

ROUTE PROPOSAL FORM

Clearwater NF Travel Planning

This form is used to propose an existing non-system route for consideration as a designated route under the Clearwater NF Travel Planning Process and the OHV Rule. Please use a separate form for each route proposal.

ROUTE IDENTIFICATION	Your name for the route	Route ID – FS will fill out
PROPOSED BY	Your name, address, phone, email. If a proposal from your club note club name and contact person.	
ROUTE INFORMATION		
Verification	Have you checked it on the ground? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	When?
Termini	Starting point – township, range, section, and road number or place name	Ending point – township, range, section, and road number or place name.
Traffic <u>Now</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Size Vehicles <input type="checkbox"/> ATV <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle <input type="checkbox"/> Foot <input type="checkbox"/> Stock Your estimate of number of people now using this route each year =	
Width	How wide is it generally? Cleared width = feet	
Likely Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> User created <input type="checkbox"/> Old roadbed <input type="checkbox"/> Old skid trail <input type="checkbox"/> Old foot / stock Trail	
Travel Difficulty <u>Now</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Easy <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Tough <input type="checkbox"/> Really Tough (for most people)	
Characteristics	<input type="checkbox"/> Stream fords <input type="checkbox"/> Steep grades <input type="checkbox"/> Wet areas / Water on surface <input type="checkbox"/> Mudholes <input type="checkbox"/> Dense brush <input type="checkbox"/> Ruts / Erosion <input type="checkbox"/> _____	
WHY THIS ROUTE?	Explain why this route would make a valuable addition to the system. Does it go somewhere unique or really interesting? Does it offer exceptional views or connect to other important routes, or make a loop etc?	
WHERE IS IT?		
GPS	<input type="checkbox"/> GPS Info Attached? Datum: <input type="checkbox"/> NAD83 <input type="checkbox"/> NAD27 <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ See more info about GPS on back of this form.	
Map	Attach an 8-1/2 x 11 map that shows the route. Write the name you gave the route on the top of this form on the map. We can't consider your proposal without a map.	
QUESTIONS?	Clearwater NF Website: www.fs.fed.us/r1/clearwater	
	Clearwater National Forest (208) 476-4541	
WHERE TO SEND IT	Clearwater NF Travel Plan, 12730 US Highway 12, Orofino ID 83544	

ROUTE PROPOSAL FORM INSTRUCTIONS

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GENERAL

The analysis that will be done as part of this travel planning effort is going to be focused on designating routes to meet the intent of the OHV rule. For that reason we will only analyze route proposals that currently exist and are receiving motorized traffic.

We won't analyze ideas for routes that need to be constructed or require major reconstruction with this process. Those types of proposals need to be evaluated at the project scale so discuss the idea for a future project with the appropriate Ranger District. Remember: This travel planning effort is NOT the one-and-only or the last chance to get a route designated or built.

If you know a route is already on the initial designated system (shown in the Clearwater NF 2005 Travel Guide) you don't need to submit a proposal. That route is automatically going to be considered in the analysis. This analysis will not do major reconsideration of existing route restrictions because most of these, particularly for roads, were developed through site specific project analyses that considered very local resource concerns and can't be re-evaluated at this broad scale

WHAT MAKES A GOOD ROUTE PROPOSAL

- Goes somewhere interesting – not just somewhere.
- Will be of interest to lots of people, not just another dead-end route few will travel.
- Fits the desired conditions for motorized / non-motorized areas in the Forest Plan which is currently being revised.
- Already exists and is being used. Suitable for most users.
- It's not already part of the initial designated road or trail system. (Not in the 2005 Travel Guide).
- Has manageable resource issues as it exists right now. Grades are maintainable without relocation, and there are no huge obstacles that would require reconstruction before it can be practically used.

MAPS

We must have a map of your route proposal attached to the form. Make sure your name for the route on the map matches the name you gave the route on the form. Please, only one route per map and one form per route. You can use a Xerox copy of a quad map, a map you generate from mapping software or a copy of any other map that shows the route clearly. Please keep maps to 8.5 x 11 paper size so we can keep them from being separated from the forms. Maps don't need to be in color.

GPS

If you've got a GPS and want to use it great! If you know how to change datums and coordinate systems in your GPS set it to NAD 83 for your datum and UTM coordinates Zone 11. If you don't know how to change it, tell us what datum you used. If you GPS'd the route, attach a cd with the info. You can put multiple routes on a single cd – just make sure the file names match the name you gave the route on the top of the form. Sorry, but we don't know enough about your particular GPS to answer more specific questions or offer suggestions on how to use it.

LOCATION INFO

Even though you're attaching a map or maybe GPS info, please help us locate your route proposal by showing the Township, Range, and Section where it starts and ends. If it starts or ends on an existing system road or trail, list the number. If it starts or ends at a well known place name note that. We need this in case the map gets lost or there's a GPS data foul up.