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42 Route Project Update

Barrett 4wd Trail Reconstruction Project

"A Detailed Corrective Action Plan has been developed to prioritize planning work on the routes that remain closed as a result of the Travel Management SEIS Record of Decision."

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In April, 2014, the Forest Service completed an Environmental Assessment and Draft Decision Notice for the Barrett 4wd Trail Reconstruction project on the Pacific Ranger District. The Forest Service, with the help of volunteers, will reconstruct the Barrett trail in place at two meadows, and construct a 0.27 mile reroute around a third meadow. The section of trail being replaced will be restored and re-vegetated.

The decision for this project will be finalized in July or August at the conclusion of the mandatory objection period for the Decision Notice.

It is anticipated that the reconstruction project will be implemented between August and October 2014. If everything proceeds according to schedule, the route will be reopened to public wheeled motor vehicle use when trail conditions are dry in early summer, 2015.

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/eldorado>

- Watch for project updates on the Eldorado National Forest website
- Links to project pages for larger projects are being created. Barrett 4wd reconstruction project is the first project page.
- The Detailed Corrective Action Plan will also be posted on the website. It will be updated as work progresses on various routes.

Planning Work Underway on Remaining Routes

As the snow melts in the high country and field season gets underway, Forest Service teams are preparing for site visits and planning work on the remaining routes that were closed as a result of the Record of Decision on the Eldorado National Forest Travel Management SEIS.

While all of the routes will be visited this summer, a "Detailed Corrective Action Plan" has been developed to prioritize planning and implementation of projects. The plan is a further refinement of the original "Strategy for Planning Corrective Actions" in Appendix B of the Travel Management SEIS. The routes were grouped into three tiers, with the first tier being the highest priority, second tier next and third tier last. The Plan takes into account project complexity/cost, benefits, and other associated values.

Scheduling of planning work will also take into account logical geographical groupings of projects and available funding sources.

Preliminary assessments began in 2013 and will be completed in 2014 to look at the possible repairs for each route and associated costs. Team leaders have been assigned for each route to coordinate the preliminary assessments. The Detailed Corrective Action Plan is anticipated to be a working document that will be updated as work progresses on the various routes. Some projects may be relatively simple to plan and implement, while others will take longer. Project priorities and schedules may be adjusted as more information on project scope and costs becomes available. Team leaders for required environmental analysis (NEPA) will be identified following the preliminary assessments.

Detailed Corrective Action Plan

Tier 1

Tier 1 Projects:

- Relatively low complexity (nature of repair needed, resource issues and logistics)
- High demand for public motor vehicle use and/high level of public interest in the route
- Associated values (access to developed facilities or private lands, previous investment in the route)

<i>Route</i>	<i>Project Type</i>	<i>Preliminary Assessment / Design Status</i>	<i>NEPA Planning Funding</i>	<i>Team Leaders</i>	<i>Anticipated NEPA Dates</i>	<i>Anticipated Project Implementation</i>	<i>Funding for Implementation</i>
Amador Ranger District		Rick Hopson, Amador District Ranger					
09N08 Stockton Camp Road	Road Maintenance (access to Stockton Camp)	Initial visit 11/13; Engineer/ Hy- drologist/ C&M to visit 6/14	OHV Planning Grant	Preliminary Assessment: Micki Smith NEPA: TBD	2014	2015	Forest Service Funding
Pacific Ranger District		Richard Thornburgh, Pacific District Ranger					
16E21 Barrett Lake 4WD Trail	Trail Reconstruc- tion	Completed 10/13	OHV Ground Operations Grant and Forest Service Funding	Preliminary Assessment: Diana Erickson NEPA: Diana Erickson	Started 2013; Complete 07/14	7/14 - 10/14	OHV Ground Operations Grant and Forest Service Funding; Volunteers
14N39 Richardson Lake	Road Maintenance (first part to Richardson Lake)	Initial visits 2013; Engineer/ Hydrologist/ C&M to visit 6/14	OHV Planning Grant	Preliminary Assessment: Vince Pacific	Maintenance CE 5/14	7/14 - 10/14	Forest Service Funding; volunteers
Placerville Ranger District		Duane Nelson, Placerville District Ranger					
11NY32 47 Milestone	Road Maintenance Some work completed, additional work needed		FS preliminary visits 4/14 (Hydrologist); C&M to visit 5/14	Preliminary Assessment Cathy Bounds	Maintenance CE 5/14	Summer or Fall 2014	Forest Service Funding
10N98 Jim Quinn Springs	Road Maintenance	Road Maintenance	6/14 - 7/14	Preliminary Assessment Cathy Bounds	Maintenance CE 5/14	Summer or Fall 2014	Forest Service Funding

