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BLM CARSON CITY DISTRICT **RMP PLANNING FACT SHEET** *Recreation and Travel Management*

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The BLM Carson City District (CCD) is developing the Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Carson City District planning area. The Carson City RMP will provide detailed information about the current state of resources on public lands within the planning area, and set forth a plan of action for managing those resources for the next twenty or so years under the BLM's multiple use mandate.

The CCD manages approximately 5 million acres of public lands that provide the public with a wide variety of recreational opportunities. During the RMP revision recreational planning issues will be addressed with the goal of providing quality recreational experiences while reducing conflicts with other resource demands.

RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREAS

During the planning process, the planning area will be evaluated and divided into three types of recreation management areas:

Special Recreation Management Areas:

SRMA's are areas that will be intensively managed for specific recreation purposes based upon unique opportunities the area can provide. Recreation will be the primary resource management objective.

Extended Recreation Management Areas:

ERMA's are areas that provide a general mix of recreational opportunities but do not contain unique recreational resources. Recreation will be managed equally with other resources and resource uses.

Public Lands Not Designated as Recreation

Management Areas: PLNDARMA are areas that do not meet the specifications for SRMA's or ERMA's. Recreation is not emphasized though recreational activities may occur.

DESIGNATED SRMA'S

Walker Lake Recreation Area and Indian Creek Recreation Area are two designated SRMA's in the planning area. Sand Mountain Recreation Area is an example of a recreation area that has not been officially designated as a SRMA but would meet the criteria for providing unique OHV opportunities.



Recreation activities in the CCD include motorized events ranging from motorcycle or truck and buggy races such as the annual Vegas to Reno OHV Race, to backcountry touring and rallies. Non-motorized events include hiking, fishing, boating, geocaching, equestrian competitions, mountain bike riding and dispersed camping.



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HAVE A FAVORITE RECREATION AREA ? Lets us know of any areas that provide unique recreational opportunities you would like us to evaluate for SRMA designation.

TRAVEL MANAGEMENT:

Travel and transportation are an integral part of virtually every activity that occurs on BLM-administered public lands. Recreation, management of livestock, wildlife, commodity resources, rights-of-way, access to private inholdings, maintenance of electronic sites, and the day-to-day management and monitoring of the CCD all rely on effective travel management planning. Motorized travel in the CCD ranges from standard passenger vehicles driving on maintained roads to off-highway vehicles (OHVs) operating on primitive roads and trails.

Executive Order 11644 and the Code of Federal Regulations (43 CFR Part 8340) require the BLM to establish OHV management areas and designate them as **open**, **closed**, or **limited** to motorized activities during the planning process.

OHV TRAVEL MANAGEMENT AREAS:

Open Areas are managed specifically for intensive OHV activities where cross country travel is permitted and users are not restricted to a designated route or trail system.

Limited Areas allow for motorized travel on existing roads and trails within the designated area but may be limited by specific designations such as season of use, types of vehicle (4WD, motorcycle, ATV) or street legal vehicles.

Closed Areas prohibit all motorized travel to protect a specific resource or provide for public safety.

A COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL MANAGEMENT APPROACH

A defined travel and transportation network will be developed during the planning process by engaging the general public, resource users and partner agencies. Steps will include:

- Produce a map of a preliminary road and trail network used by recreational travelers and resource users.
- Identify any easements and rights-of-way needed by the BLM and others to maintain the preliminary or existing road and trail network.
- Outline additional data needs and a strategy to collect needed information.
- Provide a clear planning sequence, including public collaboration, criteria, and constraints for subsequent road and trail selection and identification.
- Produce a schedule to complete the limited area or sub-area road and trail selection process.
- Develop travel management implementation decisions and management prescriptions.
- Develop alternatives to travel network to be analyzed during the NEPA process.
- Develop guidelines for signing and maintaining the travel network.

The BLM wants your input...

- Do you prefer non-motorized travel (hiking or equestrian trails?)
- Do you know of areas that you would like to see designated as open, limited or closed?
- Do you see the need for more routes of travel for motorized or non-motorized use?

CCD Planning Webpage:
http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field.html

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