



# RAP: Roads Analysis Process

Finger Lakes National Forest

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# Announcements

- Meeting notes
- Past issues
- Missed previous meetings?
- Public input meetings – No Decisions

# NEXT PUBLIC PLANNING MEETINGS

- **Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00pm**

Hector Fire Hall

Meeting Topic

Alternative Development – Management Areas

- **Thursday, December 4<sup>nd</sup> 7:00-9:00pm**

Hector Fire Hall

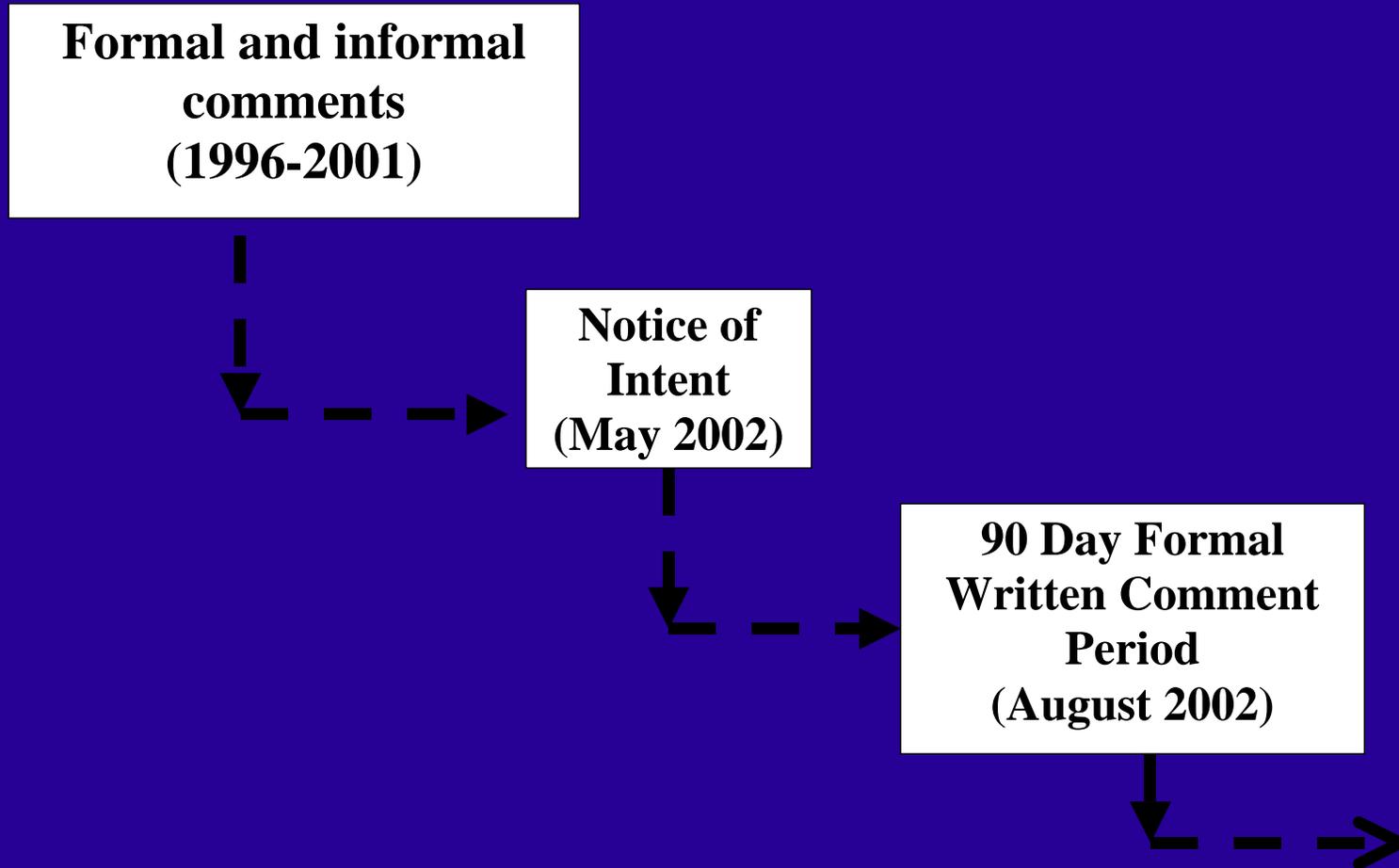
Alternative Development - Mapping

# Forest Plan Revision

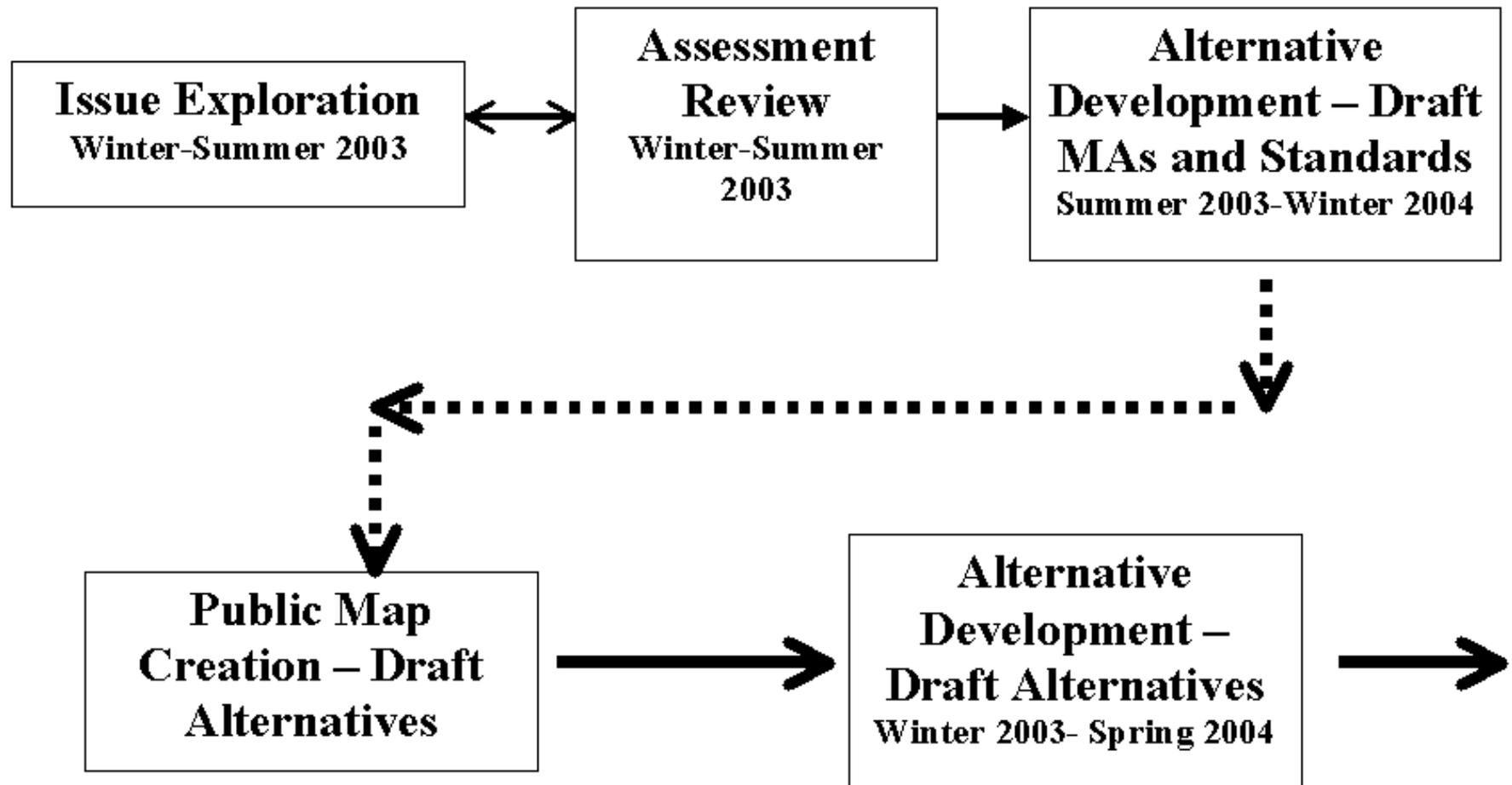
- Why are we revising the plan?
- How can you get involved?
- Where are we in the process?

