

Draft Trailhead Development

Description:	Provide high quality recreation sites that meet the needs of present and future generations while enhancing stewardship and connections to land through exposure to sustainable recreation settings and opportunities. Trailheads will be enhanced to consider social, ecological, and economic needs and values while integrating with the natural environment to reduce erosion, resource damage, and provide opportunities for all. The development scale of trailheads may vary depending on the Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) class setting and site use. Wilderness trailheads provide the interface between the developed world and designated wilderness areas.
Objectives:	To provide adequate parking facilities for passenger vehicles, and trucks and trailers, that are designed to mitigate resource damage while enhancing outdoor experiences for the public. Provide signs with the trailhead name, maps, designated uses of the trail, relevant regulations and “Leave No Trace” principles. These facilities are needed to connect people to the outdoors and serve an essential function in providing access to the trail system and a positive outdoor recreation experience.
Condition/ Situation Trigger:	The existing trailhead conditions are not meeting present needs for parking and staging areas for equestrians and passenger vehicles. This condition may be identified by vehicles parking along the road, vehicles being locked in, inadequate space for maneuvering trailers, and safe spaces to gather before they start along the trail. Visitors at trailheads should be able to clearly identify where they are and where the trail begins.
Related Actions:	Road maintenance, reconstruction, and reroutes; Erosion control structure maintenance
Methods:	Refer to the Equestrian Design Guidebook for Trails, Trailheads, and Campgrounds (https://www.fs.usda.gov/t-d/pubs/htmlpubs/htm07232816/toc.htm), The Built Environment Image Guide for the National Forests and Grasslands (https://www.fs.usda.gov/recreation/programs/beig/BEIG_readers_guide.htm), Sustainable Recreation Site Design Guide (https://fsweb.wo.fs.fed.us/ntdp/products/2223-2803) and follow approved design plans.
Equipment Used:	Heavy equipment may be needed to provide adequate drainage features considering vehicle types, turning radius, road grades, staging areas, parking delineations, and smooth flowing traffic.
Timing:	Timing restrictions will likely be dictated by threatened and endangered species restrictions.
Duration:	Duration will vary depending on the extent of the work. Phased approaches may be used to help address timing restrictions and to facilitate multi-reach implementation
Other Requirements:	May require cultural clearance, Outstanding National Resource Waters, Minimum Requirements Analysis, Section 7 Consultation