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Draft Final Guidelines For Outdoor Areas Are Posted on the Access Board's Website (10/20/09):

The draft final guidelines for outdoor developed areas are posted on the Access Board's website. Following are some important links.

Note - Please share this notice widely with persons who may be working with outdoor developed areas with the caveat that the rules as currently developed will be enforceable only on Federally managed lands under ABA. A future rulemaking will be conducted to cover lands under ADA.

Draft final guidelines for outdoor developed areas - <http://www.access-board.gov/outdoor/draft-final.htm> or <http://www.access-board.gov/outdoor/draft-final.pdf> (includes an introduction, general issues, summary of provisions, future rule-making plans, regulatory process matters, and the **text of the draft guidelines** for trails, picnic and camping facilities, viewing areas, and beach access routes)

Outdoor developed areas web page on Board's website - <http://www.access-board.gov/outdoor/> (includes information about this rulemaking since its inception beginning with the final report from the regulatory negotiation committee, the proposed guidelines, and the most recent draft final)

News article on the Draft final guidelines - <http://www.access-board.gov/news/outdoor-draft.htm> (includes a brief summary of the release and discusses how to submit comments)

Providing comments - <http://www.regulations.gov/search/Regs/home.html#docketDetail?R=ATBCB-2009-0006> (This link takes you directly to the draft final guidelines posted on regulations.gov and provides the opportunity to submit comments. You will also be able to view comments at this site as they are posted.)

We appreciate your assistance in helping us to spread the word! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Access Board at 202-272-0080.

Special points of interest:

- Filing fee of \$175 is paid at registration time.
- Plan submittal requirement is now 20 days instead of 5.
- This year's barrier free training is Administrative Rules: those requirements not included in TAS.