# FLNF Forest Plan Revision Timeline

## Where we have been...

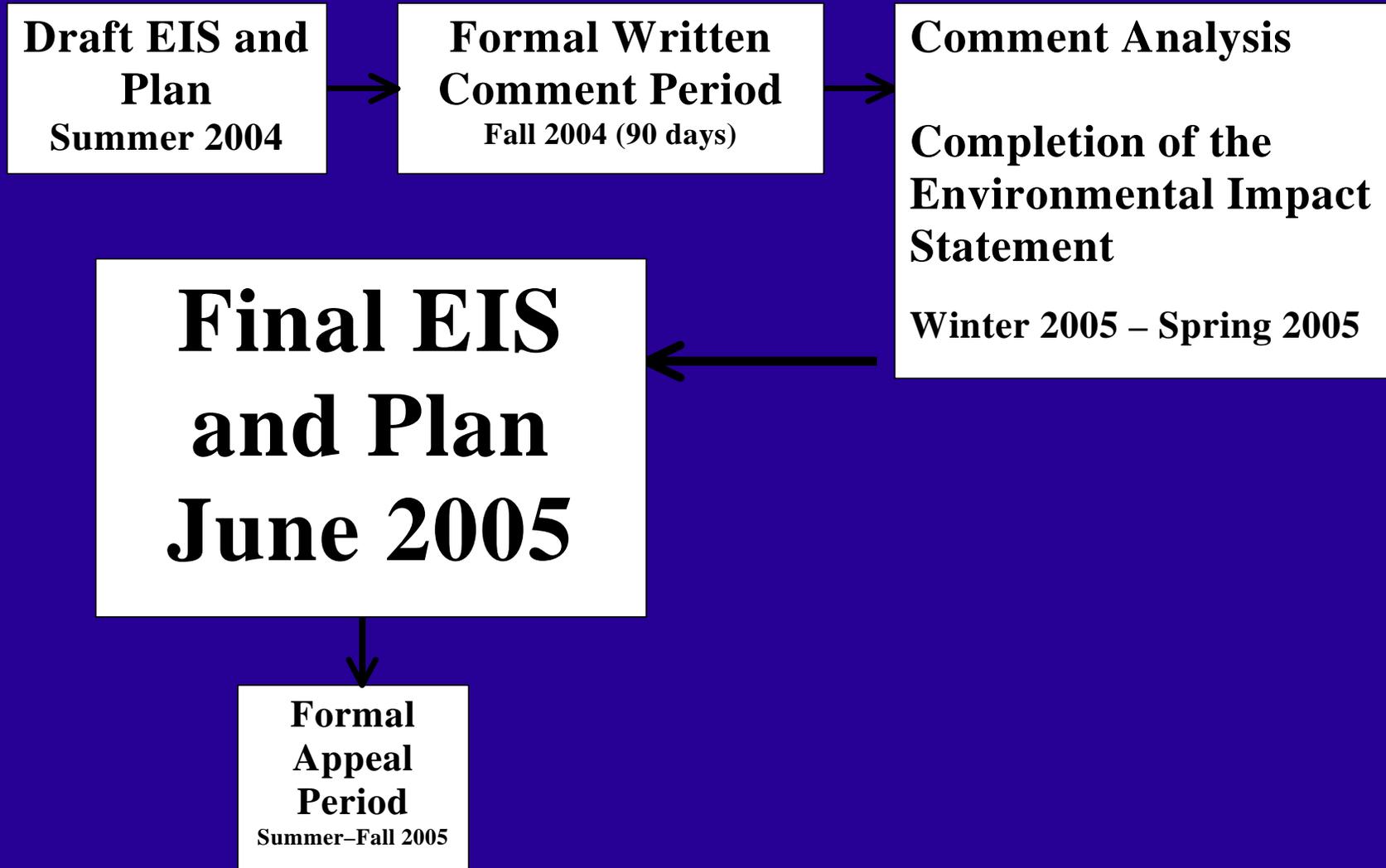


# Public Involvement Timeline Winter 2003 - Spring 2004



# **Formal Public Involvement Timeline**

## **Summer 2004 - June 2005**



# What is in a Forest Plan?

- Goals and Objectives
- Standards and guidelines
- Management Areas
- Land suitable for timber harvesting and upper limits on timber sales
- Monitoring and Evaluation Requirements

