
Appendix D
Public Involvement
and
Collaboration Information

Appendix D - Public Engagement for Travel Management Subpart A – Travel Analysis

The Mark Twain hosted a series of six open houses across the Forest in order to provide information to the public and listen to their feedback. We sent information about the open houses, including a brochure about the roads analysis process, to over 400 individuals and groups by mail and/or email on March 27, 2015. We also sent information to our Congressional delegation’s local offices, and extended personal invitations via mail or phone call to the County Commissioners in all 29 counties in which the Mark Twain lies. We sent press releases to approximately 45 local newspapers; at least six of them published a story about the open houses. We also posted the press release and information about the roads analysis process on our external webpage. Finally, we used the Collaborative Mapping Tool to allow the public to see the Forest road system and submit comments online.

Locations and Dates of Open Houses

Date	Location	District/Unit	Attendees
April 7, 2015	Viburnum, MO	Salem and Potosi	19
April 8, 2015	Poplar Bluff, MO	Poplar Bluff and Eleven Point	2
April 9, 2015	Farmington, MO	Fredericktown	6
April 13, 2015	Cassville, MO	Cassville	11
April 14, 2015	Ava, MO	Ava/Willow Springs	4
April 21, 2015	Houston, MO	Houston/Rolla/Cedar Creek	5

Copies of the letters to the public, mailing lists, brochure, press releases, media outlets, media coverage, sign-in sheets, and comments received are included in this Appendix.



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Dear Neighbors and Interested Parties:

I would like to invite you to attend one of the open houses the Mark Twain National Forest is hosting in April 2015 as part of a study of the Forest's road system. These open houses provide an opportunity for us to hear your ideas about the benefits or risks associated with specific roads, so that we can all work together towards an affordable and environmentally sustainable road system.

The study will analyze all Forest system roads for their existing use and characteristics, need for management activities and public access, benefits, environmental risks and maintenance costs. The road study will begin to help us prioritize our limited resources to manage roads used by visitors, while better protecting sources of clean water and a more healthy forest. The road study is not a decision, and will not directly result in any changes to the road system. The road study is intended to help inform possible future road management planning. Before any future actions are taken, the Forest Service will provide additional opportunities for the public to participate in the process at the project level. Enclosed is a brochure with additional information.

We will have maps available of the entire Forest at each of the open house, so feel free to attend whichever open house is most convenient for you. All of the open houses will be from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m., and are scheduled as follows:

Salem and Potosi-Fredericktown Ranger Districts

April 7, 2015

Viburnum High School
35 Missouri Highway 49
Viburnum, Mo. 65566

April 9, 2015

Black River Electric Cooperative
2600 Highway 67
Fredericktown, Mo. 63645

Poplar Bluff and Eleven Point Ranger Districts

April 8, 2015

Holiday Inn Poplar Bluff
2781 North Westwood Blvd.
Poplar Bluff, Mo. 63901



Ava-Cassville-Willow Springs Ranger District

April 13, 2015

The Life Center
200 5th Street
Cassville, Mo. 65625

April 14, 2015

Mansfield Community Center, Turner Room
205 North Missouri Avenue
Mansfield, Mo. 65704

Houston-Rolla and Cedar Creek Ranger Districts

April 21, 2015

Texas County Justice Center
519 North Grand
Houston, Mo. 65483

There are several methods for you to provide your input to our road study other than attending an open house. You can use the online collaborative mapping tool at <https://my.usgs.gov/ppgis/studio/launch/34901>. You can review maps and submit comments at your nearest Ranger District office or the Forest Supervisor's office. Or, you can email your comment to comments-eastern-mark-twain@fs.fed.us with "**RoadStudy**" in the subject line.

Be sure to include the name of the road, your specific comment, your name and contact information.

If you wish to be removed from this mailing list, or if you would like to receive future mailings by email, or need more information about the road study, please contact Mark Twain National Forest's Forest Planner Laura Watts at (573) 341-7471, or ljwatts@fs.fed.us.

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HOW CAN I HELP?

Your input is valuable to us.

There are several methods for you to provide your input for our road study.

- Use the online collaborative mapping tool at <https://my.usgs.gov/ppgis/studio/launch/34901>.
- Visit your nearest Forest Service Office and ask for a comment form.
- Email your comment to comments-eastern-mark-twain@fs.fed.us with "Road Study" in the subject line.

Be sure to include the name of the road, your specific comment, your name and contact information.

Fill out the supplied comment form by May 22, 2015 and mail back to:

Supervisor's Office
 Attention: Laura Watts
 401 Fairgrounds Road
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MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST



Road Study



Forest Service

WHAT IS THIS ROAD STUDY?

This road study takes a broad-brush look at the roads of the entire forest, and the issues, risks and benefits for all users and associated forest resources.

Once we have this information, we can begin to see where there may be opportunities for road changes.

