Travel Management process

ROAD SYSTEM ANALYSIS (Subpart A)

The Forest Service will analyze the entire road system that we manage for you. We engage with communities as we do this work and discuss cultural, economic and ecological considerations. We will produce a **travel analysis report** that will help us to better address needs of today and tomorrow and to use our resources more efficiently.

This analysis will inform future decisions regarding changes to road access. Any decisions will come after analysis is complete, will involve more public discussion, and will be phased in over time.

IDENTIFYING AREAS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE USE (Subpart B)

Complementing the analysis of roads, we will also look specifically at motor vehicle travel across your National Forests, both on- and off-road. The resulting **motor vehicle use maps** show where motorized vehicle use is permitted and where it is not.

An environmental analysis and formal public review of proposed changes will occur before decisions are made.

To access the motor vehicle use maps currently completed and available for the Pacific Northwest region, go to **www.fs.usda.gov/main/r6/maps-pubs**.

Let's take this journey together

It will take all of us working together to identify the road system to serve the broadest and greatest public interest while ensuring that the land remains healthy and productive now and for the future.

For those who are already providing input, thank you, and please stay with us.

For those who have not yet gotten involved, visit your local Forest Service office or contact us to get started. We're right in your backyard.

Find us at **www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r6/travelmanagement.**

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Ensuring safe and dependable road access to healthy National Forests

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There is a road in the forest . . .

traveled by generations who value the freedom to explore off the beaten path.

National Forest System roads are important for reasons that are diverse and often personal. Roads get you where you want to go and provide the freedom to explore, harvest and enjoy nature.

Roads shape how we experience the land we all share.

Many National Forest System roads are at or beyond their designed lifespan

Structural components such as bridges and pavements are failing. When aging roads are not maintained, closures compromise visitor experience and public safety is put at risk. Natural resources also suffer as unmaintained roads can degrade water quality and fish habitat.

The cost of our current road system presents another challenge. The rapidly declining Forest Service roads budget represents less than 10 percent of the funds needed annually to maintain the current system. There are more than a billion dollars worth of accumulated repair projects.

Finding the greatest good

For the Forest Service to find the greatest good for the land and the different interests that depend on it, we need to work together to identify a network of National Forest System roads for the future that

- meets diverse community needs for access;
- minimizes harm to fish, plants and wildlife; and
- is safe and dependable because it is scaled to available resources.

To identify this road system for the future, we have put in place a process called travel management.

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