Peer Review Plan

Topic of Review: Effectiveness of road-related BMPs  [X] Influential Scientific Information

Agency: USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station  [ ] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: Evaluation of the comprehensiveness, logic, clarity, and supporting rationale surrounding the commentary presented by the author related to BMP effectiveness.

Purpose of Report: This is a synthesis report designed to distinguish between and elucidate the evidence related to road-related BMPs that we know work versus those that may not be as effective and to identify gaps in our understanding of BMP effectiveness. This synthesis could have some influence on NEPA content or NEPA decisions, and possibly influence litigation in the future (serving as a document showing there is or there isn't substantial evidence of effectiveness of particular BMPs). Also, EPA is funding this work, so there is inter-agency interest.

Type of Review:  [ ] Panel Review  [X] Individual Reviewers

[ ] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):


Number of Reviewers:  [ ] 3 or fewer  [X] 4 to 10  [ ] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Hydrologists, civil/road engineers

Reviewers selected by:  [ X] Agency  [ ] Designated Outside Organization

Organization's Name: ____________________________

Opportunities for Public Comment?  [ ] Yes  [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How: ________________________________________

When: _________________________________________

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments?  [ ] Yes  [X] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel?  [ ] Yes  [X] No

Other: ________________________________________