

Soldiers Pass Motorized Use Environmental Assessment Decision Implementation Plan

March 24, 2017	<p>Soldiers Pass Motorized Use final Decision Notice signed</p> <p>Decision notification sent to project mailing list, City of Sedona, OHV Working Group members, and outfitter/guides</p> <p>Press release issued; notice posted on Forest Service website</p>
March 27	<p>New permit sent to Red Rock Western Jeep Tours, adjusting Soldiers Pass allocation and converting use to priority status</p>
March 29	<p>Forest Service to meet with Recreation.gov to discuss permit system parameters</p>
April 5	<p>Interim gate installation to be completed, with signage</p>
April 10	<p>Press release to invite public to participate in a collaborative group</p>
April 20	<p>Initial meeting of the collaborative group</p>
April – October	<p>Collaborative group to develop permit system</p> <p>Forest Service works with Red Rock Western Jeep Tours to select, purchase, and install permanent gate</p>

Notes:

The collaborative process for developing the permit system for unguided motorized use will be convened as part of the existing OHV Working Group. This group will meet monthly and include outfitter/guides, OHV rental companies, residents, the City of Sedona, and the Forest Service. The group may decide that this process requires more frequent meetings and/or to be a separate break-out discussion from the main group.

Upon completion of the collaborative process, the Forest Service will work within the timeframes provided by Recreation.gov to bring the public permit system online. These timeframes are unknown at the time of the March 2017 publication of the final Decision Notice but will be identified by and presented at the initial meeting of the OHV Working Group.