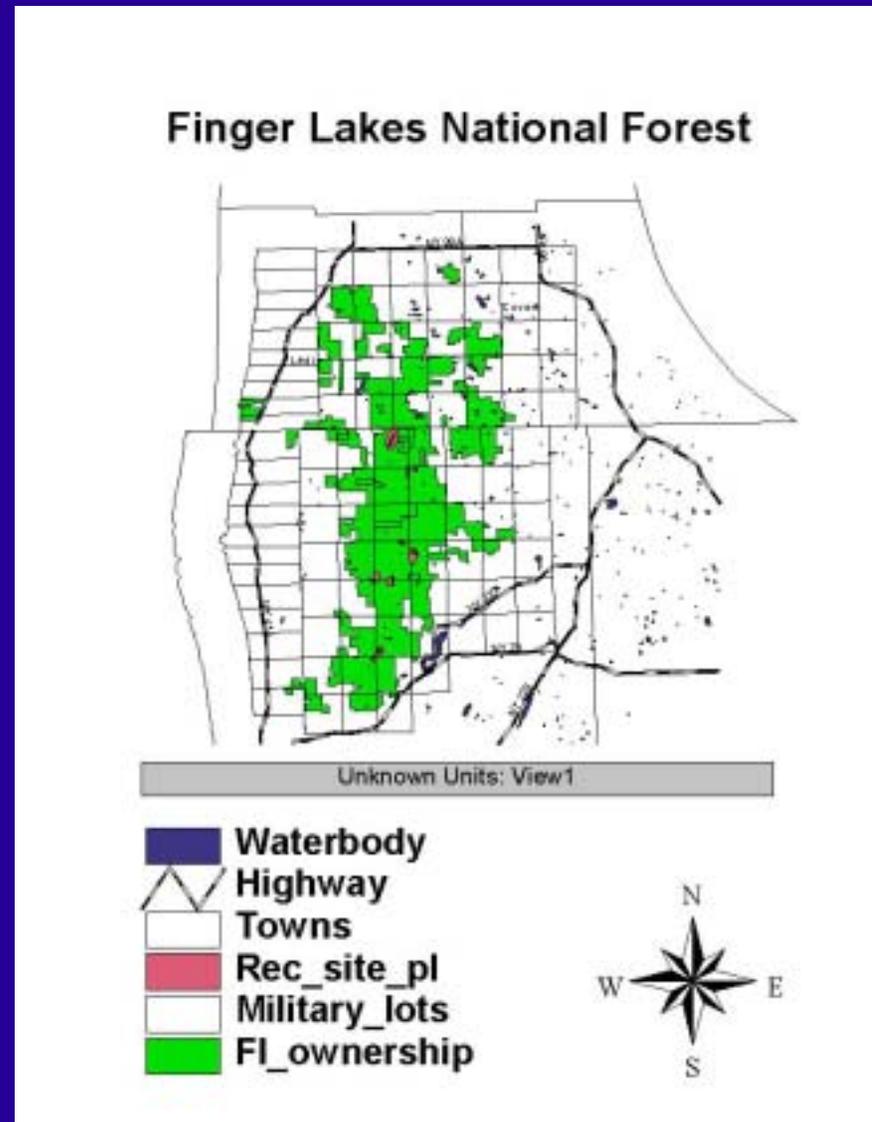
# Briefing Overview

- Roads Analysis Process (RAP)
- The Inventory (GIS)
- Public Involvement
- Schedule

