

# National Forest System Statistics Fiscal Year 2023

## Land Ownership (acres)

National forests . . . . .	188,524,540
National grasslands . . . . .	3,835,509
Other lands <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	769,757
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>193,129,806</b>

## Bridges

Road bridges . . . . .	6,678
Trail bridges . . . . .	7,363

## System Roads (miles)

Passenger vehicles . . . . .	64,807
High-Clearance vehicles . . . . .	199,472
Stored for future use . . . . .	103,668
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>367,947</b>

## Communication Systems . . . . . 1,123

<sup>1</sup> Includes research and experimental areas, administrative sites, purchase units, etc.

Photo: A new trail bridge constructed on the Hoosier National Forest that improves visitor safety, reduces erosion, and improves species habitat. USDA Forest Service photo.

## Trails (miles)

Motorized trails . . . . .	64,826
Nonmotorized trails . . . . .	98,881
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>163,706</b>
Nonwilderness . . . . .	131,567
Wilderness . . . . .	32,139

## Buildings (number and square footage)

Recreation . . . . .	6,330	4,042,592
Administrative . . . . .	14,345	20,833,721
Other . . . . .	1,142	578,059
Research . . . . .	205	1,613,463
Toilet structures . . . . .	17,139	2,129,993
<b>TOTALS . . . . .</b>	<b>39,161</b>	<b>29,197,828</b>

## Sustainable Buildings<sup>2</sup>

Eligible . . . . .	51
Sustainable . . . . .	22

<sup>2</sup> In FY23, the criteria for eligible and sustainable buildings changed from 10,000 ft<sup>2</sup> and over, to 25,000 ft<sup>2</sup> and over.

## Recreation Sites

Boating . . . . .	1,315
Cabin . . . . .	793
Camping (individual) . . . . .	4,323
Camping (group) . . . . .	413
Visitor centers and small interpretive sites . . . . .	797
Picnic . . . . .	1,313
Trailhead . . . . .	7,251
Other . . . . .	14,376
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>30,581</b>

## Drinking and Wastewater Systems

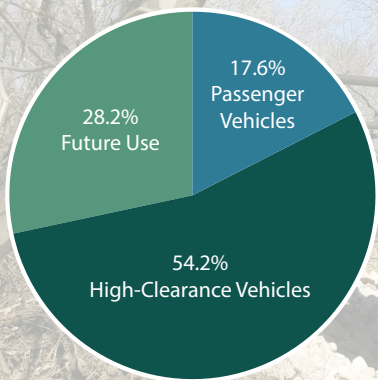
Drinking water . . . . .	4,652
Wastewater . . . . .	4,743

## Dams<sup>3</sup>

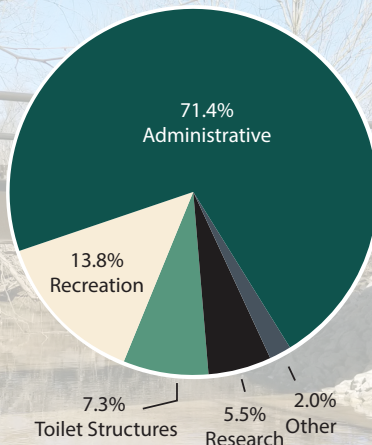
Forest Service-Owned, in the NID . . . . .	470
Forest Service-Owned, not in the NID . . . . .	1,060
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>1,530</b>

<sup>3</sup> National Inventory of Dams (NID).

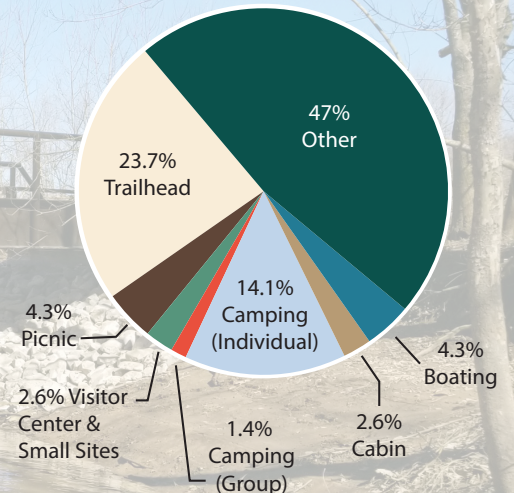
**System Road Miles by Maintenance Level**



**Building Square Footage by Type**



**Recreation Sites**



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### Deferred Maintenance and Repairs (millions of \$)<sup>4</sup>

Bridges . . . . .	463
Buildings . . . . .	1,766
Communication systems . . . . .	.6
Dams . . . . .	136
Heritage . . . . .	.33
Misc recreation features. . . . .	329
Roads . . . . .	5,373
Trails . . . . .	237
Trail bridges . . . . .	.62
Wastewater systems . . . . .	.71
Water systems. . . . .	143
<b>Total. . . . .</b>	<b>\$8,619</b>

<sup>4</sup> These numbers represent funds needed to preserve proper function and useable condition, excluding work to increase capacity or alter use.

