

# Motor Vehicle Use Map

## -The Process Error-

The Forest Service entered into an Memorandum of Intent (MOI) with the State of California where-

- Region 5 received almost \$12 million in OHV funds to perform Route Designation
- Region 5 committed to following the MOI 5-Step Route Designation Strategy

# The 5-step OHV Strategy is required under the terms of Forest Service MOI

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT subject to the recitations above, the Forest Service, the Commission and the Department agree as follows:

## FOREST SERVICE GOALS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Dependent on future funding, the Forest Service hereby sets the following goals:

1. The Regional Forester will:

- a. Provide leadership and assistance to Forest Supervisors on inventory, designation, Forest Orders, public involvement, signs, and user maps of OHV recreation opportunities; and
- b. Provide criteria for environmental analysis and route designation to Forest Supervisors.

2. Forest Supervisors will:

- a. Follow the 5-step OHV Route Designation Strategy Pyramid (Attachment 1) for OHV route designations;




The Forest Service released a document entitled-  
**“Overview of USFS Travel Management in California”**

Confirming the 5 Step Process which includes producing a Record of Decision (ROD) from which the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) is created.

EIS/EA status of the 18 Region 5 Forests

Completed Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUMS) as result of FEIS/ROD



Each ROD contains a map which is then supposed to be transferred to the MVUM. However in Sequoia there have been clerical errors where the MVUM does contain all of the routes that were included in the ROD map.

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## Current Status:

Decisions and MVUM maps represent the first in the long term objective of implementing the Travel Management Rule to reduce the environmental impacts associated with public motor vehicle use on national forests, and develop a sustainable system of roads, trails and areas for public motorized use.


The Forest Service recognizes that Travel Management rules will change the way that some people access and experience their national forests. Never the less this change must occur in order to allow long term OHV opportunities and protection of natural and cultural resources.

The majority of Forests in Region 5 have either finished their Final EIS and Record of Determination (ROD), or are in various stages of the NEPA process in the preparation of their Environmental Impact Statements (EIS).

Listed below is the current status of all Forests in Region 5 and their EIS/ROD status including those forests who currently have released the MVUM.

