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PYRENEES PATROL FOCUSES ON TRAIL BIKE BEHAVIOUR

Trail bike rider behaviour was on track in the Pyrenees ranges recently, with Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) staff conducting patrols in the area.

The patrols covered the Pyrenees ranges near Avoca, Maryborough, Castlemaine and Bendigo state forests.

DSE staff were on the lookout for trail bike compliance and appropriate behaviour. A small number of riders were spoken to during the patrols, but only one notice issued for 'off-road' riding.

DSE Bendigo Trail Bike Project Officer Adrian Parker said the patrol covered a large part of the Murray Goldfields district and saw generally good behaviour from riders.

"Most riders we saw were doing the right thing, which is great to see. We want people to enjoy our state forests, but they need to remember to stay on formed roads, carry a licence and be on a registered motorcycle," Mr Parker said.

Other tips for riders include maintaining a safe speed; reduce noise levels and thereby minimising their impact on other forests users. Riders should also be prepared to slow down and stop if necessary when approaching horses.

Forest users can expect to see DSE staff in the state forests and the frequently visited recreational sites.

DSE is working closely with all members of the community to ensure safety, maintain a sustainable environment and prevent disruptions for all users of state forests and public land – through its Trail Bike Project.

For more information about the project, visit www.dse.vic.gov.au/trailbikes

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