

Science Based Approach

In order to move closer to a sustainable road system, the agency is conducting a science-based road study on each forest in order to:

- Analyze each unit's road system in connection with environmental, financial, and social risks and benefits; and
- Identify road disposition opportunities that can address a fiscally sustainable road system

Examples of the type of review to be conducted on each Forest road include the following questions:

- Does the road provide access to private or non-Forest Service lands? (*benefit*)
- Does the road act as a concurrent motorized and/or non-motorized trail? (*benefit*)
- Does the road segment have non-native plant populations found within 100 feet? (*risk*)
- Do streams, lakes, and reservoirs fall within 100 feet of the road or road segments? (*risk*)