It is critical for all parties to work together **towards an affordable & environmentally sustainable road system.**

WILL THE ROAD STUDY CLOSE MORE ROADS?

No. The road study does NOT result in a decision to make changes to the road system. It is a process involving the collection of public input and environmental, social and cost information associated with each road.

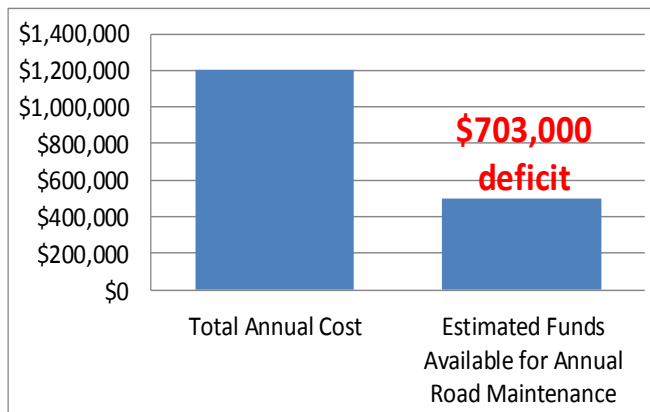
WHY CONDUCT THIS STUDY?

National Forests need to balance current and future access needs with financial and environmental sustainability.

We have limited funding to keep our roads maintained for safe access and the protection of forest resources.

We do the best we can to maintain the 2,200 miles of National Forest System Road on the Mark Twain National Forest with increasingly limited resources.

2015 Estimated Mark Twain National Forest Annual Road Maintenance Costs & Funds



HOW WILL I GET TO MY PROPERTY OR PERMIT AREA?

The road study will not affect access to private property, mineral leases or permitted use areas.

WHAT IF YOU DECIDE MY FAVORITE ROADS ARE NO LONGER NEEDED?

This road study will **not** make a decision to remove roads from the road system.

Let us know what benefits or risks you associate with familiar Forest System Roads. Public input will be solicited again before any decision about a road is made. This will be done on a project-by-project basis in the future.



NEWS RELEASE Mark Twain National Forest

Release 804 Date: March 2, 2015	Contact: Laura Watts, forest planner	(573) 341-7471 lwatts@fs.fed.us
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MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST HOSTS ROAD STUDY OPEN HOUSES

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The open houses are scheduled as follows, listed by Mark Twain National Forest Ranger Districts:

1. Salem and Potosi-Fredericktown Ranger Districts

- Salem and Potosi Ranger Districts

April 7, 2015: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Viburnum High School
35 Missouri Highway 49
Viburnum, Mo. 65566

- **Fredericktown Ranger District**
April 9, 2015: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
2600 Highway 67
Fredericktown, Mo. 63645

2. Poplar Bluff and Eleven Point Ranger Districts

April 8, 2015; 5 p.m. to 8 p.m
Holiday Inn Poplar Bluff
2781 North Westwood Blvd.
Poplar Bluff, Mo. 63901

3. Ava-Cassville-Willow Springs Ranger District

- **Ava Ranger District**
April 14, 2015: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Mansfield Community Center, Turner Room
205 North Missouri Avenue
Mansfield, Mo. 65704
- **Cassville Ranger District**
April 13, 2015: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
The Life Center
200 5th Street
Cassville, Mo. 65625

4. Houston-Rolla-Cedar Creek Ranger District

April 21, 2015: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Texas County Justice Center
519 North Grand
Houston, Mo. 65483

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MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST HOSTS OPEN HOUSES ON ROAD STUDY

AVA, Missouri – Mark Twain National Forest will host open houses throughout southern Missouri April 2015 as part of a study of the forest’s road system. The open houses for the Ava-Cassville-Willow Springs Ranger Districts are April 13, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at The Life Center, 200 5th St, Cassville, Mo. and April 14, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Mansfield Community Center, Turner Room, 205 North Missouri Ave, Mansfield, Mo.

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MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST HOSTS OPEN HOUSE ON ROAD STUDY

DONIPHAN, Missouri – Mark Twain National Forest will host open houses throughout southern Missouri in April 2015 as part of a study of the forest’s road system.

The open house for the Eleven Point Ranger District is April 8, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Poplar Bluff, 2781 North Westwood Boulevard, Poplar Bluff, Mo.

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POPLAR BLUFF, Missouri – Mark Twain National Forest will host open houses in April 2015 throughout southern Missouri as part of a study of the forest’s road system. The open house for the Poplar Bluff Ranger District is April 8, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Poplar Bluff, 2781 North Westwood Boulevard, Poplar Bluff, Mo. Hardcopy maps and comment forms are also available for review at each Ranger District office and the Forest Supervisor’s office.