Detailed Corrective Action Plan—continued

Tier 2

Tier 2 Projects:

- Relatively high complexity (nature of repair needed, resource issues and logistics)
- High demand for public motor vehicle use and/high level of public interest in the route
- Associated values (access to developed facilities or private lands, previous investment in the route)

<i>Route</i>	<i>Project Type</i>	<i>Preliminary Assessment / Design Status</i>	<i>NEPA Planning Funding</i>	<i>Team Leaders</i>	<i>Anticipated NEPA Dates Start / End</i>	<i>Anticipated Project Implementation</i>	<i>Funding for Implementation</i>
Amador Ranger District		Rick Hopson, Amador District Ranger					
10N01B Woods Lake Spur	Road Maintenance	November 2013	SNC Grant	Preliminary Assessment: L. Hierholzer NEPA: TBD	In Progress; Estimated 2014	Fall 2014	TBD
10N13 Schneider Camp Road	Road Maintenance	November 2013	SNC Grant	Preliminary Assessment: L. Hierholzer NEPA:	In Progress; Estimated 2014	Fall 2014	TBD
19E01 (09N83) Clover Valley/Deer Valley Trail	TBD	Planned for 6/14 - 9/14	OHV Planning Grant	Preliminary Assessment: Diana Erickson NEPA: TBD	9/14 - 12/14	Summer 2016	TBD
16E26 4wd Trail (Squaw Ridge)	TBD	Planned for 6/14 - 9/14	OHV Planning Grant	Preliminary Assessment: Diana Erickson NEPA: TBD	9/14 - 12/14	Summer 2016	TBD
17E24 Carson Emigrant Trail	TBD	Initial visit hydro (Moser) 11/13; follow up 6/14 - 9/14	OHV Planning Grant	Preliminary Assessment: Diana Erickson NEPA: TBD	9/14 - 12/14	Summer 2016	TBD
09N01 Meadow Lakes Road	TBD	Planned for 6/14 - 9/14	OHV Planning Grant	Preliminary Assessment: Diana Erickson NEPA: TBD	7/15 - 12/15	Summer 2016	TBD

Detailed Corrective Action Plan—continued

Tier 2 Continued							
<i>Route</i>	<i>Project Type</i>	<i>Preliminary Assessment / Design Status</i>	<i>NEPA Planning Funding</i>	<i>Team Leaders</i>	<i>Anticipated NEPA Dates Start / End</i>	<i>Anticipated Project Implementation</i>	<i>Funding for Implementation</i>
Amador Ranger District, continued				Rick Hopson, Pacific District Ranger			
17E28 Long Valley Trail	Trail Maintenance	Planned for 6/14 - 9/14	Forest Service Funding	Preliminary Assessment: Diana Erickson NEPA: TBD	9/14 - 12/14	Summer 2016	TBD
Pacific Ranger District				Richard Thornburgh, Pacific District Ranger			
14N39 Richardson Lake 4WD Trail (upper part)	Road Repair/ possible reroute	Initial visits 2013; Engineer/ Hydrologist visits planned 6/14 - 9/14	OHV Ground Operations Grant	Preliminary Assessment: Diana Erickson NEPA: TBD	Starts October 2014	Summer 2016	TBD
Placerville Ranger District				Duane Nelson, Placerville District Ranger			
17E73 (10N13) Strawberry 4WD Trail	Trail Repair / possible reroute	Planned for 6/14 - 9/14; (Assigned to Enterprise Team; first visit 2nd week of June)	OHV Planning Grant for Strawberry Trail	Preliminary Assessment: Cathy Bounds/ Cam Lockwood NEPA: TBD	7/14 - 12/14	Summer 2016	TBD
16E27 (10N21) Long Canyon 4WD Trail	Trail Repair	Initial visit hydro 11/13; follow up 6/14 - 9/14	OHV Planning Grant	Preliminary Assessment: Cathy Bounds NEPA: TBD	7/15 - 12/15	Summer 2016	TBD
16E33 (11N23F) North Shanty Spur	Trail Repair	Initial visit hydro 11/13; follow up 6/14 - 9/14	Forest Service Funding	Preliminary Assessment: Cathy Bounds NEPA: TBD	7/15 - 12/15	Summer 2016	TBD
10N14 Mule Canyon	Road Maintenance	Engineer/ Hydrologist/ C&M to visit 5/14	OHV Ground Operations Grant	Preliminary Assessment: Cathy Bounds	Maintenance CE 5/14	Fall 2014	TBD

