

# SIERRA ACCESS COALITION NEWSLETTER

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## **Status of Litigation**

Sierra Access Coalition will be filing our lawsuit very soon. Our attorney is Greg Gatto of Stoel Rives in Truckee. We are anxious to file the lawsuit to preserve access to the Plumas National Forest. However, we still need more funding before we file.

## **Travel Management Plan Parking Restrictions**

The plan restricts parking to one vehicle length from the road which includes parking for hikers, campers, rockhounds, hunters, campers, fishermen, equestrians, motorhomes, and anyone else in the woods. *This includes Forest Service personnel.* They have the same rules as the public, unless they have a letter of permission signed by the Forest Supervisor saying they can go off road.

The Travel Management Plan doesn't go into effect until the Motor Vehicle Use Maps are released. The maps are scheduled to be released to the public late in June. There have been some reports of law enforcement officers already enforcing the Travel Management Plan even though the plan is not in effect yet. If you have trouble with law enforcement officers, please send us an email at <http://www.sierraaccess.com>.

## **SAC Legal Defense Fund**

Thank you to those who have already donated to our Legal Defense Fund. We understand times are hard and we appreciate any amount that you can donate. Or you can donate your time at the Snowmobile Grass Drags on July 23 at the Plumas-Sierra County Fairgrounds.

Donations can be made on SAC's website at <http://www.sierraaccess.com> using Paypal. Donations can also be mailed to SAC at PO Box 944, Quincy CA 95971. There are also cash donation cans in Quincy at Plumas Motor Supply, Dupont Power Tool, Sierra Cycle, and the Hot Spot. SAC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization so all donations are tax deductible.

## **Snowmobile Grass Drags Fundraiser**

Our big fundraising event will be the Snowmobile Grass Drags at the Plumas-Sierra County Fairgrounds on July 23, 2011. Profits from the event will be donated to the SAC Legal Defense Fund. Thank you to Keith Barnett and Kenny Chance for organizing this event and pledging the funds to SAC. These guys are awesome! Please support the event and pass the word on. For more information on this event, see their website at <http://www.quincysledwars.com>.

Keith and Kenny are asking for volunteers to help with the event. They need flaggers and other people to work on the race track. They have other jobs they need help with, too. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact SAC at [sierraaccess@digitalpath.net](mailto:sierraaccess@digitalpath.net)

SAC will run the beer booth at the event. If you are interested in volunteering your time at the beer booth or helping at the SAC information booth please email us at [sierraaccess@digitalpath.net](mailto:sierraaccess@digitalpath.net). We need your commitment now so we can make plans to staff the

beer booth. The more people we have, the shorter the work shifts will be. We need help making signs for the event that explain who SAC is and what we are doing. We will also need help the next morning cleaning up at the Fairgrounds.

SAC is also partnering with Plumas County Search & Rescue for a Poker Run on Mt Hough. Some of the funds from this event will be donated to SAC. As soon as a Special Use Permit is obtained from the Forest Service we will get the details for that event out to you.

### **Raffle Items Needed**

As part of the Snowmobile Grass Drags event there is a raffle with some great prizes including hats, goggles, videos, apparel, sled graphics, hunting packages, boat rentals, cabin stays, dinner packages and much more. Donating items to the raffle is another way you can help us raise funds. Everyone has something to offer. Raffle items could be a truckload of firewood, a home baked pie, yard work, computer services, etc. ....be creative! If you have something to donate to the raffle, contact SAC at [sierraaccess@digitalpath.net](mailto:sierraaccess@digitalpath.net). Your items are appreciated!

We need volunteers to go to the businesses in your community and ask them for donations for the raffle. We have donation cans set out around at businesses in Quincy at Dupont Power Tool, Sierra Cycle, Plumas Motor, and Quincy Hot Spot. We also need donation cans set out in the other communities. If you are interested in getting donation cans out in your community, email SAC and we'll send you the paper that can be taped to a coffee can.

### **Travel Management Subpart A and Subpart C**

Travel Management Subpart A is the next step in the Travel Management process. However, according to Plumas NF Supervisor Alice Carlton, the Subpart A analysis has been put on hold so the Forest Service can work to mend their relationships with the counties before additional road closures are considered. We will let you know when Subpart A begins, which will affect the main roads in the Plumas NF transportation system. It is expected that a significant number of roads will be closed during the Subpart A process.

Subpart C involves possible restrictions on Over Snow Vehicles. Alice Carlton said there are currently no plans to implement Subpart C which would restrict snowmobile use. We will keep you informed if that changes.

### **Plumas County Sheriffs Dept.**

Sheriff Greg Hagwood has said his department will not enforce the Plumas NF Travel Management Plan. He will not enforce these restrictions which he believes will "cause reasonable people to do unreasonable things". [Click here](#) to see an article about the Sheriff and the Travel Management Plan. We applaud Sheriff Hagwood for his support of the citizens of Plumas County.

### **Thank you for your support**

Over the past 6 years that we have been working on the Plumas NF Travel Management Plan, your support has been overwhelming. SAC is a grass roots organization and we are now recognized across the state as one of the best groups working to preserve access to public lands.

Now is the time for our group to gather our strength to preserve access to public lands. Please come to the Snowmobile Grass Drags at the Fairgrounds on July 23 and spread the word to your

friends. The more people that attend the event, the more funds will be raised for our Legal Defense Fund to protect your access to your forest.

***We need your donations for our Legal Defense Fund.***

Thank you for your help.