

Road Assessment Questions

Internal

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Provide Suggestions that Indicate ...

Administrative Need, Resource Concern, or Opportunity

1. How/When/Where can a road be useful for fire management?
2. When do roads become a hazard to firefighter safety?
3. How do roads benefit timber management activities?
4. How are range permittee access needs accommodated by roads?
5. What road locations and conditions best serve permittee needs?
6. How do holders of special use permits utilize roads?
7. What other administrative purposes require roads ?
8. What safety concerns are there on National Forest Roads?
9. What law enforcement activities are enabled or made more difficult by roads?
10. Describe how you would put a value or would measure a particular access need.
11. What opportunities do you see in the use and management of roads that would help to preserve a particular access need.
12. What natural resources can be protected through effective road management?
13. What opportunities in the use and management of roads can improve protection of natural resources.

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General Public

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Provide Suggestions that Indicate ...

Public Access Need, Resource Concern, or Opportunity

1. How do roads enhance developed and motorized recreation?
2. How or when do roads detract from the recreational experience?
3. How do road best serve dispersed recreation?
4. What socioeconomic concerns are there that need to be addressed for roads in general?
5. How can roads be a benefit to persons with disabilities?
6. Describe how you would put a value or would measure a particular access need.
7. What opportunities do you see in the use and management of roads that would help to preserve a particular access need.
8. What natural resources can be protected through effective road management?
9. What opportunities in the use and management of roads can improve protection of natural resources.

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Road Partners, Regulatory Agencies, Landowners

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Public Access Need, Resource Concern, or Opportunity

1. What are the benefits to your organization or agency to connecting forest roads with other County or State Roads.
2. Where and under what circumstances is this benefit crucial to public needs?
3. What are the benefits of the cost share and program and Co-op agreements?
4. Where and When is this benefit crucial to efficient road management?
5. Do you have suggestions for other criteria that could be used to determine whether a road should be a part of a seamless road system?
6. Describe how you would put a value or would measure a particular access need.
7. What opportunities do you see in the use and management of roads that would help to preserve a particular access need.
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Tribes

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Provide Suggestions that Indicate ...

Tribal Access Need, Resource Concern, or Opportunity

1. What types of access needs do the tribes have?
2. How do National Forest Roads benefit the tribes cultural needs?
3. What other uses of the National Forest Transportation System conflict with tribe cultural uses or values?
4. Describe how you would put a value or would measure a particular access need.
5. What opportunities do you see in the use and management of roads that would help to preserve a particular access need.
6. What natural resources can be protected through effective road management?
7. What opportunities in the use and management of roads can improve protection of natural resources.