

Utah Forest Highway Long Range Transportation Plan

Vision

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

Goals

1. Access and Mobility

Provide access to Utah National Forests for public visitation, resource utilization, and administrative needs of the Forest Service and its resources.

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

Objective 2: Improve mode choice opportunities and mobility to access Utah'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 Utah'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 at 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 Forest Service and its renewable resources.

Objective 1: Ensure that transportation facilities improve the natural environment or minimize impacts to the health of FS 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*)

