

California Forest Highway Long Range Transportation Plan

Vision

To advance California's Forest Highway (FH) network in a manner that facilitates responsible care for the land and allows for quality of life enhancements for the public.

Mission

The Forest Highway Program will:

- Improve transportation mobility and access to and within California's National Forests
- Provide funding, planning, design, and construction
- Work in partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the USDA Forest Service (USFS), and local communities to achieve four common transportation goals

Goals

1. Access and Mobility

Provide access to California National Forests for public visitation, resource utilization, and administrative needs of the USFS and its resources.

Objective 1: Maintain access to USFS lands by funding improvements for transportation facilities that provide appropriate access (*ADT*)

Objective 2: Improve mode choice opportunities and mobility to access California's National Forests (*bicycle lanes, travel time*)

Objective 3: Ensure consistency with other transportation plans (this may be an eligibility criteria rather than an objective)

2. System Performance

Ensure a safe and reliable transportation network to and within California's National Forests.

Objective 1: Create safer roadways (*accident data*)

Objective 2: Maintain or improve the condition of the transportation facilities (*pavement condition*)

3. Funding and Economic Development

Discover innovative ways to fund FH projects and to support economic development opportunities to the local, regional, and national level

Objective 1: Create partnerships with other agencies or programs to provide additional funding to extend the benefits of the FH Program (*multiple funding sources*)

Objective 2: Improve long-term monetary benefits in terms of maintenance and user cost reductions (*maintenance burden*)

Objective 3: Support economic development in terms of tourism and recreational travel and utilization of natural resources (*local timber, tourism*)

4. Natural Resource Protection

Maintain leadership in protecting and enhancing the natural environment associated with the USFS and its renewable resources.

Objective 1: Ensure that transportation facilities improve the natural environment or minimize impacts to the health of USFS resources (*potential unique resources*)

Objective 2: Use transportation resources as a tool to achieve Forest Plan objectives including visitor management and natural resource protection (*describe visitor/resource conflicts*)

