

# Eldorado National Forest

## Recreational Activities: Motorized Use Trails

### Gold Note Trail System

#### HIGHWAY 88 AREA Amador Ranger District

Welcome to the Gold Note Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Route System. These 28 miles of trails and roads are provided for the use and enjoyment of the OHV enthusiast. The Eldorado National Forest, in cooperation with the State of California, developed and maintains this trail system with the support of your Green Sticker OHV funds. [Camping »](#)



#### Gold Note OHV Route System can be accessed from:

- **Highway 88 from Jackson** - travel east 27 miles, turn left onto Omo Ranch Road, then 0.7 miles to the intersection with North-South Road (Primary Route 6). Proceed down this road 1.8 miles to the intersection with roads 8N59 and 10N83S (Route 33). This is the first access point to Route 33 (Gold Rush). Travel another 0.7 mile to Five Corners from which you can gain access to the north half of Route 33 and also to Route 35 (PiPi Grade) and other parts of the system.
- **Via Omo Ranch and Sopiago Roads from the west** - after leaving the town of Omo Ranch, travel approximately 3 miles southeast to the intersection with Sopiago Road (Primary Route 64), turn left (north) and continue on Sopiago Road 3.8 miles to where the pavement ends. This is a primary access point and staging area for the west end of Route 33 (Gold Rush).
- **Via the Elkins Flat OHV Trails System** -- travel route 14E25 which passes through Elkins Flat Staging Area to access Route 36 (Elkins Gold). Note: Route 36 and all of the Elkins Flat OHV system trails are restricted to motorcycles only. The staging area may also be reached by automobile via North-South Road (Primary Route 6), From Omo Ranch Road or Mormon Emigrant Trail.

#### GOLD NOTE TRAIL SYSTEM

Trail	Distance	Difficulty	Use	Quad Map
<b>Route 33 - Gold Rush</b>	16.7			Omo Ranch, Caldor
<b>Route 34 - Hard Rock</b>	0.75			Omo Ranch
<b>Route 35 - PiPi Grade</b>	5.80			Caldor
<b>Route 36 - Elkins Gold</b>	4.60			Caldor
<b>Route 40 - Red Gold Mine</b>	0.50			Caldor

### Gold Note Trails Descriptions

**Route 33: - Gold Rush:** This loop follows narrow manzanita lined trails, and also offers wide open ridge top riding. The route is made up of varying-width trails and existing forest roads. The north leg of the route follows Gold Note Ridge, while a portion of the south leg parallels Sopiago Creek. Please access route 33 at designated trails and roads only.

**Route 34: - Hard Rock**(motorcycles only): This trail is a shortcut connection between the north and south legs of the west end of route 33 and offers a short hill climb to the top of the ridge.

**Route 35: - Pi Pi Grade:** This loop trail is an excellent route for beginning riders. The route is almost entirely on existing forest roads with only two short sections of trail.

**Route 36: - Elkins Gold** (motorcycles only): This trail connects the Gold Note OHV Trail System and the Elkins Flat OHV Trail System on the Placerville Ranger District and is easily accessible from PiPi Campground. Note: Due to its steep narrow trail sections, it is rated Most Difficult and is open to motorcycles only.

**Route 40: - Red Gold Mine** (motorcycles only): This trail is also a shortcut connecting the north and south legs of route 33. It nearly cuts the trail in half, providing for a much shorter loop. Keep In Mind Other Users such as hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians utilize this trail system. Please be considerate of these other users. Traffic flows in both directions on roads and trails. Watch for other vehicles! Always keep to the right, be cautious and travel at a prudent speed. Portions of this trail system border and travel through private property. Please respect the rights of private property owners by staying on designated routes at all times.