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MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST HOSTS OPEN HOUSE ON ROAD STUDY

SALEM, Missouri – Mark Twain National Forest will host open houses in April 2015 throughout southern Missouri as part of a study of the forest’s road system. The open house for the Salem Ranger District is April 7, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Viburnum High School, 35 MO Highway 49, Viburnum, Mo. Hardcopy maps and comment forms are also available for review at each Ranger District office and the Forest Supervisor’s office.

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POTOSI, Missouri – Mark Twain National Forest will host open houses in April 2015 throughout southern Missouri as part of a study of the forest’s road system. The open house for the Potosi-Fredericktown Ranger District will be April 7, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Viburnum High School, 35 Missouri State Highway 49, Viburnum, Mo. and April 9, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 2600 Highway 67, Fredericktown, Mo. Hardcopy maps and comment forms are also available for review at each Ranger District office and the Forest Supervisor’s office.

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MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST HOSTS OPEN HOUSE ON ROAD STUDY

HOUSTON, Missouri – Mark Twain National Forest will host open houses in April 2015 throughout southern Missouri as part of a study of the forest’s road system. The open house for the Houston-Rolla-Cedar Creek Ranger District is April 21, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Texas County Justice Center, 519 N. Grand, Houston, Mo. Hardcopy maps and comment forms are also available for review at each Ranger District office and the Forest Supervisor’s office.

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Mark Twain national forest road study open house

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CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO (KFVS) - The Mark Twain national forests in southern MO will be hosting an open house road study.

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The open house for the eleven point district will be April 8 from 5:00pm till 8:00pm.

It will be held at a Holiday Inn in Poplar Bluff MO, 2781 North West wood Boulevard.

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Mark Twain National Forest hosts open house on road study

Mark Twain National Forest will host open houses in

April 2015 throughout southern Missouri as part of a study of the forest's road system. The open house for the Salem Ranger District is 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. April 7 at Viburnum High School, located at 35 MO Highway 49 in Viburnum. Hardcopy maps and comment forms are also available for review at each ranger district office and the forest supervisor's office.

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MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST

Open house on forest road study is April 21

Staff Reports
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HOUSTON, Mo. — Mark Twain National Forest will host open houses next month throughout southern Missouri as part of a study of the forest's road system.

The open house for the Houston-Rolla-Cedar Creek Ranger District will be Tuesday, April 21, from 5-8 p.m. at the Texas County Justice Center, 519 N. Grand, Houston, Missouri.

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Mark Twain National Forest to Host Open House on Road Study

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Forest Service Road System Study, Plans Topic of April 8 Meeting in Poplar Bluff

Mark Twain National Forest will host open houses throughout southern Missouri in April 2015 as part of a study of the forest's road system.

The open house for the Eleven Point Ranger District is April 8, from 5 PM to 8 PM at the Holiday Inn Poplar Bluff, 2781 North Westwood Boulevard, Poplar Bluff.

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Venue Information

Texas County Justice Center

519 N. Grand
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Mark Twain National Forest to host open houses

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Mark Twain National Forest will host open houses in April 2015 throughout southern Missouri as part of a study of the forest's road system.

The open house for the Potosi-Fredericktown Ranger District will be April 7, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Viburnum High School and April 9, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Black River Electric Cooperative. Hardcopy maps and comment forms are also available for review at each Ranger District office and the Forest Supervisor's office.

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Butler Hollow open houses to be held on road study

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

Mark Twain National Forest will host open houses throughout southern Missouri in April as part of a study of the forest's road system. The open houses for the Ava-Cassville-Willow Springs Ranger Districts are from 5 to 8 p.m. April 13 at the Life Center, 200 5th St, Cassville, Mo. and from 5 to 8 p.m. April 14 at the Mansfield Community Center, Turner Room, 205 North Missouri Ave., Mansfield, Mo.

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March 30, 2015

United States Forestry Service
10019 West State Highway 8
Potosi, MO. 63664

Re: Ridge Road in Section 16-33-4 which lies at the intersection of Highway JJ and #112.

Mr. Joe Brown owns 79 acres in Section 16, being the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Because there are some who go down the ridge road to practice shooting, he is again complaining to everyone about this. Where people do their shooting lies under the hill and quite a ways from his home

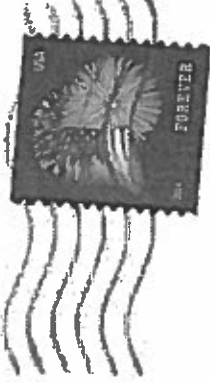
Our only concern is that his complaining will get the road shut off to all the walkers that so enjoy walking out that particular road. Of course they could walk from the county road, however it is too much to walk the entire distance at any one time, so as my husband does, they walk one distance one time and then park somewhere and walk another distance. My husband especially enjoys walking out there since as a child he walked those woods hunting so many years.

