



National Forest System Statistics

Fiscal Year 2024

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service manages public lands, known collectively as the National Forest System, and the following critical infrastructure that supports it.

Land Ownership (acres)		Trails (miles)		Recreation Sites	
National forests	188,540,554	Motorized trails	64,326	Boating	1,312
National grasslands	3,835,563	Nonmotorized trails	100,034	Cabin	800
Other lands ¹	769,748	Total	164,360	Camping (individual)	4,313
Total	193,145,865	Nonwilderness	132,264	Camping (group)	414
		Wilderness	32,096	Visitor centers and small interpretive sites	799
Communication Systems	1,129	Bridges		Picnic	1,317
		Road bridges	6,728	Trailhead	7,315
Motor Vehicles		Trail bridges	7,428	Other ³	14,391
Sedans, station wagons, buses	235	Buildings (number and square footage)		Total	30,661
Light trucks	8,811	Recreation	6,363 4,052,888	Drinking and Wastewater Systems	
Medium and large trucks	9,680	Administrative	14,304 20,742,707	Drinking water	4,652
Total	18,726	Other	1,144 582,892	Wastewater	4,671
		Research	208 1,620,797	Dams	
System Roads (miles)		Toilet structures	17,135 2,136,966	In the National Inventory of Dams	471
Passenger vehicles	64,748	Totals	39,154 29,136,250	Not in the National Inventory of Dams	1,064
High-clearance vehicles	199,768	Sustainable Buildings²		Total	1,535
Stored for future use	103,586	Eligible	45		
Total	368,102	Sustainable	21		

¹ Includes research and experimental areas, administrative sites, purchase units, etc.

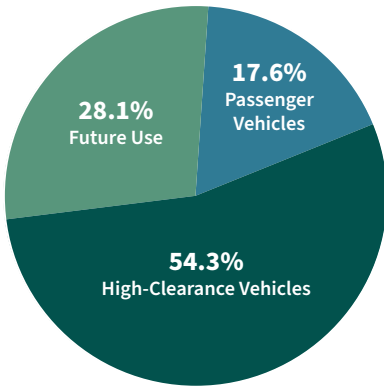
Photo: Bridge accessing spillway controls for the Council Bluff Lake Dam on the Mark Twain National Forest. USDA Forest Service photo.

² In fiscal year 2023, the criteria for eligible and sustainable buildings changed from 10,000 ft² and over, to 25,000 ft² and over.

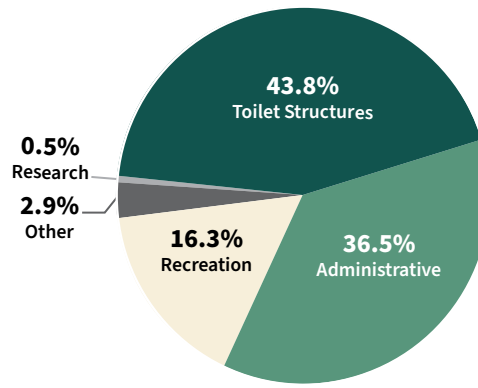
³ Includes: dispersed camping, fishing sites, snow park/play areas, off-highway vehicle staging areas, target ranges, climbing areas, wildlife viewing or other observation sites, and other general day use areas.



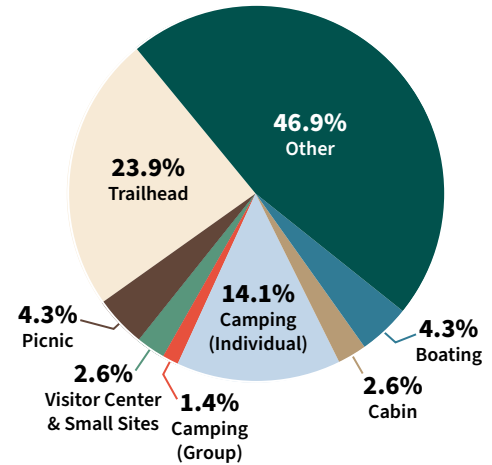
System Road Miles by Maintenance Level



Buildings by Number



Recreation Sites



Sustainable Improvements in Infrastructure

- 42.8 miles of new road construction
- 35.1 miles of system road decommissioned
- 78.3 miles of unauthorized road decommissioned
- 147 road-stream crossings improved for aquatic organism passage to reconnect 213.9 miles of upstream habitat
- 48% of administrative facilities maintained to standard
- 63% of recreation sites maintained to standard
- 61,578 square feet of building space reduced



Photo: New sheltered picnic area funded by the Great American Outdoors Act at the Red Bluff Recreation Area on the Mark Twain National Forest. USDA Forest Service photo.

Deferred Maintenance and Repairs (millions of \$)⁴

Bridges	991
Buildings	2,627
Communication systems	8
Dams	230
Heritage	36
Misc. recreation features	329
Roads ⁵	5,980
Trails	233
Trail bridges	69
Wastewater systems	92
Water systems	189
Total	\$10,785

⁴ These numbers represent funds needed to preserve proper function and usable condition, excluding work to increase capacity or alter use.

⁵ The value of deferred maintenance for roads only includes roads classified for passenger car use and does not include roads for high-clearance vehicles or stored for future use.

Deferred Maintenance (2019-2024)

