

**File Code:** 1950

**Date:** June 20, 2016

Dear Friends and Neighbors of the St. Joe Ranger District:

I have issued a decision notice (DN) and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for the St. Joe Ranger District Travel Management Project. I decided to implement Alternative D, as described in the Travel Management Environmental Assessment (EA) with one modification for Trail 191, which will remain single-track motorized without a seasonal designation.

I want to express my gratitude for the time and effort that many of you spent over the years helping us get to this point. The extensive public involvement and collaboration we had for this project resulted in a decision that balances the public's desire for motorized access with our need to minimize damage to resources. Your input has been useful for my decision.

The Travel Management Project designates roads and trails for public, wheeled, motorized use by type of vehicle and time of year, as required by the Travel Management Rule (*Travel Management; Designated Routes and Areas/or Motor Vehicle Use; Final Rule*). The project area includes all lands managed by the St. Joe Ranger District in Shoshone, Benewah, Clearwater, and Latah Counties, Idaho, covering approximately 725,000 acres.

When the motor vehicle use map (MVUM) is published:

- Routes will be designated for full-size vehicles, off-highway vehicles less than or equal to 50 inches wide ( $\text{OHV} \leq 50''$ ), and motorcycles.
- Motor vehicle use off designated roads and trails will be prohibited except in limited areas for motorized access to existing dispersed camping sites.
- Motorized travel on established routes to existing dispersed camping sites will be permissible on National Forest System lands within a 300-foot corridor on either side of the center line of designated roads, and within a 100-foot corridor on either side of designated trails, as long as resource damage does not occur; except in the wild portion of the St. Joe Wild and Scenic River corridor and in recommended wilderness.
- Existing main access routes will be designated for full-size vehicles. *This decision does not change access on currently available main roads.*
- Some routes will only be available for motorized use during specified times of the year (seasonal).

The draft decision was subject to the Pre-decisional Administrative Review (Objection) Process under 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. This decision notice was finalized after review of objections by the objection reviewing officer and a meeting with the objectors. Details about the objection process are in the decision notice.



The decision notice, related documents, and maps are available on the internet at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/ipnf/landmanagement/projects/?cid=stelprd3848552> or at the St. Maries office of the St. Joe Ranger District.

For more information or to obtain copies of documents please contact Lynette Myhre at the St. Joe Ranger District, 222 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1, St. Maries, ID 83861; (208) 245-2531; or [lmyhre@fs.fed.us](mailto:lmyhre@fs.fed.us).

Sincerely,



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