



COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT

BLM CARSON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT?

Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management is the process of planning for, managing and maintaining the access and transportation infrastructure on public land. The Carson City District (CCD) will be using a collaborative approach to develop goals, objectives and procedures that allow motorized and non-motorized travel on public land while protecting sensitive resource areas and meeting resource management objectives. The planning process will address a wide range of transportation needs including access for mineral and energy development, private property and administrative needs as well as roads, primitive roads and trails for recreational uses including off-highway vehicles (OHV), biking, hiking, and equestrian use.

WHY DOES BLM NEED TO COMPLETE A TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT PLAN?

All public land is required by federal regulations to have OHV designations with areas identified as being open, limited, or closed to motorized travel (43 CFR 8342.1) Designations of these travel management areas are based upon the type of travel use, recreational activity, 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 provides planning guidance for non-motorized uses to reduce potential conflicts with other users and resource management activities.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS?

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will conduct an inventory of roads and trails within the CCD to identify the existing conditions. Once the inventory is complete, an analysis of the road and trail network will be performed to see if the transportation and access needs of the public and resource users are being met.

HOW WILL TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AFFECT RECREATION ACTIVITIES?

Travel and transportation planning will enhance recreational opportunities on public land by improving BLM's ability to provide a quality recreation experience. Existing concerns such as access to your favorite areas or maintenance of roads and trails will be addressed so that areas uniquely suited for a particular type of recreational use are managed for that use. Identifying popular recreation areas with high use by OHV's, hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrian activities will allow the BLM to improve management of those areas, obtain funding for improvements such as staging areas, trailheads, map production or route signing, and ensure that the area is identified as a high priority recreation resource area.



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HOW WILL THE BLM BENEFIT FROM TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING?

Having a completed travel and transportation plan in place will enable the CCD to allocate necessary resources to meet the travel and transportation objectives for commercial, agricultural, casual, traditional and recreational uses on public land.

HOW WILL THE PUBLIC BENEFIT FROM TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING?

By having a travel and transportation plan in place, the BLM will be able to:

- Provide the public with high quality maps showing motorized and non-motorized travel routes within the CCD
- Prioritize areas for maintenance and upgrades based upon the amount of use the roads or areas receive
- Identify areas of high use by recreationists to ensure that needs are being met
- Provide continued access to resource areas for mineral/energy exploration and development
- Develop plans for future recreation opportunities, routes and trails

CAN ANYONE PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION?

Yes! The BLM is very interested in hearing from the public about their favorite trails, travel routes or recreation areas. This information will help identify high priority areas or routes for travel or recreation during the planning process. Public input is important to ensure that all of the data required for analysis is being captured. Any information that you can provide will give us a more complete picture of the existing conditions and ensures that we don't miss your favorite spot.

HOW CAN INDIVIDUALS, CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS OR INDUSTRY BE INVOLVED IN THE TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS?

The BLM welcomes any comments, suggestions or information regarding travel and transportation planning. Staff is also available to attend your club or organization function or meeting to provide additional information or discuss the planning process with you. If you have any questions regarding the Resource Management Plan or the travel and transportation planning process, please contact us.

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

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