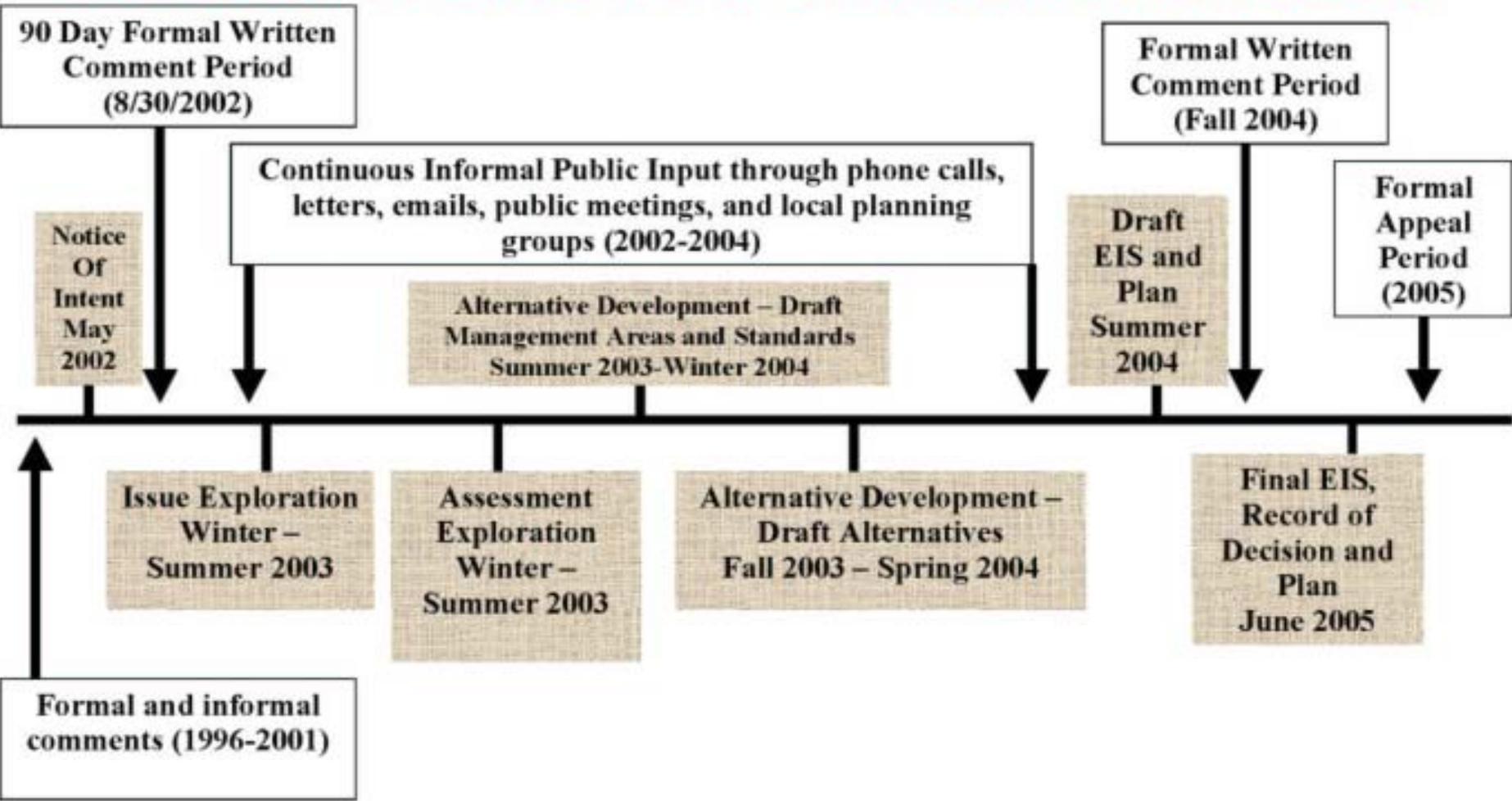


# Green Mountain & Finger Lakes National Forest

- Established in 1983
- ~16,000 Acres
- Developed Campgrounds
- Blueberry Picking
- Hunting & Fishing
- Wildlife viewing
- Hiking, Skiing, Horseback Riding and Snowmobiling



