APPENDIX B: GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ACRONYMS

Aggradation Is the accumulation of sediment in rivers and nearby landforms.

Aggradation occurs when sediment supply exceeds the ability of a river to

transport the sediment.

CB Cutbank

CFS Cubic feet per second

Channel (watercourse) An open conduit either naturally or artificially created which periodically or

continuously contains moving water, or which forms a connecting link between two bodies of water. River, creek, run, branch, anabranch, and tributary are some of the terms used to describe natural channels.

CMP Corrugated metal pipe

CY Cubic yards

Debris torrent Rapid movement of a large quantity of materials (wood and sediment) down

a stream channel during storms or floods. This generally occurs in smaller

Dewater streams and results in scouring of streambed.

To remove water from (a waste product or streambed, for example).

Drainage basin Or basin A part of the surface of the earth that is occupied by a drainage system,

which consists of a surface stream or a body of impounded surface water together with all tributary surface streams and bodies of impounded surface

water.

DRC Ditch relief culvert

Encumbered Land Federal land selected by State and native corporations for transfer of

ownership. An interest or right in real property which may effect the value of the fee, but does not prevent conveyance of the fee by the owner. Mortgages, taxes, and judgments, are encumbrances known as liens. Restrictions, easements and reservations are encumbrances, though not

liens.

Hydrograph A graph showing stage, flow, velocity, or other property of water with

respect to time.

Hydrologic connectivity In an ecological context to refer to water-mediated transfer of matter,

energy and/or organisms within or between elements of the hydrologic

cycle.

IBD Inboard (road) ditch

OBF Outboard (road) fill

Precipitation As used in hydrology, precipitation is the discharge of water, in liquid or

solid state, out of the atmosphere, generally upon a land or water surface. It is the common process by which atmospheric water becomes surface or

subsurface water

Red Pipe Surveyed culverts on streams with fish that do not allow fish

migration are termed "Red" pipes.

Rehabilitation To improve physical environment to an environemtally functioning system

that supports a desired condition

Restoration To alter physical environment to pre-industrial human condition

Riparian Pertaining to the banks of a stream and associated vegetation type.

Road closure/closed road
By order of Forest Supervisor, traffic on Forest roads may be prohibited

by any vehicle or vehicle type, type of land resource use, speed, load, weight, height, length, width, or other limitations sepcified by the order, or based on operating a vehicle carelessly, recklessly, or without regard for the rights or safety of other persons or in a manner or at a speed that would

endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property.

Road decommission Demolition, dismantling, removal, obliteration and/or disposal of a

deteriorated or otherwise unneeded assest or component, including necessary cleanup work. This action eliminates the deferred maintenance needs for the fixed asset. Portions of an asset or component may remain if

they do not cause problems nor require maintenance.

Road storage Remove or bypass all drainage structures to restore natural drainage

patterns, add water bars as needed to control runoff, revegetate. This is intended to be the primary maintenance strategy applied on intermittent use roads during their closure cycle. In this strategy, bridges and culverts on live streams are completely removed to restore natural drainage patterns. Cross drains and ditch relief culverts will be bypassed with deep water bars but left in place to minimize the cost of reusing these roads in the future. Due to the isolated nature of the road system, which makes maintenance costly and difficult, and their infrequency of use, storage is the most appropriate strategy for these roads. **Maintenance Level 1**, closure and basic custodial

maintenance, is assigned. Storage eliminates car and truck use, and

discourages use by other motor vehicles.

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Road stormproof

Provide water bars, rolling dips, out sloping, etc., to assure controlled runoff until any needed maintenance can be performed on the primary drainage system. Control roadside brush to maintain passage. This strategy will provide roadway features such as drivable water bars, and out sloping to control runoff in case the primary drainage system of culverts and ditches is overwhelmed during a storm event. Each culvert will be evaluated as to where the water would go if the culvert were to fail to carry the high flow. A water bar or out slope at this location will minimize the potential of erosion of long stretches of ditch line or roadway. This is intended to be the primary maintenance strategy applied to roads assigned **Maintenance Level 2**. Storm proofing may also be a useful management tool to discourage or slow travel.

Sediment Fragmental material that originates from weathering of rocks and is

transported by, suspended in, or deposited by water or air or is accumulated

in beds by other natural agencies.

Sedimentation Deposition of sediment.

Stream A general term for a body of flowing water. In hydrology the term is

generally applied to the water flowing in a natural channel as distinct from a

canal.

Streamflow The discharge that occurs in a natural channel. Although the term discharge

can be applied to the flow of a canal, the word streamflow uniquely

describes the discharge in a surface stream course.

Turbidity Turbidity is due to suspended solids such as clay, plankton, silt, finely

divided organic matter, microscopic organisms and similar materials. These

solids will deflect (or scatter) light as it passes through the sample.

Turbidity is a measurement of the scattered light as compared to the amount of light scattered by a standard. The more light that is deflected the higher the turbidity of the sample. Turbidity is read as nephelometric turbidity

units (NTU).

Watershed The divide separating one drainage basin from another and in the past has

been generally used to convey this meaning. However, over the years, use of the term to signify drainage basin or catchment area has come to

predominate, although drainage basin is preferred.

WB Waterbar

XRD Cross road drain

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