

EVALUATION CRITERIA

When evaluating routes (roads and trails) for updating the transportation system on the Sequoia National Forest, staff is required to consider a number of different factors. Some of these factors are listed below. We would like your suggestions on other factors to consider and hope that you will help us expand the list.

Existing/Potential Access, Opportunities, and Experiences

(Destinations – why do people use a particular road?)

- Access to recreation destinations – campsites, beaches, picnic areas, non-motorized trails (hiking, equestrian, mountain bike), scenic areas, hunting and fishing areas
- Access for permit holders – firewood, mining claims, timber, and grazing
- Access to private land
- USFS administration/management – access for forest support (firefighting, thinning, maintenance)
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(Travel/Recreation experience - what's special about this route?)

- Quality of experience for motorized vehicle travel – route surface, passing pullouts, clearly marked
- Quality of experience for motorized vehicle recreation – degree of difficulty, length of routes, vehicle suitability (two or four wheel drive, quad/ATV, motorcycle), loop opportunities
- Quality of experience for non-motorized recreation (nice fishing hole, provides shade)
- Character of route – remote/primitive vs. well-developed, with facilities both for non-motorized & motorized use
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Existing/Potential Concerns or Constraints

(What specific concerns are there for resources or users for a particular route or part of a route?)

- Known affected resources (threatened/endangered/unique plant and animal species, impacted streams, unstable soils, historical features)
- Public safety – density (roads very close to each other) and level of use
- Multiple accesses (multiple routes between same points)
- Conflicts with other users – is the route intrusive to other visitors?
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(What administrative factors are especially important for a specific route?)

- Route runs through private property – is a right-of-way held or needed?
- Consistent with Forest Plan, Plan Amendments, MOUs, etc.
- Stability/sustainability of route – cost and budget considerations
- Management coordination – route runs through different jurisdictions (i.e., BLM)
- Maintenance of route – feasibility, cost, and budget considerations
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND COMMENTS IN ASSISTING SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST

Completed forms should be mailed to: **Attn: Route Designations**
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