



## Tips for Proposal Submission

- Proponents should batch all proposals together into one larger proposal to the extent possible.
- Co-location on existing infrastructure is preferred and has the quickest processing time.
  - Utility or fiber optic companies do not have the authority to grant other entities the ability to occupy or use National Forest System (NFS) lands. Approval and authorization from the Forest Service is still required when co-locating on existing infrastructure.
  - If co-location is being requested, a letter of consent from the facility owner is required.
- Public road entities (state or county) do not have the authority to grant approval of the use or occupancy of NFS lands. The Forest Service alone must approve and authorize uses on NFS lands.
  - If the proposed use is being placed within the road right-of-way managed by a public road entity (state or county), a letter of consent is required from that public road entity to ensure there are no conflicts with their existing use.
  - Installation of infrastructure within public road rights-of-way on NFS lands require Forest Service approval and authorization.
- The Forest Service requires clear understandable maps and GIS data.
  - Maps must show National Forest System land ownership. Forest Service mapping data can be found here. [\[link\]](#)
  - Proponents are encouraged to refer to the Fiber Optic Cable Mapping Requirements document.
  - The only acceptable data GIS format is an ESRI File Geodatabase, ESRI Shapefiles, a published feature layer in AGOL. KMZ files or other forms of data will not be accepted.