We just hate to have one person to ruin it for everyone else.

A concerned citizen
Arcadia, MO 63621

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10019 West State Hwy 8
Potosi, Mo 63664

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Marionville MO 65705

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Supervisor's Office
Attention: Laura Watts
401 Fairground Road
Rolla, MO 65401

We hike, ride horses, ride
ATVs where permitted. We
also hunt.

Scarsine Ridge

Please share with us what national forest road is important to you and why. (Please be as specific as possible.)

~~Pinney Lower Road~~
~~Base Road west of m Hut~~
Road Tent Ridge Road - Passville Area

Reason We love the forest roads,

We spend time with grandkids, family & friends. We are getting older they make getting to the forest more accessible.

Name Shirley & Calvin Fly

Address 23189 Lawrence 220

City, State, Zip Marionville, MO 65605

Phone # 417-669-3471

Email Address _____

Please share with us what national forest road is important to you and why. (Please be as specific as possible.)

Road _____

Reason _____

Name _____

Address _____

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Mr. Robert Moore
HC 64
Box 6060
West Plains, MO 65775

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401 Fairgrounds Rd,
Rolla MO 65401

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ATT

Laura Watts

Please share with us what national forest road is important to you and why. (Please be as specific as possible.)

Road 756

Reason Landowners private property
Down this Road
Road Grading.

Name Robert E Moore

Address HC 64 Box 6060

City, State, Zip West Plains MO 65775

Phone # 417 4093249

Email Address — Thank you

Please share with us what national forest road is important to you and why. (Please be as specific as possible.)

Road All of the Roads need

Reason to remain open and usable for rec. users and prv lands next to Forest Service Lands.

Name Darrell Skiles

Address ~~1511 S. 7th~~ 400 N. Main

City, State, Zip Salem, Mo. 65560

Phone # 573-729-3044^{ofc.}; 573-308-5415^{cell}

Email Address darrellskiles@hotmail.com

Please share with us what national forest road is important to you and why. (Please be as specific as possible.)

Road _____

Reason _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email Address _____

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Road 2108 & 2037

Reason Excessive targeted shooting toward our property. We don't feel safe when people are shooting on forestry ground. (over)

Name Joe & Linda Brown

Address 2433 Hwy JJ

City, State, Zip Ironton 170 63650

Phone # 314-779-6032 -314-779-7674
Joe Linda

Email Address joseph-b@att.net

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Name _____

Address _____

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Email Address _____

Shooting at all times of the night. Trash being dumped. Trees are being ~~shot~~ shot ~~down~~ completely down. We would like to see people enjoy the forestry instead of destroying.

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Road Wolf Hollow Road

Reason want it built.

* it's a 6.1 (non-motorized)

Agreement: open gate for hunting season

Name Paul Hale

Address _____

City, State, Zip Fredonicktown, MD

Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Please share with us what national forest road is important to you and why. (Please be as specific as possible.)

Road _____

Reason _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email Address _____

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Road North Fork Loop Trail
Steam Mill Hollow

Reason West Plains Regional Bicycle Club
members have been mountain biking in
this area since 2003. We have not seen
any trail maintenance in this area
at all. Blown down trees over trail
are always a problem. This area

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone # _____
Email Address _____
is heavily used by hikers and
horseback riders also. We would
appreciate some attention
to this great recreational
area!

Please share with us what national forest road is important to you and why. (Please be as specific as possible.)

Road _____

Reason _____

Name Marty J. Szigety
Address 4948 County Road 8940
City, State, Zip West Plains, MO 65775
Phone # 417 257-4718
Email Address marty.szigety@gmail.com

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Road _____

Reason _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email Address _____

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Name _____

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To: Laura

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Road Garrison, Blue Ridge, Red Bird Road, LOOKOUT, Desreaux, Labor Hollow

Reason and blade top all other roads are Reason important.

Please just let the roads be natural! Only clear down trees and fix complete washouts. you are spending all the money on rock and grading so it can be logged easily. People want natural road and trails not highways, for log trucks.

Name DO NOT TAKE ALL THE natural

Name Jan Kurth

Address torrion out of Chadwick trails.

Address CENTER Rd.

City, State, Zip That just make it, faster

City, State, Zip OZARK MO 65721

Phone # being dangerous too all.

Phone # _____

Email Flat and leveled by a dozer

Email KURTH123@CENT6NYTEL.NET

Address IS NOT what PEOPLE want
Thank you

Please share with us what national forest road is important to you and why. (Please be as specific as possible.)

Road TRAILHEAD INFORMATION

Reason ON MAPS DOES NOT INDICATE WHETHER LOCATION CAN ACCOMODATE HORSE TRAILERS.

Name MAURY MERTZ

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email Address _____

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Road _____

Reason _____

Name _____

Address _____

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Please share with us what national forest road is important to you and why. (Please be as specific as possible.)