# Public Involvement Timeline GMNF Forest Plan Revision



# Roads Analysis Process (RAP)

- Planning to ensure the Road System is...
  - Safe
  - Responsive to public needs
  - Affordable (economically balanced)
  - Efficiently managed
  - With minimal ecological effect
- Phase I (May '02-Jan '03)
  - ◆ Class 3,4 & 5
- Phase II (Jan–Sept '03)
  - ◆ Class 1 & 2



# Roads Analysis Process (RAP)

- Six Step Process:

- ◆ 1. Setup the analysis
- ◆ 2. Describe the situation
- ◆ 3. Identifying issues
- ◆ 4. Assessing benefits problems and risks
- ◆ 5. Describing opportunities and setting priorities
- ◆ 6. Reporting

Yellow denotes  
high level of  
public involvement



# Road Levels Defined...

- Class 5: (0 miles – 0%)
  - ◆ Assigned to roads that provide a high degree of user comfort (double lane – paved).



# Road Levels Defined...

- Class 4: (14.5 miles – 20%)
  - ◆ Assigned to roads that provide a moderate degree of comfort at moderate speeds... low clearance vehicles.



# Road Levels Defined...

- Class 3: (47.9 miles – 65%)
  - ◆ Assigned to roads open and maintained for travel by a prudent driver in a standard passenger car... Low speed, single lane w/ native or aggregate surface.



# Road Levels Defined...

- Class 2: (5.6 miles – 8%)
  - ◆ Assigned to roads open for use by high clearance vehicles.

