

Designation Process Requirements

Issue Covered	November 2000 Handbook Guidance	Clarification
OHV and travel area designations - open, closed, limited.	Performed at RMP level.	Performed at RMP level. Limited areas should have any area criteria established - seasonal limitations, desired future conditions for resources and access/recreation needs.
Selection of a road and trail network for limited areas.	Required to be performed as part of RMP process.	Performed to extent possible in RMP. Assumption is that it can be accomplished in RMP. If complexity, controversy or incomplete data make it impossible to complete designation for limited areas, the RMP must clearly state process and schedule for completion, to the extent possible, within 5 years.
Which decisions are protestable as RMP decisions? Which can be appealed to IBLA?	All OHV decisions to be made as part of the RMP process; implies that all decisions are protestable.	Area designations, objectives and criteria for limited area travel considered RMP decisions and are therefore protestable. Individual road and trail selections are implementation decisions and therefore appealable, even if performed within the RMP.
Travel management monitoring.	OHV monitoring is required, but not defined in CFR and not mentioned in 1601 Handbook.	The importance of OHV monitoring to planning, development of management standards and objectives, and maintenance standards for road and trail systems is emphasized in Attachment 2, under <i>Designation Process Requirements</i> .