

Appendix A

Existing System Roads Risk and Benefit Assessment Questions

The “Benefit” questions:

- B1. Does the road provide access to private or non-Forest Service lands?
- B2. Does the road access a Forest Service administrative or developed recreation site or trail segment?
- B3. Does the road provide access to areas or sites under a Special Use Permit?
- B4. Does the road provide access to a recognized dispersed recreation opportunity?
- B5. Does the road act as a concurrent motorized and/or non-motorized trail?
- B6. Does the road provide access to a minerals pit(s)?
- B7. Does the road allow access for university and agency scientists to conduct on-going short- and long-term research related to silviculture, forest health and climate change at Long Term Ecological Research Sites, Experimental Forests, and Research Natural Areas?

The “Risk” questions:

- R1.** Is the road without easement through any crossing of private or non-Forest Service lands?
- R2.** Is the road’s Operational Maintenance Level not the same as its Objective Maintenance Level?
- R3.** Does road density in the area of evaluation exceed a forest plan standard, wildlife conservation standard or any obligatory standard/threshold?
- R4.** Does the road affect the use of known wildlife travel corridor(s) during critical movement periods, or in close proximity to a known nest site or TES location?
- R5.** Is the road or road segment within 300 feet of streams, lakes, and reservoirs? Background
- R6.** Does the road cross soils with severe erosion potential?
- R7.** Does the road create opportunities for resource damage because two or more roads access a single general area, or the road is less than 0.25 miles in length and accesses an area for no administrative benefit?
- R8.** Does the road density substantially change the hydrologic changes of runoff conditions?
- R9.** Is the road previously designated in an existing NEPA process and has not yet been decommissioned?
- R10.** How and where do road-stream crossing influence local stream channels and water quality?