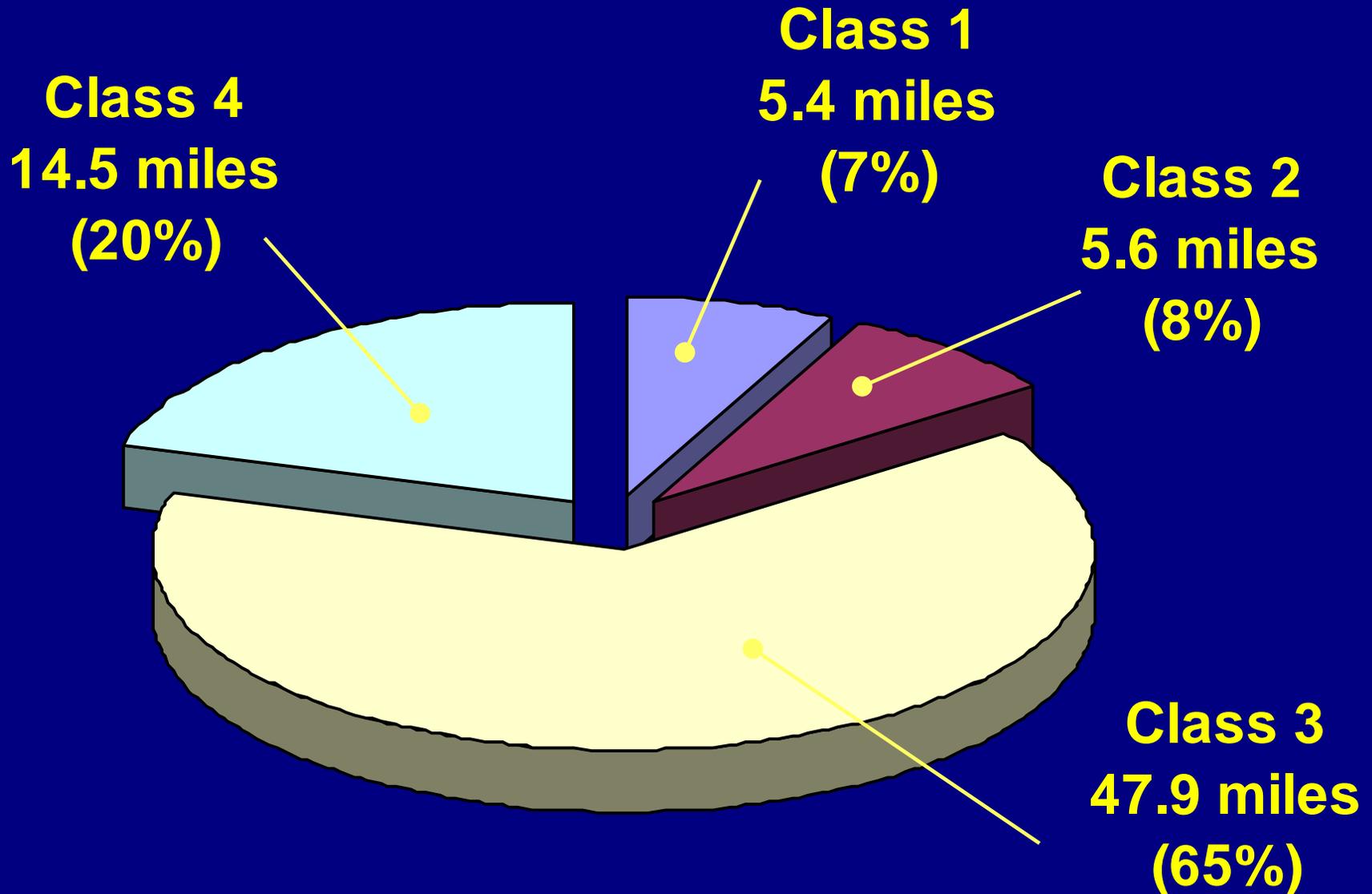


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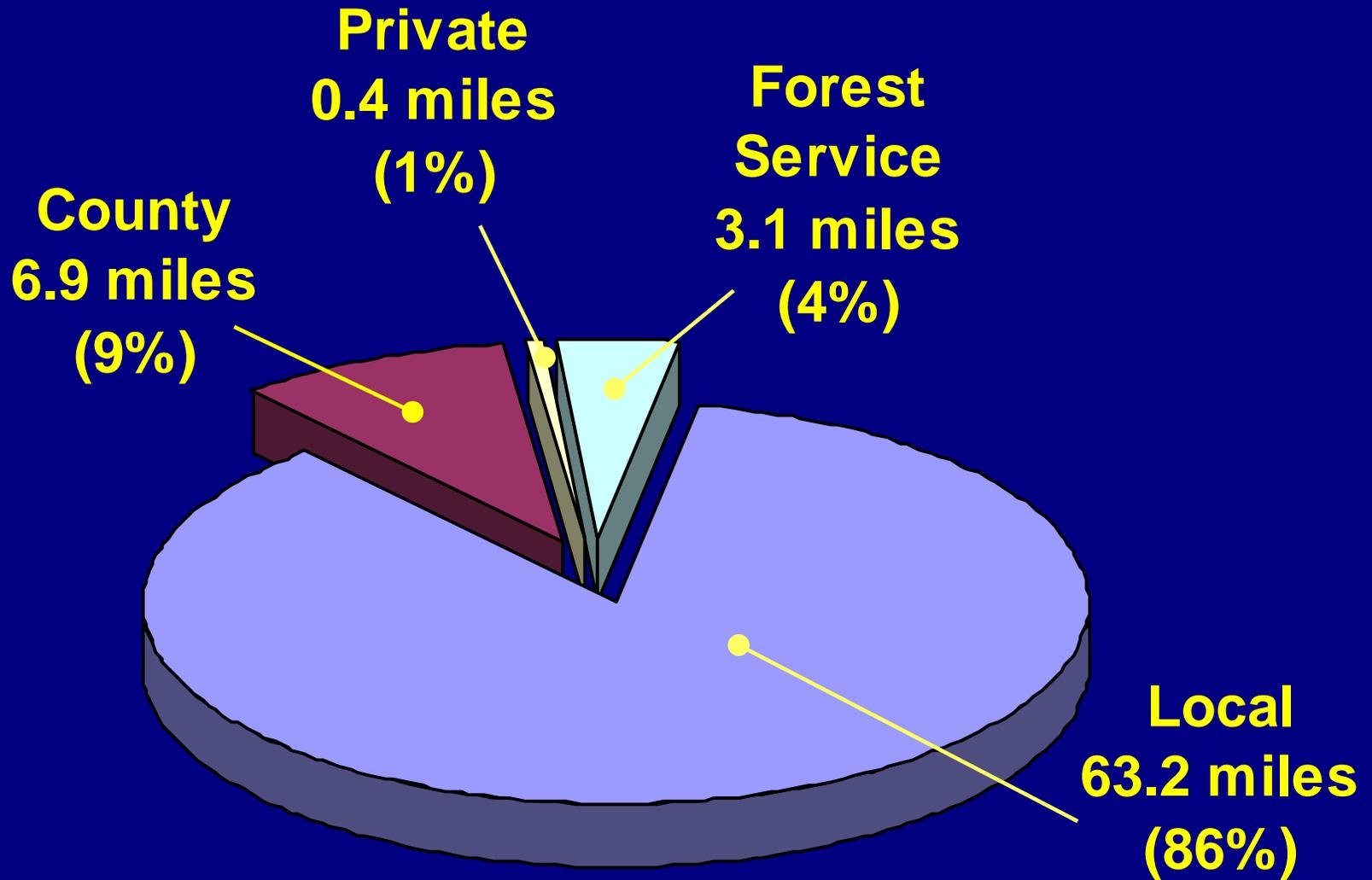
- Class 1: (5.4 miles – 7%)
  - ◆ Assigned to intermittent service roads closed to vehicular traffic...