Road H-5

Reason IT'S THE ONLY ACCESS TO TWO HOUSES.

Name JIM WHITLEY

Address P.O. Box 270

City, State, Zip CHADWICK MO.

Phone # 417 6343054

Email Address _____

Please share with us what national forest road is important to you and why. (Please be as specific as possible.)

Road _____

Reason _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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Whitley
P.O. Box 270
CHADWICK, MO.
65629

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SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE
ATTENTION: LAURA WATTS
401 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
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*Please draft a
response*

Mark Twain National Forest
William Nightingale, Forest Supervisor
401 Fairgrounds Road
Rolla MO 65401

Dear Mr. Nightingale:

At our April Transportation Advisory Committee meeting, we shared information with our members (mostly local elected officials) on the Mark Twain National Forest road survey that was underway. We wanted to make sure that they were aware of the survey, knew its purpose and had an opportunity to participate. We shared the road survey brochure with them as well.

There was concern among some of the members that the survey could lead to road closings within the Forest. Therefore the group went on record in opposition to any road closing without Mark Twain National Forest first obtaining considerable public input for each specific road being considered for closure.

I hope that public input would be part of the standard process to close a road, however, our TAC places great value in public input and wanted to share that with you. Sometimes new information or new ideas come to light through that process that is important to decision-making.

As a partner with the Missouri Department of Transportation, we recognize how difficult it is to maintain critical infrastructure when dollars are insufficient, and we know that priorities must be set to best spend those limited dollars. We hope the road survey provided you with valuable information to aid you in your priority setting.

Best regards,

Bonnie J. Prigge
Executive Director

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File Code: 7700
Date: June 10, 2015

Ms. Bonnie Prigge
Executive Director
Meramec Regional Planning Commission
4 Industrial Dr.
St. James, MO 65559-1689

Dear Ms. Prigge:

This responds to your letter dated June 4, 2015. Thank you kindly for sharing the Meramec Regional Planning Commission's comments on the Mark Twain National Forest's recent road study. As elected officials, neighbors, and collaborators, your organization's input is invaluable to us as we strive to achieve our Agency's mission here on the ground in Missouri.

Please allow me to put to rest any concerns that Mark Twain National Forest would close any roads as a result of the recent study. The purpose of the recent road study was to gather public input and the environmental, social and cost information associated with each road to inform *future* decisions. This exercise is being conducted on all national forests nationwide.

Mark Twain National Forest will continue to comply with Forest Service NEPA Regulations (36 CFR 220). To meet these requirements, we involve interested and affected agencies, State and local governments, tribes, organizations, and individuals in the planning and decision-making process. It remains Forest Service policy to give early and timely notice of upcoming proposals to interested and affected persons.

Please rest assured that the decision to close any road would be a future proposal that would entail a new opportunity for public comment on the specific action proposed. We appreciate your continued support and interest.

Thank you again for your comments.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM B. NIGHTINGALE
Forest Supervisor Forest Supervisor

cc:
Melissa Steward
Amy Wilson
Rich Hall



From: [Audrey Beres](#)
To: [FS-comments-eastern-mark-twain](#)
Subject: roadstudy
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 10:06:34 AM

To whom it may concern:

We received notice of the Mark Twain National Forest's (MTNF) intent to study its road system for existing uses and characteristics, need for management activities and public access, benefits, environmental risk and maintenance costs.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (Department) is the agency responsible for forest, fish, and wildlife resources in Missouri. As such, we actively participate in project review when projects might affect those resources as well as our conservation areas, which are held in public trust for the protection, management and enjoyment of those resources. The Department has no regulatory role, however our comments and recommendations are for your consideration and are offered to reduce impacts to the forest, fish, and wildlife resources in the project area.

Please accept the following comments for consideration:

- The condition of the access road to Howell Lake in Washington County (2919) has limited the amount of management and stocking that the Department can deliver to MTNF, and by extension to the citizens of Missouri. Maintenance of the roads leading to other managed lakes in the district, specifically 2514 & 2514B for Timberlane and 2662B for Palmer (and 2919 mentioned previously), are critical for the Department to partner with MTNF to continue to provide recreational fishing opportunities in Washington County.
- If the Department were to pursue active timber management on the Metcalf School Tract portion of Pea Ridge Conservation Area in Washington County, the most viable access to this tract, without crossing significant drainages, would be MTNF's Stone Ridge Rd (2268).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Audrey Beres
Policy Coordinator
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Missouri Department of Conservation
2901 West Truman Blvd.
Jefferson City, MO 65109
O: 573.522.4115 ext. 3346
F: 573.526.4495
Audrey.Beres@mdc.mo.gov

From: [Jenny Loda](#)
To: [FS-comments-eastern-mark-twain](#)
Subject: Road Study
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 7:26:12 PM
Attachments: [Comments on Mark Twain NF Road Study.pdf](#)

Please find our comments in the attached file.

