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September 10, 2013

Randy Moore, Regional Forester
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Dear Mr. Moore:

On July 16, 2013 the Board of Supervisors for the County of El Dorado formally appealed the Record of Decision and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for the Eldorado National Forest Public Wheeled Motorized Travel Management Plan.

On August 7, Forest Supervisor Laurence Crabtree convened an informal disposition meeting with FSEIS appellants. While the informal disposition agreement does not address all of the appellant concerns including the County's, it does present an opportunity to work collaboratively on issues of mutual concern without costly and protracted litigation.

As such, the County of El Dorado hereby withdraws our appeal number 13-05-00-0041-A215 subject to the conditions of the attached informal disposition agreement. The attached agreement was approved by the Board of Supervisors at our September 10, 2013 meeting.

We commend Mr. Crabtree and the staff at the Eldorado National Forest for their effort to collaboratively resolve differences, and look forward to working with the Forest Service on future items of mutual concern.

Sincerely,

Ron Briggs, Chairman
Board of Supervisors
County of El Dorado

cc: Lawrence Crabtree, Eldorado National Forest Supervisor

Attachment

Based on the following agreement and conditional on all appellants concurrently withdrawing their appeals, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, would like to withdraw our appeal, number 13-05-00-0041-A215 of the Eldorado National Forest Travel Management Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

- The Eldorado National Forest will create a detailed corrective action plan with accelerated time tables (for analysis through completion) and funding commitments to bring the 18 routes into compliance with S&G 100. A cost benefit analysis would be considered in the prioritization of the corrective actions. As a result of careful design and planning, the 18 routes will be opened after necessary corrective actions related to vehicular traffic are implemented. As planning work for the corrective actions begins on each of the 18 routes, appellants will be notified and given the opportunity to provide input in the planning process as well as the scoping and comment period. Environmental analysis would be completed for each route and be compliant with Forest Service NEPA procedures. Where appropriate, corrective actions will be implemented with the help of the OHV community, the environmental community, and any other volunteers under the direction of the forest Service. If corrective actions are implemented in phases (not all meadows on the route at the same time), segments of routes where the work has been implemented with logical turn around points or destinations may be opened before corrective actions for the entire route are implemented as long as temporary physical closures are in place for the remaining segments of the route.
- Temporary physical closures will be utilized on the 18 routes by November 30, 2013 to eliminate public travel until corrective actions have been implemented.
- The other 24 routes will be evaluated relative to S&G 100 as it pertains to water features other than meadows within three years. Corrective actions will be designed and implemented as appropriate within four years.
- An environmental monitoring plan will be developed for the 42 routes within six months. The monitoring will begin after the corrective actions have been implemented on the 18 routes and after the evaluations have been completed on the 24 routes. The plan will include a site visit and visual inspection conducted twice a year by the Forest Service. Site visits will be conducted once at the opening of the routes in the spring and once in the fall, for the purpose of determining the presence of environmental impacts. At the end of five years the monitoring plan will be re-evaluated by the Forest Service. The results of this monitoring will be documented and sent to all appellants after each season, including an explanation of any corrective actions that are needed and whether they have been designed and implemented. Corrective actions to minimize impacts will be designed and implemented as appropriate.