

# Nevada Forest Highway Long Range Transportation Plan

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## Vision

To advance Nevada'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 Nevada's National Forests
- Provide funding, planning, design, and construction
- Work in partnership with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), the USDA Forest Service (USFS), and local communities to achieve four common transportation goals

## Goals

### 1. Access and Mobility

**Provide access to Nevada 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 Nevada'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 Nevada'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*)