## EIS/EA status of the 18 Region 5 Forests

### Completed Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUMS) as result of FEIS/ROD



Eldorado NF-EIS

Angeles NF-EIS

Los Padres NF (Ojai, Santa Barbara, and Monterey Ranger Districts)-EA

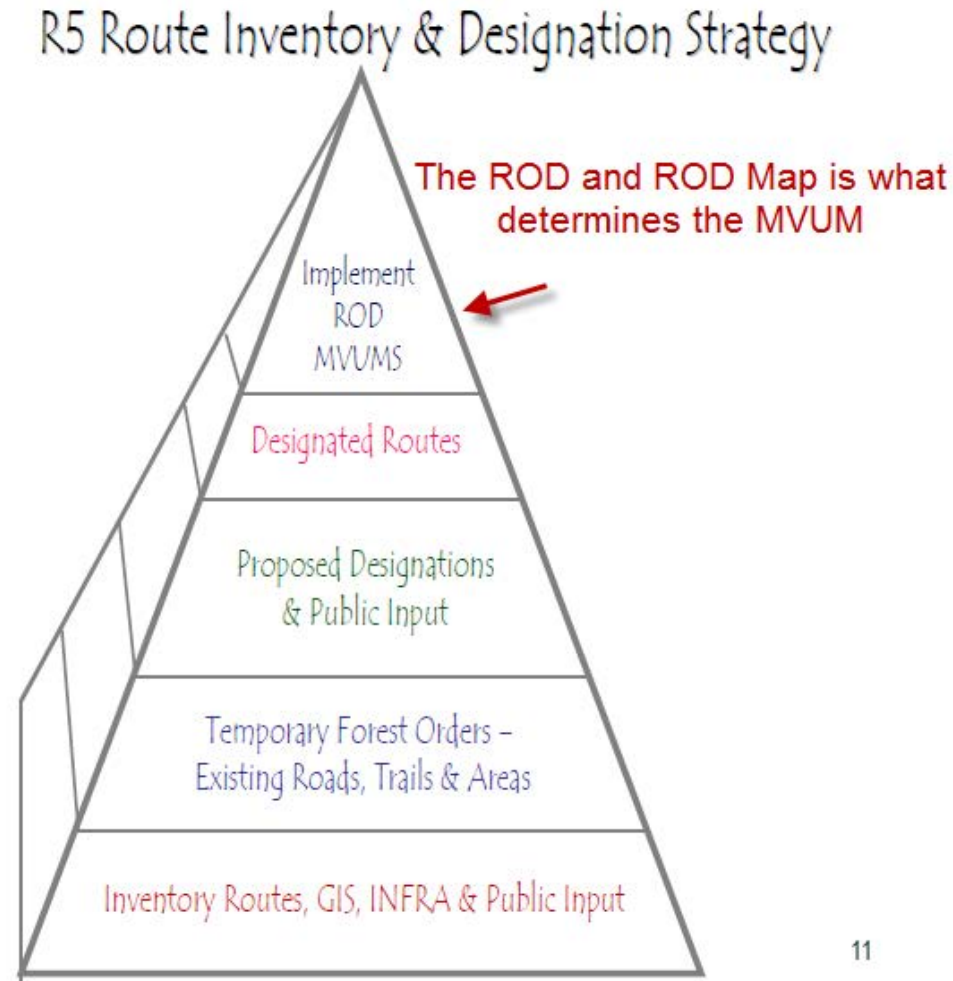
Mendocino NF-EIS

Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit-EA

Sequoia NF (Hume Lake and Western Divide Ranger Districts)-EIS

Six Rivers NF (Orleans Ranger District)-EA

# The Region 5 Forest Service 5 Step Travel Management Planning Process Pyramid confirms the MVUM is created from the ROD



The Forest Service is able to update the MVUM each year in order to correct errors such as those found in the 2010 Sequoia MVUM where routes shown as open to motorized use in the 2010 Sequoia ROD were omitted in whole or in part on the MVUM.

As of yet the Forest Service has not updated the 2010 MVUM

Additionally the Code of Federal Regulations 36 CFR 261.13 (below) confirms that the trail “designations” contained in ROD are then “identified on the MVUM”-

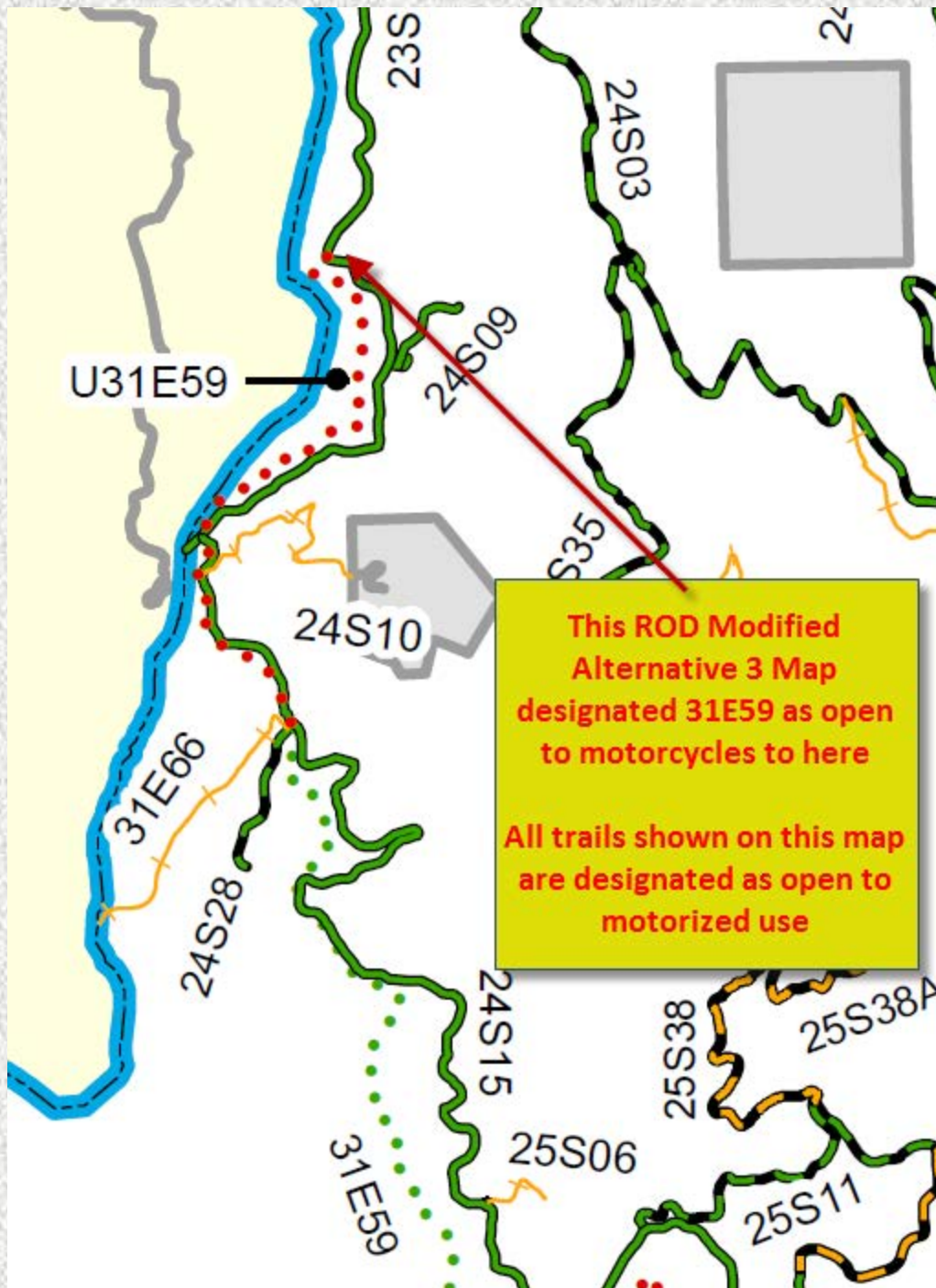
§ 261.13 Motor vehicle use.

