

Forest Service Requests Input Regarding Austin/Tonopah Combined Travel Management Plan

AUSTIN, Nevada...The Austin and Tonopah Ranger Districts, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, are requesting public input regarding these respective Ranger Districts' Motor Vehicle Use Maps (Travel Plan) to determine if there are any needed changes.

On July 13, 2009, a Decision Notice/Finding of No Significant Impact was signed for the Austin/Tonopah Ranger Districts Combined Travel Management Project. The decision designated which roads and trails were open to motorized use on the Austin and Tonopah Ranger Districts. In 2011, motor vehicle use maps were published for the Austin and Tonopah Ranger Districts in accordance with the decision signed in 2009.

Travel Management regulations at 36 CFR 212.54 provide for revision of designated roads, as needed. As the Austin and Tonopah Travel Management Plan has been implemented, District staff have received comments from the public that there are roads that were overlooked, roads that may not be passable to the vehicle class identified, and roads and trails that may need different designations. Between now and November of 2012, Austin and Tonopah District staff are requesting public comments and participation to identify where changes may be needed to the overall Forest Transportation System.

Over the next eight months, District staff will be available by appointment to review the maps and talk about specific concerns. The Austin Office is located at 100 Midas Canyon Road, in Austin, Nevada, and the Tonopah Office is located at 1400 S. Erie Main Street, in Tonopah, Nevada.

The Austin Office telephone number is 775-964-2671. The Tonopah Office telephone number is 775-482-6286.

All interested parties are encouraged to review the Austin and Tonopah Ranger Districts' Motor Vehicle Use Maps, which are available at the District Offices or on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest web site at:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/htnf/home/?cid=stelprdb5246242>

Learn more about this release by talking with Steven Williams, Austin and Tonopah District Ranger, at 775-964-2671.