

YAAK GEOGRAPHIC AREA

ACCESS

Forest-wide Goal 4: Access – Ensure access to National Forest System lands through the maintenance and improvement of roads and trails, while managing within the capability of ecosystems.

Potential Desired Condition Topics for your GA:

- Road Access - year-round open, seasonally open and year-round restricted
- Road Maintenance
- Roads and Trails – winter recreation
- Roads and Trails – summer motorized recreation
- Roads and Trails – summer non-motorized recreation
- Trailhead facilities

Desired Condition Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure access to National Forest System lands through the maintenance and improvement of roads and trails, while managing within the capability of ecosystems. • Minimize potential future conflicts in regards to negative impacts among different types of users (utilizing public education, etc). Enhance positive experiences for those different types of users. • Motorized and non-motorized opportunities will be provided. When routes are proposed for designation for motorized use, consideration will be given for loop and scenic opportunities, including OHV routes, along with ecological and social considerations. • Ensure no fees for parking or access. • Continue handicap hunter access program
Identify Priority Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads open to lookout rentals and logging sales should be open to the general public. • Promote consideration, awareness, and knowledge regarding the various types of users and proper use techniques. • Provide motorized loop opportunities and/or opportunities for scenic viewing for the public. These could be seasonal opportunities and must meet existing laws and regulations. • Consider a rotation for road openings to allow for firewood gathering. • Provide turnaround areas for trailers and safe parking, including access around barriers for users such as snowmobiles and horses. • Maintain open roads year round, i.e. brushing roads to allow safe snowmobile use in the winter, etc. • Consider partnerships to do road maintenance.
Describe why this is a priority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public has clearly described the desire for additional motorized opportunities within the current laws and regulations.