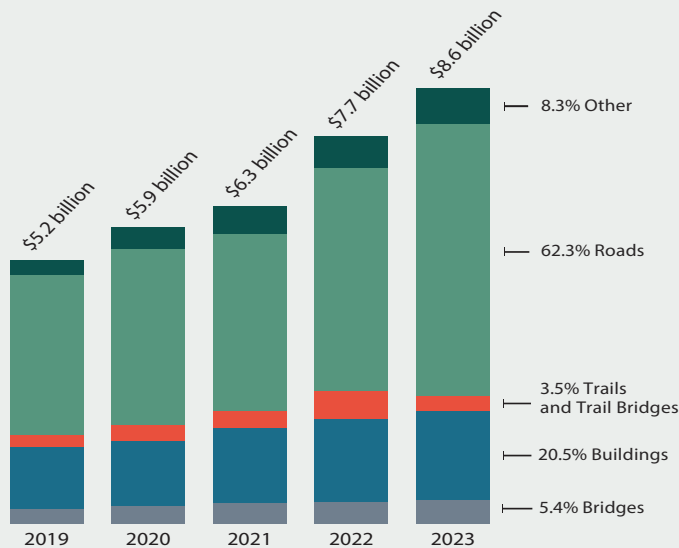
### Moving to Sustainable

- 10.6 miles of new road construction
- 19.5 miles of system road decommissioned
- 47.1 miles of unauthorized road decommissioned
- 130 road-stream crossings improved for aquatic organism passage to reconnect 187.75 miles of upstream habitat
- 46% of administrative facilities maintained to standard
- 63% of recreation sites maintained to standard

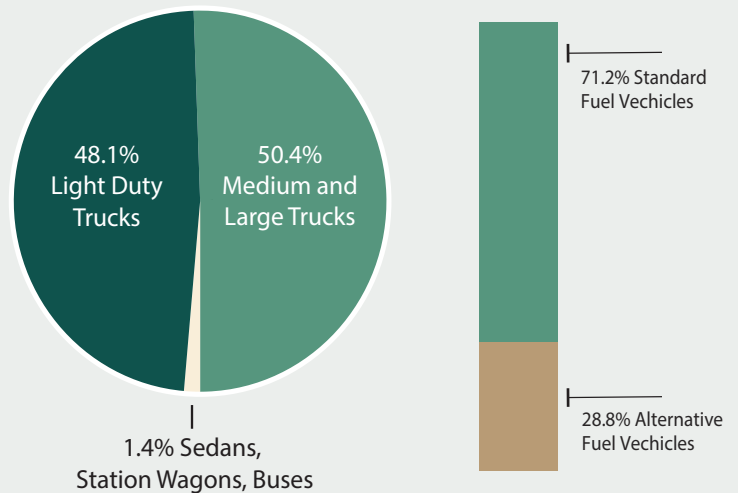
### Motor Vehicles

Sedans, station wagons, buses . . . . .	261
Light trucks . . . . .	8,692
Medium and large trucks . . . . .	9,107
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	<b>18,060</b>
Alternative fuel vehicles . . . . .	5,194

### Deferred Maintenance



### Vehicles by Type



The Legacy Roads and Trails Remediation Program supports the Forest Service mission by restoring, protecting, and maintaining crucial watersheds on our national forests and grasslands. This is accomplished by restoring fish and aquatic organism passage, improving road and trail resiliency, preserving access, and decommissioning unneeded roads (as determined by transportation planning). Protecting threatened, endangered, and sensitive species as well as community water sources are among the top priorities for projects that improve and maintain access. Emergency operations that rely on evacuation routes during wildfires, floods, or other natural disasters also benefit from this program. Funding for the program has been significantly increased through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which authorized \$50 million annually for the Forest Service from fiscal years 2022–2026. Some projects are accomplished through the work of our employees while many more projects are made possible with partners or contracts.

The before and after photos at right illustrate a culvert replacement on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest in Montana. The forest worked with the Clark Fork Coalition to replace a corrugated metal pipe that was creating a passage barrier with a new culvert designed for aquatic organism passage. The project restores connectivity for fish and other aquatic species, including bull trout and westslope cutthroat trout, and improves species habitat. Additionally, the culvert and associated infrastructure aids road resilience during weather events on National Forest System land.

