

SOME IMPORTANT KEY FINDINGS

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Infrastructure

ROADS

- Intense road maintenance needs. The roadbed section will require continuous annual maintenance to maintain its functionality of providing all-weather access year-round to the Long-term Ecological Research sites. Roads have significant contribution to the scientific use of the Forest.

BUILDINGS

- High number of vacant facilities. Eleven out of 31 buildings in current inventory are vacant, including the recently vacated old Aviary facilities. All vacant facilities, except one, are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

INSTITUCIONAL FRAMEWORK

- Climate change, sustainability, and green technology concepts should be incorporated into permit holder and concession responsibilities. Creating structures that are sustainable for the type of environment and use them experience is difficult, since there are few facilities that see hundreds of visitors a day.