

Forest Service Citizen Advisory Group To Meet Dec. 12

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A citizen advisory group formed to assist federal managers in developing a strategy to implement the new travel management rule for the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests, and Crooked River National Grassland, will hold its first meeting Tuesday, December 12.

The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Deschutes County Community Services Building's Armond Room at 1300 NW Wall St. in Bend.

The meeting is intended primarily as an orientation for group members to learn about the Forest Service's new national travel management rule, outline group goals and objectives, and set future meeting dates. All working group meetings are open to the public.

In November 2005, the agency directed managers to designate a system of roads, trails and areas for motor vehicle use on all national forests and grasslands. The rule prohibits motor vehicle use, except on designated routes and areas.

The local travel management working group will help managers designate routes and areas on the two national forests and national grassland. The work will eventually lead to maps the public will use when traveling within the federal lands

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