



Final Planning Update



Long Range Transportation Plan for Forest Highways in Arizona

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We Need Your Input!

This plan will affect how Forest Highway projects are chosen in your state.

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PFH Apache Trail

Draft Forest Highway Long Range Transportation Plan Released

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), and the Central Federal Land Highways Division (CFLHD) of the Federal Highway Administration announce the release of the Draft Arizona Forest Highway Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). This plan establishes a planning process and evaluation framework to select Forest Highway (FH) projects based on goals and objectives set forth by the abovementioned agencies, collectively called the Tri-Agency.

This LRTP establishes a formalized project selection process. This process documents a defensible framework for transportation decision-making for the Arizona FH network and serves as a guide to ensure that transportation spending supports the mission and goals of the Tri-Agency. The result of project selection is a list of prioritized projects that is brought before the Tri-Agency partners for informed discussion and funding approval for inclusion in the FH Program and advancement into project development. The LRTP is intended to be a living document that will require some changes over time. Future updates of this plan could include any significant changes to the goals and objectives of the FH Program, project selection process, or any other items that may affect how projects are selected for funding under the FH Program.

You can download and view the Draft Arizona FH LRTP online at www.cflhd.gov/LRTP.

Vision

To advance Arizona's Forest Highway (FH) network in an efficient manner that facilitates responsible care for the land while providing an enhanced user experience to and within the National Forests.

Mission

The Forest Highway Program will work in partnership with the Central Federal Lands Highway Division (CFLHD), Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), U.S. Forest Service (USFS), and local entities to improve Forest Highways within the state.

Goals

Access & Mobility: Provide reliable access to and within the National Forests for use and enjoyment of the land and utilization of its and resources.

Safety and Condition: Ensure a safe and reliable transportation network to and within the National Forests.

Funding and Economic Development: Use innovative partnerships to fund FH projects and to support economic development opportunities at the local, regional, and national level.

Natural Resource Protection: Protect and enhance the natural and cultural environment.

Project Selection Outcome

A Call for Projects was issued by the Tri-Agency in October 2010, with applications due February 1, 2011. From this solicitation, fifteen project applications were received. A Tri-Agency series of work shops was held in Spring 2011 to discuss scores and prioritize the submitted projects. Field validation was conducted in summer 2011, and once complete the following six projects were programmed. The locations of these projects are shown below.

- Forest Highway 3 Lake Mary Road
- Forest Highway 51/NFSR 64 Control Road
- Forest Highway 52/NFSR 199 Houston Mesa Road
- Forest Highway 12/SR 288 Reynolds Creek Bridge
- Forest Highway 42/NFSR 249 Alpine Big Lake Road
- Forest Highway 7a/SR 89 Oak Creek

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The Arizona Tri-Agency would like to hear your comments on the Draft Arizona FH LRTP. Please provide us with your comments, questions, and thoughts via email at the following address: CFL.AZLRTP@dot.gov

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