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## BLM CARSON CITY DISTRICT RMP PLANNING FACT SHEET *Recreation and Transportation Management Frequently Asked Questions*

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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.

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON RECREATION AND TRANSPORTATION**

#### ***What is travel and transportation management?***

To put it simply, it is the identification and management of the roads and trails required to meet the motorized and non-motorized access and transportation needs for multiple uses including recreation, grazing, mining, and energy development.

#### ***Will any roads or trails be closed to motorized travel?***

There are currently no plans to close roads and trails. Closures will only be used when necessary to prevent resource damages in special resource areas, or to protect soils, riparian or culturally significant areas. The vast majority of today's roads and trails will still be available for motorized travel in the future.

#### ***I've heard that BLM wants to eliminate all desert racing and recreational riding!***

Not true! OHV racing and recreational riding is a valid use of public lands. The increased demands for multiple use of public lands from other recreational activities, ranching, renewable energy, right-of-ways, facility development and environmental concerns does make it harder to permit desert racing today than it did twenty years ago. The purpose of the RMP is to identify areas that are suitable for OHV events and to streamline the permitting process so these activities can continue.

#### ***Will I still be able to ride my motorcycle or ATV or drive my OHV where ever I want to?***

The designation of open, limited, or closed to motorized use already exists within the District -- so this is not something new. The RMP process will help us better define the best use for specific areas to reduce user conflicts.

#### ***What if I have a favorite area I like to ride or hike in?***

Great! This is your opportunity to provide us with information on your favorite areas to recreate, so we can include it in our recreation setting evaluation. If we are not aware of an opportunity that you know of, it may inadvertently get left out of the planning process. The more you can tell us, the better!

#### ***Why does BLM need to complete a travel and transportation management plan?***

All public lands are required by federal regulations to have off-highway vehicle area designations with areas identified as open, limited, or closed to motorized travel (43 CFR 8342.1) Designations are based upon the protection of the resources, the promotion of the safety of all users and the minimization of conflicts among various uses. The BLM Land Use Planning Handbook also addresses planning guidance for non-motorized uses to reduce potential conflicts with other resource uses.



***What happens during the travel and transportation and recreation planning process?***

Recreational activities, including motorized and non-motorized recreational uses will be identified within the planning area, and management goals and objectives will be developed to provide for enhanced recreation opportunities. Roads and trails within the planning area will be mapped out to the extent possible, and areas that provide unique recreational opportunities will be identified. This information will be used to designate areas that will be managed for intensive recreation use, or to provide a variety of general recreation opportunities.

***How will travel and transportation affect recreational opportunities?***

Travel and transportation planning will enhance recreational opportunities and experiences on public lands by improving our ability to provide a quality recreation experience. Transportation planning will address concerns such as access to your favorite areas, so that areas uniquely suited for a particular type of recreational use are managed for that use, and to establish management objectives to address concerns or conflicts that may exist with other resource demands in an area.

***How will this process benefit me?***

The recreation setting inventory will help identify areas that should be managed primarily for recreation purposes. This would include both motorized uses such as OHV or motorcycle races or trails, and non-motorized trails for equestrian, hiking or biking use. Combined with the travel management plan, the primary management objective for these identified areas would be the recreation experience above other resource uses in that area.

***How can I provide input to this process as an individual or interest group?***

The scoping process is your opportunity to let the BLM know the type of recreational activities you would like to see occur on public lands. If you have an area you would like to have managed for hiking, equestrian use, backcountry touring, OHV racing, motorcycle riding, wind sailing, now is the time to let us know! If you have any recreation issues or special concerns we would like to hear about those as well. All you need to do is complete the comment form and submit it to us before the comment period closes.

BLM staff is available to attend your club function or meeting. If you would like additional information or have any questions regarding the Resource Management Plan process or travel and transportation planning, please contact us.

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CCD Planning Webpage:  
[http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson\\_city\\_field.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field.html)

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