

Appendix BB

Guide for Reducing Open and Total Road Density

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forests

The following table provides upper limits for open and total road density and is designed to focus efforts on decreasing over-all average road densities. The upper limits are not goals. For example, if an area falls under the 4.0 miles/square mile upper limit and existing road density is less than that, roads will not be constructed to reach the 4.0 miles/square mile guide. Instead, other areas that exceed the upper limits will be identified for road closure or decommissioning activities.

This table should be used in conjunction with the “Road Density” map included in the Map Packet.

With the exception of existing Wilderness and some areas within Management Area 6, nearly all of the Forest as it exists could be classified as Roaded Natural using the National Recreation Opportunity Spectrum classification system. The Potential Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Class displayed in column 3 of the table is based on estimates of potential for certain areas. Maps of these areas are in the planning record. The classification “Roaded Natural Remote” was created by the Forest to identify those areas that have more remote characteristics but are not large enough to be classed as Semi-Primitive Motorized, using national criteria.

Table BB-1. Open and Total Road Density Upper Limits

Open Road Density Miles of road per square mile of National Forest open to public use. <i>Does not include roads under another jurisdiction</i>	Total Road Density Total miles of open and closed roads per square mile of National Forest land <i>May include roads under another jurisdiction</i>	Potential/Existing Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Class and/or Management Areas included
0.0 miles/square mile (Rds forming a boundary of each area are not included)	0.0 miles/square mile (except as needed for administrative access by exception)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MA 5B (Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized –SPNM) MA 6A (SPNM)
0.0 miles/square mile (Rds forming a boundary of each area are not included)	Up to 3.0 miles/square mile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MA 6B (SPNM) Non-motorized Rec. Emphasis Areas (NM)
Up to 2.0 miles/square mile	Up to 3.0 miles/square mile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Semi-Primitive Motorized areas Roaded Natural Remote areas Selected Large Block Northern hardwood areas (Penokee Range, Diamond Roof, and area surrounding Headwaters Wilderness) Areas included as 6A or 6B in other alternatives MA 8C MA 8D
Up to 4.0 miles/square mile	Up to 4.0 miles/square mile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roaded Natural Rural

