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To: All California Offices

From: Deputy State Director, Natural Resources

Subject: National Mountain Bicycling Strategic Action Plan

On November 12, 2002, the Director announced the release of the National Mountain Bicycling Strategic Action Plan. The Action Plan is a comprehensive approach to addressing issues regarding mountain bicycling and other mechanical transport activities on the public lands. This Action Plan is the second of three plans focusing on recreational use of the public lands and comprehensive travel management planning. The first was the National Management Strategy for Motorized Off-Highway Vehicle Use on Public Lands that was completed in January of 2001. The third action plan will address nonmotorized/nonmechanical activities and will be developed to meet the needs of visitors such as hikers and equestrians.

The Action Plan will provide guidance to BLM state office and field office managers and staff, interest groups and individuals for implementing on-the-ground actions and resource protection measures for mountain bicycle use and other muscle-powered, mechanical transport uses.

In addition to providing field guidance, the BLM developed this Action Plan to:

- Update the BLM's 1992 Mountain Bike Strategy;
- Recognize the changing demographics, increasing populations, increase in mountain bicycle use, emerging technologies, and issues unique to mountain bicycling;
- Provide consistent management approaches among BLM states and field offices;
- Encourage effective use of existing staff, resources, volunteers, and partnerships; and
- Assess planning, environmental and regulatory needs.

Substantive comments voiced by the public, along with BLM responses, are listed in Appendix 1. Where appropriate, the comments were incorporated into the Action Plan.

It should be noted that this Action Plan is not a new initiative that will require extensive new workload for field offices. Rather, it is guidance to be used where appropriate to assist with planning, on-the-ground implementation, developing partnerships, resource protection, etc. for mountain bicycle use and management on the public lands. We encourage field offices to review the Action Plan and share it with mountain bicycle and other public land users. Additional copies of the Action Plan can be obtained by downloading the document from the following website:

http://www.blm.gov/mountain_biking/

Should you have questions regarding this Action Plan, please contact Tim Smith of my staff at (916) 978-4644.

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Attachment: National Mountain Bicycling Strategic Action Plan (31 Pages, Sent under separate cover)

cc: National Recreation Group (WO-250)