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To: Regional Foresters

An Executive Order (EO) and several Servicewide Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) regarding dispersed recreation have been completed recently.

Executive Order

Signed January 18, 2001, includes protecting, connecting, promoting and assisting with trails of all types through a variety of program support activities; and coordinating trail information, policy recommendations, and decisions among agencies and interest groups to foster improved trail management. This is a first time event for trails.

MOU - International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) – 00-SU-11130124-224

An updated agreement between Forest Service and IMBA signed October 20, 2000, to continue to develop and expand the framework of cooperation concerning bicycling activities on NFS lands. Among other items, the agreement encourages the management of mountain bike use as distinct from motorized activities, and recommends use of IMBA's technical expertise in management considerations. Replaces 94-SMU-041.

MOU - Leave No Trace (LNT) – 99-SMU-049

An updated interagency agreement among Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, and LNT, Inc. signed January 3, 2001, to coordinate and cooperate in land management and education issues regarding the responsible recreation use of Federal lands and waters focusing on human powered recreation activities and implementation of the Leave No Trace program. Replaces 94-SMU-184.

MOU - National Scenic and Historic Trails (NS&HT) – 01-SU-11130124-096

An updated interagency agreement among Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Federal Highway Administration, and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) signed January 19, 2001, encourages long-term interagency coordination and cooperation regarding the National Trails System Act administration, management, cultural enhancement, partnerships, funding, and visitor satisfaction. An interesting aspect of this agreement is the link to the arts, which may allow funding from NEA for trails where high quality, community centered arts projects are related. Replaces 95-SMU-137.

MOU - Back Country Horsemen of America (BCHA) – 01-SMU11130124-064

An updated agreement between Forest Service and BCHA signed March 15, 2001, to continue to develop and expand the framework of cooperation concerning equestrian activities on NFS lands. Among other items the agreement recommends the use of BCHA's technical expertise in management considerations. Replaces 96-SMU-143.



We encourage you to work within the parameters of each of these agreements to further your dispersed recreation program for the benefit of the public. If you have questions concerning any of the agreements please contact Jim Miller at 202-205-1313 or by e-mail at jbmiller01@fs.fed.us.

This document is being sent electronically along with copies of the EO and MOU's. Please provide wide distribution. No hard copies will be mailed.

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