments be consistent with the Travel Management Rule, and enact site-specific route Plan Amendments to make current use consistent with the Forest Plans; Alternative 3, the Proposed Action, based on the Forest's Travel Analysis process, and aims to strike a balance for various forms of motorized use; it would also implement the Travel Management Rule with Plan Amendments; Alternative 4 addresses the significant resource issues identified in Chapter I through some reduction in motorized use over current conditions; and Alternative 5, which combines elements from Alternatives 3 and 4. Alternative 5 was developed as a result of the analysis in the DEIS and public comments.

Each alternative considered in detail is presented, including function and description, as well as District- and Forest-specific elements where appropriate. Mitigation measures, monitoring requirements, and an implementation strategy for the Action Alternatives are also discussed. The final section presents a comparison of alternatives, in a table format, of the components contained within alternatives, the alternative's response to the Significant Issues (i.e., environmental consequences), and the alternative's response to Other Issues.

Chapter III - Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences: Chapter III describes the current physical, biological, and human social, and economic conditions within the area of influence of the Alternatives Considered in Detail (organized by and referred to in terms of the various Significant and Other Issues, as described in Chapter I). Also described is attainment of Purpose and Need. This information provides the baseline for assessing and comparing the potential consequences of the Action Alternatives, and No Action.

Chapter IV - References: This chapter of the document provides a list of sources of information, literature and data used to prepare this EIS.

Chapter V - List of Preparers and Contributors: Chapter V provides a summary of the responsibilities for project leadership, and resource specialists with input into the preparation of this EIS and other agency personnel who provided data, review, and/or information.

Chapter VI - List of Agencies and Organizations to Whom Copies of the Statement Are Sent: Chapter VI contains the names of the agencies, organizations, and individuals who were provided copies of the EIS.

Glossary: Definitions of key or technical words used in the EIS are included in a section that follows Chapter VI.

Appendices: Seven appendices are included with the DSEIS. They contain technical and support information that is important to understanding the process and analysis: **APPENDIX A** is reserved for responses to substantive comments received during this DSEIS comment period; **APPENDIX B** summarizes Forest Plan direction for motorized use and contains detail on proposed Forest Plan Amendments; **APPENDIX C** contains terrestrial wildlife species accounts, **APPENDIX D** summarizes watershed, hydrologic and soils characteristics, **APPENDIX E** contains a compilation of current Forest Orders, **APPENDIX F** contains a Port-Orford cedar risk key, and **APPENDIX G** contains aquatics and fisheries species accounts.

List of Frequently Used Acronyms and Abbreviations: follow, as part of this Reader's Guide.

Frequently Used Acronyms and Abbreviations

4WD	Four wheel drive	NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
ACS	Aquatic Conservation Strategy	NOA	Naturally occurring asbestos
ACSO	Aquatic Conservation Strategy Objectives	NOAA	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
AMA	Adaptive Management Area	NOI	Notice of Intent
ANSI	American National Standard Institute	NRCS	Natural Resource Conservation Service
AQMA	Air Quality Management Area	NRF	Nesting, Roosting, Foraging (owl habitat)
ATV	All-terrain vehicle	NSO	Northern Spotted Owl
BE	Biological Evaluation	NWFP	Northwest Forest Plan
BLM	Bureau of Land Management	OAR	Oregon Administrative Rules
BMPs	Best Management Practices	ODA	Oregon Department of Agriculture
ca	Circa	ODEQ	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
CA	California	ODFW	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
CAA	Clean Air Act	ONHP	Oregon Natural Heritage program
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality	OHV	Off-highway vehicle
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	ORV	Off-road vehicle
CH	Critical Habitat	OR	Oregon
CHU	Critical Habitat Unit	ORS	Oregon Revised Statutes
CVC	California Vehicle Code	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health
CWA	Clean Water Act	PETS	Proposed, Endangered, Threatened, Sensitive
DBH	Diameter at breast height	PCNST	Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail
DD	Detrimental disturbance	PL	Public Law
DEIS	Draft Environmental Impact Statement	PL	<i>Phytophthora lateralis</i>
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	PM	particulate matter
EFH	Essential Fish Habitat	PNW	Pacific Northwest
EO	Executive Order	POC	Port-Orford-cedar
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement	ppm	Parts per million
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	R.	Range
ESA	Endangered Species Act	R6	Forest Service Region Six
ESU	Evolutionary Significant Unit	RARE	Roadless Area Review and Evaluation
F	Fahrenheit (temperature)	RD	Ranger District
FEIS	Final Environmental Impact Statement	RMO	Road Management Objectives
FPO	Forest Protection Officer	RNA	Research Natural Area
FR	Federal Register	ROD	Record of Decision
FS	Forest Service	RRNF	Rogue River National Forest
FSH	Forest Service Handbook	RRSNF	Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest
FSM	Forest Service Manual	RS	Revised Statute
FWS	Fish and Wildlife Service	S.	South
GIS	Geographic Information Systems	S&G	Standard and Guideline
IDT	Interdisciplinary Team	SAE	Society of Automotive Engineers
IRA	Inventoried Roadless Area	SHPO	State Historic Preservation Office
LEI	Law Enforcement and Investigation	SNF	Siskiyou National Forest
LEO	Law Enforcement Officer	SOD	Sudden oak death
LRMP	Land and Resource Management Plan	SRI	Soil Resource Inventory
LSR	Late-Successional Reserve	SW	Southwest
LSRA	Late-Successional Reserve Assessment	T.	Township
MA	Management Area	TES	Threatened, Endangered, Sensitive
MBTA	Migratory Bird Treaty Act	TMO	Trail Management Objectives
MIS	Management Indicator Species	TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load
ML	Maintenance Level	TSP	Total Suspended Particulates
MS	Management Strategy	TSRC	Total soil resource commitment
MVUM	Motor Vehicle Use Map	US	United States
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards	USC	United States Code
MIH	May impact individuals or habitat	USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act	USDI	United States Department of Interior
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act	USFS	United States Forest Service
NF	National Forest	USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
NFMA	National Forest Management Act	VQO	Visual Quality Objective
NFS	National Forest System	W.M.	Willamette Meridian
NFSL	National Forest System Lands	WO	Washington Office (Forest Service)
NFTS	National Forest Transportation System	WQL	Water Quality Limited
NIHL	Noise induced hearing loss	WQMP	Water Quality Management Plan
NLAA	Not Likely to Adversely Affect		

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