Thanks,

Jenny Loda

Amphibian and Reptile Staff Attorney

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Supervisor's Office
Attention: Laura Watts
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Re: Comments on Mark Twain National Forest Road Study

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Center for Biological Diversity ("Center"), we are writing to provide comments for the Mark Twain National Forest's ("Forest") study of the Forest's road system. The Center is a national, nonprofit conservation organization with more than 825,000 members and online activists dedicated to the protection of endangered species and wild places.

The Center requests that you consider the effects of roads on Ozark hellbenders ("hellbenders") in the Forest as a key component of this study. These hellbenders are listed as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act and are considered to be a highly imperiled species. In Missouri, the Ozark hellbender occurs primarily on the Mark Twain National Forest and the Ozark National Scenic Riverways. Roads were called out in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's ("FWS") final listing rule as contributing to the habitat degradation that is one of the most likely causes of decline for this species.¹

Under the ESA, federal agencies like the Forest Service ("Service"):

*shall seek to conserve endangered species and threatened species and shall utilize their authorities in furtherance of the purposes of this Act.*²

Thus the Service must consider the conservation of the endangered Ozark hellbender in its road study, in determining environmental risks and management strategies when looking at current roads and considering the possibility of future road construction.

Hellbenders are a strictly aquatic species, generally found in rocky, fast flowing streams. This species is intolerant of sedimentation and turbidity, both of which can be

¹ 76 Fed. Reg. 61956 (October 6, 2011)

² 16 U.S.C. § 1531(c).

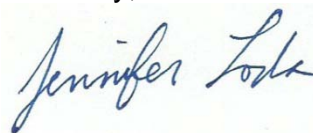
caused by roads. Hellbenders are habitat specialists dependent on consistent levels of dissolved oxygen, temperature, and flow, and as such even minor alterations to stream habitat can be detrimental. Sediment inputs from land use activities such as roads can impact these water quality values as well as reduce suitable habitat for all life stages of hellbenders and their prey, and cover and suffocate their eggs.

Timber harvest and its associated activities, including construction and increased use of unpaved roads, increase terrestrial erosion and sedimentation into streams that is damaging to hellbenders. Construction of roads for timber harvest can also cause soil compaction, leading to a rise in peak stream flows. Other types of roads can cause problems for hellbenders as well, if they are improperly designed or maintained. Without proper design and maintenance, roads can cause marginally stable slopes to fail and can directly channel surface runoff into streams. Thus the Forest Service should consider the hellbender when making decisions regarding timber harvests and their associated roads. In addition, in this road study you should determine which of the current roads are improperly designed or maintained, thus potentially impacting the hellbender, and come up with strategies to resolve these issues.

We are unable to provide comments on any specific roads because the FWS does not make information on locations of Ozark hellbender populations publically available, because of concerns about increasing the risk of unauthorized collection. Thus, for this road study, the Forest Service must work directly with FWS biologists to determine which roads in the Forest's system are in the vicinity of hellbenders and to seek FWS' expert advice on how these roads and their management, as well as any potential new roads, may impact hellbenders. The Forest Service should also take into consideration those areas of the Forest that may not be currently occupied, but that may be essential for the species to expand and move towards recovery.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We hope that you will keep the Ozark hellbender as a primary concern when looking at the environmental risks associated with the Forest's road system and when making future decisions about managing roads in the Mark Twain National Forest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Loda". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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Comments from Online Collaborative Mapping Tool

Reference ID	Created	Keyword	Text	Name	Response to Comment
36107	04/11/2015 20:35	Specific Road - Wolf Hollow	<p>I am concerned about a forest service road that is supposed to be closed yet there are fresh tire marks in the dirt and someone has been using a chain saw to clear trees that fell across the road.</p> <p>This road is in Madison county. It goes up Trackler Mountain. The road passes thru Wolf Hollow. The gate is closed but folks drive around it. This is where people park to go to Lower Rock Creek.</p> <p>Kathy Bildner</p>	Kathy Bildner	Comment noted and District Ranger notified. This is a non-system road, and is not part of this analysis.
37381	05/03/2015 07:30	Keep unimproved spurs	<p>This comment is directed toward Cassville but applies forest wide. Project driven road issues usually result in the closing of short, often seldom used unimproved spurs or old road sections of various length. Most are roadside or less than 50 yards in length generally. In general when designing a project from an access point these allow folks to park off main roads, offer a degree of security and privacy. In particular I am referring to an example of FR 1002, aka Tent Ridge Road. There were as many or more unimproved, unnumbered road spurs as shown on 'official' maps. A past project using these spurs for timber access resulted several being closed at the main road. This results in a loss of some really neat camping, picnicking, general forest use spots. These type of closures, repeated over and over in past projects tend to alienate locals, especially where the spur just went out a little bit. More consideration needs to be given to this situation. Leave the little unimproved spurs open!</p>	Chuck Miner	Comment noted. FR 1002 identified as likely needed in the future.
37420	05/04/2015 12:14	Question	<p>Do you have better maps with more detail for the Barry Country section of project? Or the entire Butler Hollow road/area.</p> <p>Thanks, Cindra</p>	Cindra Fischbacher	
37545	05/07/2015 06:53		<p>Cindra, center Barry County on your screen, and bring in the exact location with the plus/minus tab on upper left of screen. Add layers from the legend. Since this is not a decision driven project and forest wide, the mapping is generic. Chuck</p>		
37549	05/07/2015 07:00	Specific Road	<p>This road (FR1052) is a paper road and should be removed. Never has been a road in location as shown. Temp access should be obtained from west across private if any activity planned for this vicinity.</p>	Chuck Miner	Comment noted. Road identified as likely needed in the future.

