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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is providing a second extension of the public comment period for the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument (CSNM) Draft Transportation Management Plan (TMP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for an additional 90 days to allow interested individuals the access routes that are currently closed due to fire restrictions. The draft TMP/EA describes and analyzes four alternatives for future management of the monument transportation system.

The four alternatives address management of roads, routes, and trails on public lands within the CSNM, but outside the designated Soda Mountain Wilderness. The planning area encompasses 60,434 acres of lands within the monument, located approximately 15 miles southeast of Ashland, OR. The planning process addresses motorized/mechanized uses of the transportation system including off-highway vehicles, snowmobiles, bicycles, and non-motorized/non-mechanized uses including hiking and Nordic skiing.

You can access the CSNM Draft TMP/EA and Reader's Guide on the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) ePlanning website at: <http://tinyurl.com/BLM-ORWA-M040-2016-0003-EA>. If you do not have internet access, or would prefer a paper copy, please contact Kathy Minor, Assistant Field Manager, at 541.618.2245 or kminor@blm.gov.

We welcome your comments on the content of the draft TMP/EA. We are particularly interested in comments that address one or more of the following: (1) new information that would affect the analysis, or (2) information or evidence of flawed or incomplete analysis. Specific comments are the most useful. **Although comments are welcome at any time, comments are most useful if received by 4:30 p.m. on November 18, 2016.**

All comments should be made in writing and mailed or delivered to Kathy Minor, Assistant Field Manager, Ashland Resource Area, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, OR 97504 or emailed to BLM_OR_MD_mail@blm.gov, Attention: Kathy Minor. Please note that all written submissions from private individuals in response to this notice, including your name, address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information may be made available for public inspection and disclosure, unless you specifically request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your personal identifying information from public review or disclosure, you must state this at the beginning of your written comment and provide justification for doing so. We will honor such requests to the extent allowed by law, but you should be aware that release of that information may be required under certain circumstances. All submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organization or business will be made available for public inspection and disclosure in their entirety.

Further information on this proposed project is available at the Medford District Office, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon 97504 or by calling Joel Brumm, Assistant Monument Manager at 541.618.2256.

The final decision will be made only after consideration of the comments received. The decision maker may choose one of the alternatives or can select an alternative that blends components of one or more of the alternatives. Thank you for your interest in the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Draft Transportation Management Plan and Environmental Assessment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristi J. Mastroffni". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Kristi J. Mastroffni
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Ashland Resource Area