

BV RPAC: Combined Use Roads Simplified Process Overview (2021)

Summary of steps for a designation:

1. RPAC outreach to private road owners along Milk Ranch and N. Buckeye to obtain permission for road use
2. Coordinate with affected public land management agencies (*BLM, USFS, State Parks etc.*)
3. Coordinate with Tribe and obtain necessary permission/agreement (several attempts in 2020)
4. Coordinate with Road Agencies (*Caltrans, Mono County Public Works, CHP*)
5. Environmental Analysis and CEQA compliance
 - Significant impacts are likely and therefore an EIR is anticipated at this stage. A consultant will need to be contracted. No funding is available.
 - An EIR includes formal public comment periods.
 - A “standard,” non-controversial EIR is expected to take 18 months. A controversial EIR can take much longer.

Approval Process:

6. Obtain approval from the Director of CA Parks and Rec (this includes approval/confirmation/support from CHP State Commissioner that no detrimental safety hazard created)

OR

7. Bring to Mono County Board of Supervisors for a decision. (An approval via resolution, county code or ordinance adoption required)

Additional Notes:

- A “public outreach process” is not required unless triggered by the CEQA document. However, staff strongly recommends the RPAC try to bring the least controversial project before the Board of Supervisors to increase the likelihood of approval. Therefore, staff recommends:
 - RPAC development of Public Outreach Plan and process followed by implementation
 - Strategy and process to address controversy
- The Community Development Department does not currently have staff capacity to support the heavy lifting of this project, but can facilitate next steps, convene meetings, and provide process guidance. CDD also does not have the funding nor staff capacity for the environmental document; however, the County must be the lead agency on the document.