



## TRAVEL MANAGEMENT RULE GLOSSARY

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**Administrative Road or Trail** - A road or trail that requires a permit for access and use for a specific purpose such as fence or ditch maintenance, access for oil, natural gas or mineral exploration or extraction. Administrative roads are not included in the forest transportation management atlas.

**Designated Road, Trail or Area** - A National Forest System road, trail or area on national forest lands that is designated for motor vehicle use pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51

**Forest Transportation Management Atlas** - A display of the roads, trails and airfields of an administrative unit (such as a ranger district). It does not include temporary or administrative roads.

**Highway-Legal Vehicle** - Any motor vehicle that is licensed or certified for general operation on public roads within the state.

### **Motorized Uses:**

- Roads open with seasonal restrictions
- Roads open to highway legal vehicles only
- Roads open to all vehicles
- Trails open to vehicles 50 inches or less in width
- Trails open to all vehicles
- Trials open to motorcycles only

### **Non-Motorized Uses:**

- Non-motorized with seasonal restriction
- Foot, horse travel
- Mechanized includes bicycles

**Motorized Mixed Use** - Designation of a NFS road for use by both highway-legal and non-highway legal motor vehicles.

**Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM)** – This map will depict the designated roads, trails and areas on an administrative unit or a ranger district of the National Forest System.

**Off-Highway Vehicle** - Any motor vehicle designed for or capable of cross-country travel on land, water, sand, snow, ice, marsh, swampland or other natural terrain.

**Over-Snow Vehicle** - A motor vehicle that is designed for use over snow and that runs on a track or tracks and/or a ski or skis, while in use over snow.

**Potential Route or Area** – Areas, roads or trails (motorized or non-motorized) that the public recommends for designation consideration in the travel management planning process.

**Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS)** – ROS provides a framework for stratifying and defining classes of outdoor recreation environments, activities and experience opportunities. The setting, activities and opportunities for obtaining experiences have been arranged along a continuum or spectrum divided into six classes: primitive, semi-primitive non-motorized, semi-primitive motorized, roaded natural, rural and urban.

**Restricted Travel** - Reference to this term should be associated with a specific reason such as a road closed to the public but open to administrative use; a road or trail that is limited to certain vehicle types; a road or trail that is only open for a portion of the year. A restriction may have one or more reasons and could include roadbed protection, wildlife habitat protection, etc.

**Road** - A motor vehicle route over 50 inches wide, unless identified and managed as a trail.

**Route or Area Closure** - A route or area where all types of public traffic, including foot traffic and stock traffic, are not allowed. This seldom-used option is most often employed during temporary emergencies such as fire or weather closures or in special management situations such as to protect public safety or for protection of a sensitive site such as an eagle nest. The term "closed" does not refer to routes that have been decommissioned or converted, or routes where only some uses have been restricted.

**Route or Area Decommissioning** – Removal of a road or trail from all types of public use as a result of a travel management decision. The disturbed area (road bed or trail) is reclaimed or restored to natural conditions (similar to adjacent vegetation). There are eight levels of decommissioning activities ranging from a sign in the roadway to recontouring and revegetation of disturbed grounds.

**Seasonal Restriction** - Restriction of a road or trail during some part of the year during unsafe or impassable conditions and for various natural resource-related reasons such as minimizing wildlife disturbance.

**System Routes** - A road or trail the FS or BLM are currently managing (maintaining).

**TAP** (Travel management Analysis Process) – Part of NEPA monitoring and planning triangle. It assesses current transpiration conditions and identifies travel management issues, needs and opportunities.

**Temporary Road or Trail** - A road or trail necessary for emergency operations or authorized by contract, permit, lease, or other written authorization that is not a forest road or a forest trail and that is not included in a forest transportation atlas.

**Trail** - A route 50 inches or less in width, or a route over 50 inches wide that is identified and managed as a trail.

**Trailhead** - The transition point between a trail and a road, water body, or airfield, which may have developments that facilitate transition from one transportation mode to another.

**Unauthorized Road or Trail** - A road or trail that is not a Forest System Route, or is a temporary or user-created road or trail. These routes are not part of the managed forest transportation system. If the Forest Service does not designate the route as a motorized or a non-motorized road or trail then the route would be scheduled for decommissioning.

**Vehicle Classes** - categories describing vehicle type includes passenger cars, 4X4 vehicles, jeeps, OHVs, motorcycles.