

APPENDIX E

CRITERIA FOR KEY FOREST ROADS

Primary Road

Definition: Open for use (except for any existing seasonal closures) and fully maintained for passenger car use.

Criteria for selection of primary roads:

- Roads that provide major access into and through the Forest and connect with high-use entry points or population centers.
- Roads that link with state and county roads.
- Roads that are designated scenic routes or tour routes.
- Roads that provide access to recreation areas that contain a number of developed roads and facilities. This includes campground interior roads.
- Roads that help provide the most extensive linkage to secondary networks.

Secondary Road

Definition: Open for use (except for any existing seasonal closures) and fully maintained for high clearance vehicles.

Criteria for selection of secondary roads.

- Roads that provide the best access to management areas outside the proximity of the primary road network.
 - Roads that extend Primary Forest roads, as well as state and county roads.
 - Roads that provide long-term access, with only periodic or seasonal restrictions.
 - Roads that provide access to developed sites, trailheads, multiple resource management areas, research areas, and special sites and facilities that require permanent vehicle access.
 - Roads that are supported by cooperative share cost agreements or other partnerships and are open to public travel.
 - Roads that are critical for long term administrative needs, such as fire suppression.
 - Roads that have high resource concerns, requiring long-term access.
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