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37567	05/07/2015 07:31	Specific Road	FR 1000 is a paper road. Probably at one time a ridge road on what now is NFS lands. Not needed for public access and value of accessible timber would not justify construction if temp access was granted. Consider dropping from road system.	Chuck Miner	Comment noted. Road identified as likely not needed in future.
37683	05/10/2015 06:45	Specific Road	Forest Road 190 and associated side roads should be left open to at least past first or second campsites/turn arounds. Main road (FR 190) should be mowed and bladed at least to junction with 190D. No need to maintain side roads, just keep open.	Chuck Miner	Comment noted. Road identified as likely needed in the future.
37686	05/10/2015 06:53	Specific Road	Forest Road 188 should be maintained by mowing and blading. State line needs to be better marked.	Chuck Miner	Comment noted. Road identified as likely needed in the future.
37691	05/10/2015 07:01	Specific Road	FR 1016 & 1016A all on ridgetop and needs very little attention except for mowing and occasional blading. Keep these open for access.	Chuck Miner	Comment noted. Roads identified as likely needed in the future.
37694	05/10/2015 07:05	Specific Road	FR 1017, A & B. Thought 1017 had been transferred to Barry County for maintenance. Road is in good shape. 1017 A & B should be left on system and kept as woods roads, not maintained but open for public access.	Chuck Miner	Commentor is correct, 1017 has been transferred to Barry County. 1017A and 1017B identified as likely needed in the future. The "woods roads" designation is no longer used by the Forest.
37697	05/10/2015 07:13	Specific Road	FR 197, Sugar Camp Road, requires a high level of maintenance. It should never be paved and the little side roads both numbered and unnumbered should be left alone. Need to remove cedar along both sides for safety and visual aspects.	Chuck Miner	Comment noted. Road identified as likely needed in the future.
37700	05/10/2015 07:19	Specific Road	FR 1050 & 1050A should be maintained as is. Several nice campsites along it. 1050 could be reduced back to open campsites in pine stand.	Chuck Miner	Comment noted. 1050A identified as likely not needed in the future. 1050 identified as likely needed in the future.
37705	05/10/2015 07:30	Specific Road	FR 1004 B should be considered for closure to at least vehicular travel. Was closed for many years, now shows as open road?? If possible consider a gate.	Chuck Miner	Comment noted. Road identified as likely not needed in future.
37708	05/10/2015 07:33	Specific Road	FR 1004 should be maintained with blading and mowing at least to the junction with FR 1007. Nice campsite and turn around there. FR 1007 and remainder of 1004 should be woods road status and not need maintenance.	Chuck Miner	Comment noted. Roads identified as likely needed in the future. The "woods roads" designation is no longer used by the Forest.
37711	05/10/2015 07:37	Specific Road	FR 1283 & 1283 A. 1283 Needs to be maintained for public access to ridgetop. Nice campsite there. 1283A could be maintained to woods road standard. and left open.	Chuck Miner	Comment noted. Roads identified as likely needed in the future. The "woods roads" designation is no longer used by the Forest.
37714	05/10/2015 07:43	Specific Road	FR 1077 should be removed from system. Current road was used as temp road for cedar removal in the 80s. While location is not bad only receives off road use and no other purposes.	Chuck Miner	Comment noted. Road identified as likely needed, but maintenance level reduced from 2 to 1.

