Forest Roads: A Working Landscape



The Forest Service Road System is an important component of our Nation's rural road system. The Forest Service is responsible for providing safe passage for its road users. Forest roads provide critical access for many user groups, including those working in public safety, resource protection, recreation, utilities, and commercial uses.

Firefighters & Emergency Responders

Wildland firefighters and first responders need access to provide essential emergency services.

Recreationists, Outfitter Guides & Concessionaires

Safe and open roads benefit forest visitors, tourism economies, and communites.

Utility Companies

Roads provide access for communications and utility companies.

Employees & Partners

Roads provide access to employees, contractors, and external partners who work together to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity our Nation's forests.

Landowners

Forest roads access private lands and residences.

Forest Roads User Groups