

**Southern California National Forests
Inventoried Roadless Area
Road and Trail Analysis**

**Collaborative Group Meeting #1
Wednesday, March 23, 2011**

Meeting Notes

Introductions/Attendance

- See the attached sign-in sheet.

Draft Protocols

- The group made edits to the draft protocols in track change mode; see the attached proposed final protocols.

Route Inventory Overview

- The FS will update the definition table
- The FS will provide PDF maps of the Cedar Creek and San Diego River Gorge areas
- The FS will post forest summaries and PDF maps on the WEB
- The FS will provide GIS data by request
- The FS will gather the OHV inventory data to get the point data from the surveys
- GIS information will include ownership outside the NFS boundary
- Decommissioning defined – the group agreed to use the following definition for decommissioning:

Decommissioning roads involves restoring roads to a more natural state. Activities used to decommission a road include, but are not limited to, the following: reestablishing former drainage patterns, stabilizing slopes, restoring vegetation, blocking the entrance to the road, installing water bars, removing culverts, reestablishing drainage-ways, removing unstable fills, pulling back road shoulders, scattering slash on the roadbed, completely eliminating the roadbed by restoring natural contours and slopes, or other methods designed to meet the specific conditions associated with the unneeded road. (Source – 36 CFR 212.5(b)(2)).

- The exact actions that result from a road being listed for decommissioning will be based on site specific analysis.
- New info or routes – may be brought into the process through the Forest representatives
- The collaborative group will stay on the settlement tasks, with the criteria as 1st priority
- The FS will provide the road analysis process and results information to the group

Forest Specific Review

- The Angeles and San Bernardino maps need the OHV routes added
- All forests need standardized legends
- All forests – add the PCT to the maps
- Cleveland will add forest designated trails to maps
- The FS will send the link to the GIS clearing house:

[GIS Clearing House](#) [Note: the GIS data is in ArcGIS personal geodatabase format and requires ArcGIS to use. ArcGIS Explorer (the free download GIS viewer) cannot open personal geodatabase files. The FS can convert the data to a format that ArcGIS Explorer can use.]

GIS Data Needs

The group identified the following GIS data needs to support development of criteria:

- Research Natural Areas
- Streams
- Ownership inside and outside of the NFS boundary
- Fire safe councils
- Fire History
- Wildland Urban Interface
- TES/Critical habitat
- Wild and Scenic Rivers
- Watersheds
- Soils
- Riparian Conservation Areas
- Cultural Resource information (background only)

Next Meeting and Agenda

The next meeting is **Tuesday, April 5**, 2011 at the [San Bernardino NF](#) headquarters from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The agenda is:

- Adopt protocols (30 min)
- Review action items (15 min)
- Road Analysis Process presentation (30 minutes)
- Develop Criteria (balance of meeting)
- Next meeting/agenda

Future meeting dates were set for Thursday June 2, 2011, and Tuesday July 5, 2011.