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Special Use Permits

This morning (August 21) Supervisor Milodragovich and Ranger Hossack from the Nezperce Forest discussed with the Regional Forester and his staff the problem of unauthorized use of motor vehicles in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Area.

Over the years, motorized vehicles have been used in the following situations:

Jeep used by the Moose Creek ranch to get from their private land to their power dam on National Forest land.

Tractor-drawn wagon used by Renshaw to get from Moose Creek airstrip on National Forest land to his private land.

Jeep used by Richardson to get from the Moose Creek airstrip to his private land.

Jeep used by Hinkle to get from the Shearer airstrip to his private land.

We agreed that this type of use must be terminated and agreed on a course of action.

1. The Supervisor of the Nezperce will notify each of the affected private landowners that all use of motorized vehicles must cease as of August 31, 1964.
2. Notification will be by letter to be delivered personally by the Ranger or the Supervisor.
3. The letter will advise private landowners that horse-drawn vehicles may be used as a means of conveyance from the public airfield to their private land on the specific trail under a special use permit.
4. The Supervisor of the Bitterroot will advise the owners of the North Star and Running Creek about the wilderness area regulations respecting use of motorized vehicles.
5. There will be no formal newspaper release announcing this action. The Forest Supervisors will make necessary key contacts on an individual basis.

6. Fire Control will advise the appropriate pilots about this action.
7. Ranger will keep close check to be sure permittees will have suitable alternate transportation on hand before the August 31, 1964, deadline. After the deadline, the Forest will take whatever administrative action is necessary to assure that the order is complied with. The OGC and Federal Attorney will be alerted, and all action will be cleared with them.

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