

# Nebraska Off Highway Vehicle Association **NOHVA**

*TBQ Sport Club, Incorporated*

A Non-Profit Association For All Terrain Vehicle and Off Road Motorcycle Users - Established 1987

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Dear NOHVA Member,

The U.S. Forest Service will be sponsoring a series of public meetings to discuss the various alternatives for ATV and dirtbike trails on land that is managed by the Nebraska National Forest.

The effected areas include:

In Nebraska:

Nebraska National Forest, Bessey Ranger District near Halsey

Nebraska National Forest, Pine Ridge Ranger District near Chadron

McKelvie National Forest near Valentine

Oglala National Grasslands near Crawford

In South Dakota: Buffalo Gap National Grasslands including the Wall and Fall River Ranger Districts

## **Public meetings will be held in:**

**North Platte**, Holiday Inn Express, Monday Oct. 5th, 3-5 p.m. CST, & 7-9 p.m. CST, located at the southwest corner of the I-80 and US 83 interchange.

**Valentine**, Minnechaduzza Foundation, on opposite corner of block due E of Cedar Canyon Restaurant, 1st & Hall St., Tuesday Oct. 6th, 6:30-8:30 p.m. CST

**Thedford**, Stubs Fine Dining and Spirits, Hwy 2, Wednesday Oct. 7th, 7-9 p.m. CST.

**Grand Island**, Thursday October 8th at the Mid-town Holiday Inn located at 2503 S. Locust St. or about 4½ miles north of the Grand Island South Locust and Interstate 80 exit. 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

**Chadron Nebraska** – There will be an additional open house in Chadron on October 13th, from 2 pm till 8 pm at the Motel 6 on Highway 385.

## ***NO OTHER LOCATIONS ARE PLANNED FOR THE FOREST SERVICE MEETINGS IN NEBRASKA***

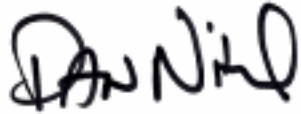
The meetings will discuss four alternatives that have been developed as part of a process called the Travel Management Plan. These meetings and the Travel Management Plan will address ATV and dirtbike use only on Federal lands that are managed by the U.S. Forest Service. Basically, the plan describes where ATVs and dirtbikes will be allowed to ride after January 1st 2010 and where people will not be allowed to ride after January 1st 2010.

To discover more about proposed alternative plans, attend one of the meetings or visit the Forest Service web site at [www.fs.fed.us/r2/nebraska](http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/nebraska) and look for the link "[Travel Management Draft Environmental Impact Statement Now Available](#)". At these meetings and at the Forest Service web site you can view maps of various alternatives for ATV and dirtbike trails at all of the above locations.

NOHVA will hold a general membership meeting following the Forest Service meetings sometime after October 10th to discuss what the official position our organization will take concerning all of the various alternatives. The NOHVA official position will be determined upon discussion among our members and a position will be voted upon at a meeting of the NOHVA membership. The results of the NOHVA meetings will be distributed among all of our members and will be posted on our web site. I will send more details about the NOHVA meeting after our location, date and time is determined. *We must act swiftly as the closing date for comments to the Forest Service is November 9th, 2009.*

After our Jamboree is held on October 3rd and 4th, I will be looking forward to hearing from those who are concerned about the various proposed alternatives. Our objective is to send a consistent and clear message to the Forest Service about our concerns with recreational ATV and dirtbike trails on U.S. Forest Service lands in Nebraska. I will be sending more information to you about this in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Nitzel". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Dan Nitzel, Business Manager and Co-founder  
Nebraska Off Highway Vehicle Association