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Coalition for Public Access urges attendance at Forest Service scoping meeting

Submitted Article

The Bridgeport Ranger District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe Forest will hold a public scoping meeting to introduce its Travel Management Plan next Wednesday, December 10, at Smith Valley High School Multipurpose Room from 6:00-8:00 p.m., and the Coalition for Public Access is urging area residents to attend that meeting.

The plan will designate roads, trails and areas that are open to motor vehicles by class of vehicles, and by time of year. The rule prohibits the use of motor vehicles off the designated system, as well as use of motor vehicles on routes and in areas that are not designated, and forest visitors would no longer be authorized to drive cross-country to hunt, retrieve game, create dispersed camp sites, or engage in other cross-country motorized off-road recreation.

Maps will be available at the meeting so the public can view what roads will be designated for what kind of vehicles and the public is encouraged to find its favorite roads and make comments to the Forest Service.

A public meeting will also be held in Hawthorne on December 8 from 4:00 -6:00 p.m. at the Mineral County Public Library for scoping, and another meeting will be held in Bridgeport, CA, on December 9 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall.
