

Appendix B. Long Dave Valley Off-Highway-Vehicle Trail Project Environmental Assessment

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION. 1995. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE LONG DAVE VALLEY OFF-HIGHWAY-VEHICLE TRAIL PROJECT IN THE MOUNT PIÑOS RANGER DISTRICT, LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST, MAY 1995.

Purpose

The purpose of this project is to close trails that are not in compliance with the Los Padres National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (L&RMP) standards and guidelines and to provide opportunities for competitive and noncompetitive OHV events.

Need

This project is needed to ensure that the Long Dave Valley trail system within the Los Padres National Forest is in compliance with the L&RMP standards and guidelines.

Alternatives

Five OHV trail alternatives (four alternative trail configurations and a No-Action Alternative) are analyzed that reflect different levels of OHV use, as well as different levels of resource protection and conflicts with adjacent private property. Each of the alternatives consists of a combination of existing trails and proposed new trail segments. Existing and proposed trails are divided into specific segments to allow for detailed analysis of alternatives. The following list describes each alternative:

- Alternative A is the No-Action Alternative. Existing OHV trails would remain as is.
- Alternative B emphasizes maximum OHV use in a looped trail system and proposes increased OHV trail opportunities in Long Dave Valley.
- Alternative C emphasizes protecting the riparian habitat in Lockwood Creek and other seasonal drainages and proposes a slight decrease in OHV trail opportunities.

- Alternative D emphasizes avoiding or reducing impacts on natural and cultural resources and proposes maintaining comparable OHV trail opportunities.

Level of Detail of Analysis

Included in this appendix are tables from the Long Dave Valley Off-Highway-Vehicle Trail Project EA that summarize and categorize the level of detail of analysis.