Detailed Corrective Action Plan—continued

Tier 3

Tier 3 Projects:

- May have relatively high complexity (nature of repair needed, resource issues and logistics)
- Relatively lower demand for public motor vehicle use and/lower level of public interest in the route
- Few associated values (access to developed facilities or private lands, previous investment in the route)

<i>Route</i>	<i>Project Type</i>	<i>Preliminary Assessment / Design Status</i>	<i>NEPA Planning Funding</i>	<i>Team Leaders</i>	<i>Anticipated NEPA Dates</i>	<i>Anticipated Project Implementation</i>	<i>Funding for Implementation</i>
Amador Ranger District		Rick Hopson, Amador DR					
17E19 Allen Camp MC Trail	Maintenance or possible reroute	Initial visit hydro (Moser) 11/13; follow up 6/14 - 9/14	OHV Planning Grant	Preliminary Assessment: Diana Erickson NEPA: TBD	9/14 - 12/14	Summer 2016	TBD
09N95 Consumes Head	Maintenance; (part of Foster Firs project)	Hydrologist, Botanist and Engineer have provided input as part of Foster Firs project	Forest Service Funding	Preliminary Assessment: Marc Young NEPA: Marc Young	In progress. Estimated 2014	2015	TBD
Placerville Ranger District		Duane Nelson, Placerville DR					
17E16 Little Round Top	TBD	Recreation staff visited 2013; Engineer/ Hydrologist to visit 5/14	Forest Service Funding	Preliminary Assessment: Cathy Bounds NEPA: TBD	7/15 - 12/15	Summer 2016	TBD

Physical Closure of Routes Status

<i>Route Number</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Type of Closure</i>
Amador Ranger District		Rick Hopson, Amador DR
09N01	Meadow Lakes Road	Closed behind County winter gate; need another closure behind county gate in spring
09N08	Stockton Camp Road	Closed behind County winter gate; need another closure behind county gate in spring
09N95	Consumes Head	Closed —Wooden barricade
10N01B	Spur off Woods Lake	Closed —Wooden barricades on west and east ends.
10N13	Schneider Camp Road	Closed —Temporary ranch gates on south and north ends.
16E26 (09N82)	4wd Trail (Squaw Ridge)	Close when accessible in Spring
17E19	Allen's Camp Trail	Closed behind County winter gate; need another closure behind county gate in spring
17E24	Carson Emigrant Trail	Closed —Wooden barricade on west end, close east end when accessible
17E28	Long Valley Trail	Closed behind County seasonal gate. Carsonite sign in trail; needs physical closure in Spring
19E01 (09N83)	Clover Valley/Deer Valley Trail	Closed behind County gate. need another closure behind county gate in spring
Pacific Ranger District		Richard Thornburgh, Pacific DR
14N39	Richardson Road	Closed —Wooden Bollards and closure signs
16E21 (11N26F)	Barrett Trail	Closed —Existing metal gate.
Placerville Ranger District		Duane Nelson, Placerville DR
10N14	Mule Canyon Road	Closed —Temporary ranch gates on south and north ends.
10N98	Jim Quinn Spur	Closed —Temporary ranch gate
11NY32	47 Milestone Road	Gate on order to be installed Spring 2014
16E27 (10N21)	Long Canyon	Closed —Temporary gates at 16E27 on west side of meadow 10N21-1 and 16E27 north side of meadow 10N21-4
16E33 (11N23F)	North Shanty Trail	Closed —Temporary gates on north and south ends.
17E16	Little Round Top Trail	Closed behind Schneider closure.
17E73 (10N13)	Strawberry Trail	Closed —Temporary ranch gate on north end and barrier on south end.