**After National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and areas on National Forest System lands have been designated pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51 on an administrative unit or a Ranger District of the National Forest System, and these designations have been identified on a motor vehicle use map, it is prohibited to possess or operate a motor vehicle on National Forest System lands in that administrative unit or Ranger District other than in accordance with those designations, provided that the following vehicles and uses are exempted from this prohibition: .....**

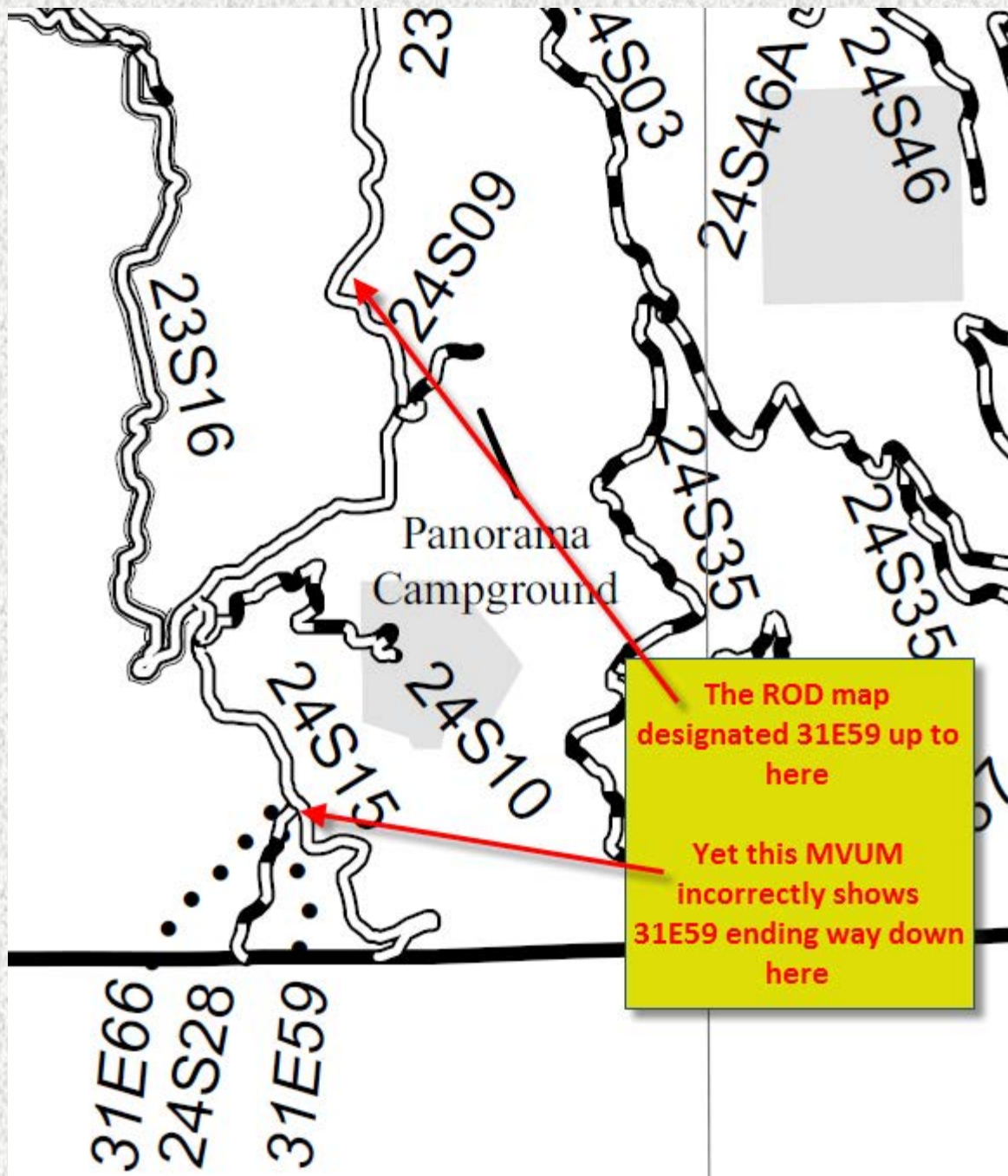
Therefore the MVUM must contain all completed plan ROD designated routes in order to be enforceable.



# The ROD Map



# The incorrect MVUM Map





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