

Land Management Plan for the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests
Administrative Change #4
Changes Related to Suitability for Motorized Uses
October 31, 2017

This Administrative Change to the 2015 Land Management Plan for the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests implements changes to the plan to clarify transportation-related definitions and align with 36 CFR § 212.1.

Additions to the text of the plan are indicated here by **bold** text. Deletions are indicated by ~~strike through text~~. Additions that would be in boldface in the original are indicated by ***bold italics***. In addition to the above indicators, changes are highlighted in **yellow** to enhance their visibility.

Change pages will be produced and used to replace the original pages in the printed documents. An updated electronic version (pdf) of the Land Management Plan will be posted to the Forests' website. Pages which have been changed will be identified in the page footers, and the date of the change will be included.

Chapter 4. Suitability

military, emergency, or law enforcement vehicle for emergency purposes; (f) authorized use of any combat or combat support vehicle for national defense purposes; (g) law enforcement response to violations of law, including pursuit; (h) motor vehicle use that is specifically authorized under a written authorization issued under Federal law or regulations; and (i) use of a road or trail that is authorized by a legally documented right-of-way held by a State, county, or other local public road authority.

Table 1 displays areas management areas and other places that are suitable and not suitable for future consideration of a new designated (motorized) area, NFS National Forest System road, NFS designated (motorized) NFS trail, or temporary road construction. An **undesignated motorized area** is a discrete, specifically delineated space that is smaller, and in most cases much smaller, than a Ranger District. one that has been designated for motor vehicle use. **NFS roads and motorized trails** are roads and motorized trails. **Designated roads, trails, or areas** are those that are designated for motor vehicle use pursuant to 36 CFR § 212.51 on a motor vehicle use map. that the Forest Service determines are necessary for the protection, administration, and utilization of the National Forest System and the use and development of its resources. **NFS motorized trails** are divided into two categories—greater than 50 inches and less than 50 inches—to accommodate a variety of vehicles. **Temporary roads** are roads necessary for emergency operations or are authorized by contract, permit, lease, or other written authorization; they are not a NFS road or trail and not included in a forest transportation atlas. Temporary roads are removed or rehabilitated following completion of the activity for which they were built.

Table 1. Suitability for new designated motorized areas, NFS roads, NFS motorized trails, and temporary road construction on the Apache-Sitgreaves NFs

Management Area	New Designated Motorized Area		NFS Road and NFS Motorized Trail > 50"		NFS Motorized Trail < 50"		Temporary Road	
	Suitable	Not Suitable	Suitable	Not Suitable	Suitable	Not Suitable	Suitable	Not Suitable
General Forest	X		X		X		X	
Community-Forest Intermix	X		X		X		X	
High Use Developed Recreation Area		X	X		X		X	
Energy Corridor		X	X			X	X	
Wild Horse Territory	X		X		X		X	
Wildlife Quiet Area		X		X		X	X	
Natural Landscape		X		X		X	X	

Management Area	New Designated Motorized Area		NFS Road and NFS Motorized Trail > 50"		NFS Motorized Trail < 50"		Temporary Road	
	Suitable	Not Suitable	Suitable	Not Suitable	Suitable	Not Suitable	Suitable	Not Suitable
Recommended Research Natural Area		X		X		X		X
Research Natural		X		X		X		X

or prohibited

restrictions to prevent disturbance to owls during the breeding season (March 1 through August 31).

Mosaic – Mix of recurring patterns of forested and non-forested areas at the identified scale (e.g., landscape, watershed, mid-scale). Patterns are variable and may change over time.

Motorized travel – Movement using machines that use a motor, engine, or other nonliving power sources other than a vehicle operated on rails or a wheelchair or mobility device, including one that is battery powered, designed solely for the use by a mobility-impaired person for locomotion and that is suitable for use in an indoor pedestrian area.

Motor vehicle use map (MVUM) – The MVUM displays designated roads, trails, and areas on an administrative unit or a ranger district of the National Forest System.

National Forest System (NFS) – As defined in the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-378), the “National Forest System” includes all national forest lands reserved or withdrawn from the public domain of the United States, all national forest lands acquired through purchase, exchange, donation, or other means; the national grasslands and land use projects administered under Title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (50 Stat. 525, 7 USC 1010-1012); and other lands, waters, or interests therein administered by the Forest Service or are designated for administration through the Forest Service as part of the system.

National Forest System road (NFSR) – A road wholly or partly within or adjacent to and serving the National Forest System that the Forest Service determines is necessary for the protection, administration, and utilization of the National Forest System and the use and development of its resources. A forest road other than a road which has been authorized by a legally documented right-of-way held by a state, county, or other local public road authority (36 CFR § 212.1).

National Forest System trail – A trail wholly or partly within or adjacent to and serving the National Forest System that the Forest Service determines is necessary for the protection, administration, and utilization of the National Forest System and the use and development of its resources. A forest trail other than a trail which has been authorized by a legally documented right-of-way held by a state, county, or other local public road authority (36 CFR § 212.1).

Native species – A species which is a part of the original fauna or flora in the area in question.

Natural disturbance regime – The historic patterns (frequency and extent) of fire, insects, wind, landslides, floods, and other natural processes in an area.

Natural fire regime – The fire regime that existed prior to human facilitated interruption of frequency, extent, or severity.

Naturalized – A species or subspecies that is not native to an area, but one which has adapted to that area and has a stable or expanding population. In some cases, species move into a new area by themselves, but in most instances they are human-associated introductions.