Travel Management Glossary

Administrative Unit - A National Forest or National Grassland.

All-Terrain Vehicle - Any motorized, off-highway vehicle 50 inches or less in width, having a dry weight of 600 pounds or less that travels on three or more low-pressure tires with a seat designed to be straddled by the operator. Low-pressure tires are 6 inches or more in width and designed for use on wheel-rim diameters of 12 inches or less using an operating pressure of 10 pounds per square inch (psi) or less per vehicle-manufacturer recommendations.

Area - A separate specifically delineated space smaller than a Ranger District.

Deferred Maintenance - Maintenance not performed when scheduled and delayed for the future.

Designated Road, Trail, or Area - A National Forest System road, a National Forest System trail, or an area on National Forest System lands designated for motor vehicle use and displayed on a Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM).

Forest Development Road - A forest road under U.S. Forest Service jurisdiction.

Forest Development Trail - A forest trail under U.S. Forest Service jurisdiction.

Forest Highway - A forest road under jurisdiction of and maintained by a public authority and open to public travel.

Forest Road or Trail - A road or trail wholly or partly within or adjacent to and serving the National Forest System that the U.S. Forest Service deems necessary for protection, administration, and use for the National Forest System and the use and development of its resources.

Forest Transportation Atlas - A display of an administrative system's roads, trails, and airfields.

Forest Transportation System - The system of National Forest System roads, National Forest System Trails, and airfields on National Forest System lands.

Four-Wheeled Drive Way - A National Forest System road included in the Forest Transportation Atlas and commonly used by four-wheel drive, high-clearance vehicles with a width greater than 50 inches unless designated and managed as a trail.

Jurisdiction - The legal right to control and regulate the use of a transportation facility. Roads on National Forest System lands are under the control of the U.S. Forest Service except for public roads established under the Act of July 26, 1866; private roads; roads for which the U.S. Forest Service has granted rights-of-way to private landowners or public road agencies; and roads whose use and rights pre-date the National Forest.

Maintenance Levels - The level of service provided by and maintenance required for a specific road, consistent with road management objectives and maintenance criteria.

Maintenance Level 1 - Assigned to intermittent service roads when they are closed to vehicular traffic. The closure period must exceed one year. Basic custodial maintenance is performed to keep damage to adjacent resources to an acceptable level and to perpetuate the road to facilitate future management activities. While being maintained at level 1, roads are closed to vehicular traffic but may be open and suitable for non-motorized uses.

Maintenance Level 2 - Assigned to roads open for use by high-clearance vehicles. Traffic is normally minor, usually consisting of one or a combination of administrative, permitted, dispersed recreation, or other specialized uses. Log haul may occur at this level.)

Maintenance Level 3 - Assigned to roads open and maintained for travel by a prudent driver in a standard passenger car. Roads in this maintenance level are typically low speed, single lane with turnouts and spot surfacing. Some roads may be fully surfaced with either native or processed material.

Maintenance Level 4 - Assigned to roads that provide a moderate degree of user comfort and convenience at moderate travel speeds. Most roads are double lane and aggregate surfaced. Roads may be paved and/or dust abated.

Maintenance Level 5 - Assigned to roads that provide a high degree of user comfort and convenience. These roads are normally double-lane, paved facilities. Some may be aggregate surfaced and dust abated.

Motor Vehicle - Any self-propelled vehicle other than a vehicle operated on rails or any wheelchair or mobility device, including battery-powered chairs, designed solely for use by a mobility-impaired person for locomotion and suitable for use in an indoor pedestrian area.

Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) - A map reflecting designated roads, trails, and areas on a National Forest System administrative unit or Ranger District.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Procedures - The rules, policies, and procedures governing agency compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

National Forest System - As defined in the Forest Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act, the "National Forest System" includes all National Forest lands reserved or withdrawn from the public domain of the United States, all National Forest lands acquired through purchase, exchange, donation, or other means; the National Grasslands and land use projects administered under Title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tennant Act (50 Stat. 525, 7 U.S.C. 1010-1012); and other lands, waters, or interests therein administered by the U.S. Forest Service or are designated for administration through the U.S. Forest Service as part of the system.

National Forest System Land - All Forest Service-administered lands, waters, or interests therein.

National Forest System Road - A forest road other than a road that has been authorized by a legally documented right-of-way held by a state, county, or other local public road authority.

National Forest System Trail - A forest trail other than a trail that has been authorized by a legally documented right-of-way held by a state, county, or other local public road authority.

National Recreation Trail - A trail that provides a variety of outdoor recreation uses in or reasonably accessible to urban areas.

Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) - Any motorized vehicle designed for or capable of cross-county travel on or immediately over land, water, sand, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain.

Off-Road Vehicle - Synonymous with off-highway vehicle (OHV).

Over-Snow Vehicle - A motor vehicle designed for use over snow that runs on a track or tracks and/or a ski or skis while in use over snow.

Passenger Cars - Vehicles that are passenger cars of all sizes; sport/utility vehicles; minivans; vans; and pickup trucks.

Public Road - Any road or street under the jurisdiction of and maintained by a public authority and open to public travel.

Right-of-Way - A privilege or right to cross over or use the land of another party for egress and ingress such as roads, pipelines, irrigation canals, or ditches. The

right-of-way may be conveyed by an easement, permit, license, or other instrument.

Road - A motor vehicle route over 50 inches wide, unless identified and managed as a trail.

Road Decommissioning - Activities that result in stabilizing and restoring unneeded roads to a more natural state.

Road Management Objectives - The intended purpose of an individual road based on management area direction and access management objectives. Road management objectives contain design criteria, operation criteria, and maintenance criteria.

Special Use Authorization - A permit, term permit, lease, or easement that allows occupancy, use, rights, or privileges of National Forest System land.

Temporary Road or Trail - A road or trail necessary for emergency operations or authorized by contract, permit, lease, or other written authorization that is not a forest road or trail and that is not included in a Forest Transportation Atlas.

Trail - A route 50 inches or less in width or a route over 50 inches wide that is identified and managed as a trail.

Trail Vehicle - A vehicle designed for trail use, such as bicycles, snowmobiles, trail bikes, trail scooters, and all-terrain vehicles.

Travel Management Atlas - An atlas that consists of a Forest Transportation Atlas and a Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) or Maps.

Unauthorized Road or Trail - A road or trail that is not a forest road or trail or a temporary road or trail and is not included in a Forest Transportation Atlas.

Wheelchair - A device designated solely for use by a mobility impaired person for locomotion and suitable for use in an indoor pedestrian area.