

## Maintenance Levels - Roads

BLM Road Maintenance Levels - The assigned maintenance level reflects the appropriate maintenance that best fits the Transportation Management Objectives for planned management activities. Roads will be prioritized for maintenance needs or may be maintained at lower levels depending upon funding.

Level 1      Roads where minimum maintenance is required to protect adjacent lands and resource values. These roads are no longer needed and are closed to traffic; the objective is to remove these roads from the transportation system.

(Minimum standards for Level 1) - Emphasis is given to maintaining drainage and runoff patterns as needed to protect adjacent lands. Grading, brushing, or slide removal is not performed unless roadbed drainage is being adversely affected, causing erosion. Closure and traffic restrictive devices are maintained.

Level 2      Roads where the management objectives require the road to be opened for limited administrative traffic. Typically, these roads are passable by high clearance vehicles.

(Minimum standards for Level 2) - Drainage structures are to be maintained as needed. Grading is conducted as necessary to correct drainage problems. Brushing is conducted as needed to allow administrative access. Slides may be left in place provided they do not adversely affect drainage.

Level 3      Roads where management objectives require the road to be open seasonally or year-round for commercial, recreation, or high volume administrative access. Typically, these roads are natural or aggregate surfaced, but may include low use bituminous surfaced roads. These roads have defined cross section with drainage structures (e.g., rolling dips, culverts, or ditches). These roads may be negotiated by passenger cars traveling at prudent speeds. User comfort and convenience are not considered a high priority.

(Minimum standards for Level 3) - Drainage structures are to be maintained as needed. Grading is conducted to provide a reasonable level of riding comfort at prudent speeds for the road conditions. Brushing is conducted as needed to improve sight distance. Slides adversely affecting drainage receive high priority for removal, otherwise they will be removed on a scheduled basis.

Level 4      Roads where management objectives require the road to be open all year and to connect major features (recreation sites, local road systems, administrative sites, etc.) to County, State, or Federal roads. Typically, these roads are single or double lane, aggregate, or bituminous surface, with a higher volume of commercial and recreational traffic than administrative traffic.

(Minimum standards for Level 4) - The entire roadway is maintained at least annually, although a preventative maintenance program may be established. Problems are repaired as discovered. These roads may be closed or have limited access due to snow conditions.

Level 5      Roads where management objectives require the road to be open all year and are the highest traffic volume roads of the transportation system.

(Minimum standards for Level 5) - The entire roadway is maintained at least annually and a preventative maintenance program is established. Problems are repaired as discovered. These roads may be closed or have limited access due to snow conditions.



## Maintenance Level - Trails

The assigned maintenance level reflects the appropriate level of maintenance required to meet management objectives.

Level 1 Trails closed to motorized and non-motorized use. This level is the minimum maintenance required to protect adjacent lands and resource values. The objectives may be to remove these trails from the trail system.

(Minimum standards for Level 1) - Emphasis is given to maintaining drainage and runoff patterns as needed to protect adjacent lands. Brushing and removal of hazards are not performed unless trail drainage is being adversely affected causing erosion. Closure devices are maintained.

Level 2 Low use trail with little or no contact between parties. Little or no visitor use management. Visitors may encounter obstructions like brush and deadfall.

(Minimum standards for Level 2) - Repairs will be done at the beginning of the season to prevent environmental damage and maintain access. Emphasis is given to maintaining drainage and mitigating hazards. The trail may be signed "Not regularly Maintained". Major repair may not be done for several seasons.

Level 3 Moderate use trail with visitor use on a seasonal/and or peak use period with frequent contact between parties. Trail management is conducted with occasional visitor use patrols. Visitors are not likely to encounter obstructions.

(Minimum standards for Level 3) - Major repairs shall be completed annually. Maintenance shall be scheduled two to three times per season, if required, to repair the trail to prevent environmental damage and to maintain access. Trail is kept in good condition.

Level 4 High use trail during specific times of the year with high frequencies of contact between parties. Regularly scheduled visitor use patrol and management.

(Minimum standards for Level 4) - Scheduled maintenance shall occur frequently (three or four times) during the use season. Trail condition and accessibility for persons with disabilities are major concerns. Significant repairs shall be completed within 10 workdays.

Level 5 A special high use trail with routine high visitor use, patrols and management.

(Minimum standards for Level 5) - Has a scheduled maintenance program. Trail condition and accessibility for persons with disabilities are a major concern. Significant repairs shall be completed within 2-3 workdays.

## Information/Verification Sheet

Name/Phone Number of field Office Contact:

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