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37717	05/10/2015 07:51	Specific Road	FR 1002 should be maintained with periodic mowing and blading to gate. Leave little side roads open that access campsites.	Chuck Miner	Comment noted. Road identified as likely needed in the future.
37744	05/11/2015 06:56	Specific Road	FR 1148 should be dropped from system. No access from State Hwy. 76 anymore. gate and residence sit on private portion. Drop it and go on.	Chuck Miner	Comment noted. Road identified as likely needed in the future.
37747	05/11/2015 07:02	Specific Road	FR 1133A shown as a road without anywhere to go or been from. Should either add FR 1133 back on map or drop this piece. Old historical road location as was 1133.	Chuck Miner	1133 was accidentally omitted from the web mapping tool map. It does exist and is part of the FS road system. 1133 and 1133A are both identified as likely needed in the future, with the maintenance level reduced from 2 to 1.
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Source	Created	Keyword	Text	Name	Email	Additional Contact Info.	Response
Letter		Specific Road - 2108 & 2037	Doesn't want road closed because one neighbor (Joe and Linda Brown) complains	Anonymous		Arcadia, MO	Comment Noted. Roads identified as likely needed in the future.
Viburnum Open House	4/7/2015	No Closures	All of the roads need to remain open and usable for rec users and pvt lands next to Forest Service Lands	Darrell Skiles Dent County Commission	darrellskiles@hotmail.co	400 N. Main, Salem MO 65560	Comment Noted
Letter	4/2/2015	Specific Road - Tent Ridge Road	Love Forest roads. Hike, ride horses, ride ATVs, hunt, spend time with grandkids, friends, family. Getting older and roads make getting into the forest more accessible.	Shirley & Calvin Fly		23189 Lawrence 22W, Marionville, MO 65605	Comment Noted. Road identified as likely needed in the future.
Letter	4/3/2015	Specific Road - 756	Cemetery on private property down this road. Needs grading	Robert E. Moore		HCR 64 Box 6060, West Plains, MO 65775	Comment noted. Information noted on District spreadsheet. Road identified as likely needed for future use.
Fred'town Open House	4/9/2015	Specific Road - 2108 & 2037	Excessive target shooting toward our property. Don't feel safe. Shooting all times of the night, trash being dumped, trees being shot completely down.	Joe & Linda Brown	joseph-b@att.net	2433 Hwy Jj, Ironton, MO 63650	Information shared with District Ranger and LE&I. Roads identified as likely needed in the future.
Fred'town Open House	4/9/2015	Specific Road - Wolf Hollow (Non-system road)	Wants it built, gate opened for hunting season	Paul Hale			This is a non-system road and not part of this travel analysis. The District Ranger has talked and met with Mr. Hale numerous times about this road.
Houston Open House	4/21/2015	Trails	North Fork Loop Trail, Steam Mill Hollow - West Plains Regional Bicycle Club mountain bike here, there has been no maintenance; blown down trees across trail. Would like to see some attention to this great area.	Marty J Szigety	martyszigety@gmail.com	4948 County Road 8940, West Plains, MO 65775	This analysis does not include trails. Comment passed along to District Ranger and Forest Recreation Program Manager
Houston Open House	4/21/2015	Trails	Trailhead information on maps does not indicate whether location can accommodate horse trailers	Maury Mertz			This analysis does not include trails. Comment passed along to District Ranger and Forest Recreation Program Manager
Letter	4/23/2015	Specific Road - H-5 (County road)	It's the only access to two houses Shared info with Transportation Advisory Council (mostly local elected officials.) Members concerned about study leading to road closures, and went on record in opposition without the Forest first obtaining considerable public input for each specific road being considered for closure. MRPC agrees that public involvement is important.	Jim Whitley		PO Box 270, Chadwick, MO 65629	This is a county road and not part of this roads analysis. Forest has verified with the County, and the county has notified the commenter.
Letter	6/8/2015	Public involvement	Listed several on Ava. Wants all roads to be left natural. Only clear down trees and fix complete washouts; don't spend money on rock and grading just so it can be logged easily. Don't take all the natural terrain out of chadwick trails, that just makes them faster, boring, more dangerous.	Bonnie Prigg			Comment noted. Letter of response sent to MPRC
Letter		Roads in general		Jan Kurth	kurth123@centurytel.net	Center Rd, Ozark, MO 65721	Comment noted
email	6/20/2015	Ozark Hellbender	Consider the effects of roads on the Ozark hellbender	Jennifer Loda	jloada@biologicaldiversity.org	Center for Biological Diversity 1212 Broadway, Suite 800 Oakland, CA 94612	The TAPTool included questions designed to identify habitat for TES species that could be adversely affected by roads. The TAP Tool also identified areas of with high erosion potential. These would have shown up as risk factors.
email	5/20/2015	Specific Roads - 2919, 2514, 2514B, 2662B, 2268	2919, 2514, 2514B, and 2662B are needed to access lakes which the State stocks with fish. 2268 is needed to access the Metcalf School Tract portion of the Pea Ridge Conservation Area for future timber management	Audrey Beres, Policy Coordinator	audrey.beres@mdc.mo.gov	Missouri Dept of Conservation 2901 W Truman Blvd Jefferson City, MO 65109	Information shared with engineering staff, and noted on final District spreadsheets.