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Date: June 1, 2016

Dear Participant:

Thank you for your interest in the Travel Management Plan for Motorized Vehicle Use on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. Previously, I provided you notice on September 25, 2015, of the availability of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and *draft* Record of Decision (ROD).

After working with interested organizations and individuals through the objection resolution process, I have now modified, finalized and signed the ROD. The ROD and other project documents are available for viewing or download on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=33404>. If not included herein, you may also request a paper or electronic copy from the contacts listed below.

I have added additional modifications to my decision described in the *draft* ROD (modified Alternative 5). These additional modifications address concerns raised through the objection process and encompass voluntary changes, clarifications, and mapping errors. Refer to pages 2 thru 8 of the ROD for a full description of the 16 modifications.

The selected, modified Alternative 5 designates 4,434 miles of roads open to the general public, with 3,082 miles open to mixed use, which includes both highway-legal and off-highway vehicles. There are 180 miles of designated motorized trails and a 15 acre off-highway play area (Woodruff) on the High Cascades District. Cross-country travel is closed on the remaining 274,670 acres that were previously open under the two Forest Plans. A detailed description of my decision, as well as my rationale are contained in the ROD and its attachments.

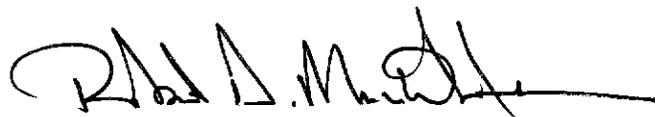
I appreciate the hard efforts of the many contributors to this motorized travel management planning effort. Through the compromises that everyone made, I feel confident that we have reached a balanced decision that incorporates protections for botanical, wildlife, soil and water resources, as well as user-conflicts, while maintaining unique motorized opportunities across our diverse landscape. Annual review of the Motorized Vehicle Use Map will continue to provide opportunities for interested participants to play an important role in shaping our Motorized Travel Management on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. I look forward to your engagement on these annual reviews.

There are no additional opportunities for administrative review of my decision. Publication of the Motor Vehicle Use Map can occur immediately after signing the ROD.



If you have any questions about the decision, please contact Roy Bergstrom, Recreation and Engineering Staff Officer, at rbergstrom@fs.fed.us or 541-618-2061 or David Krantz, Project Manager, at dkrantz@fs.fed.us or 541-618-2082.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert G. MacWhorter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

ROBERT G. MACWHORTER
Forest Supervisor