# Roads by Class

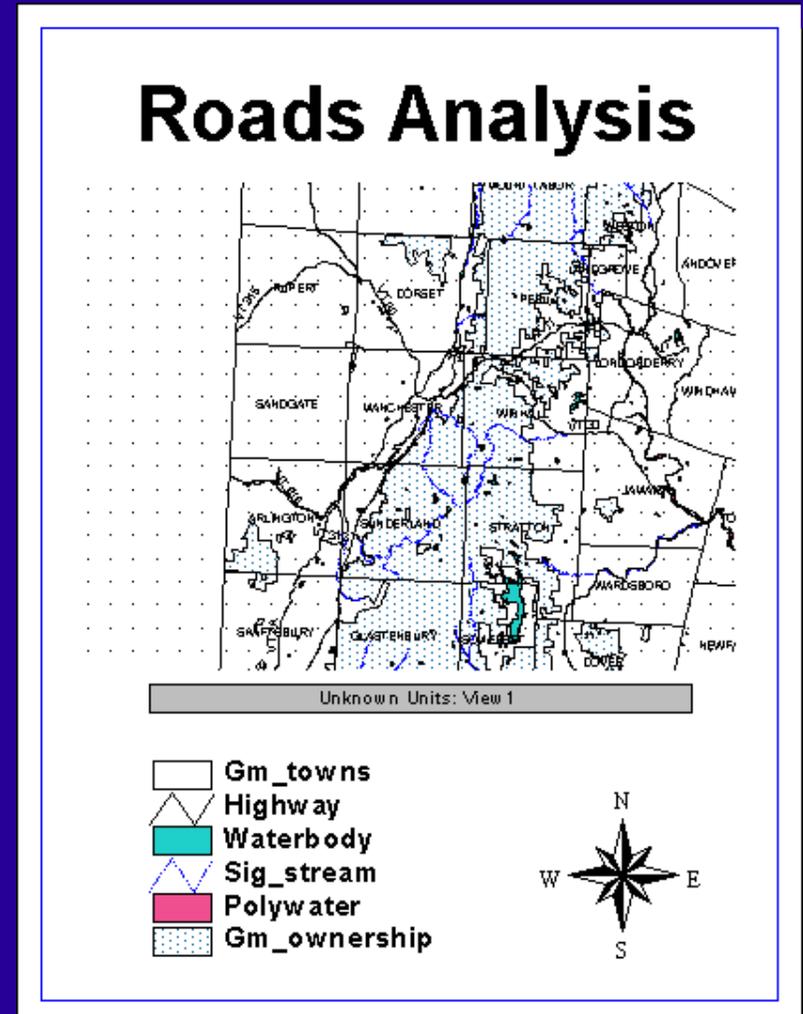


# Roads by Jurisdiction



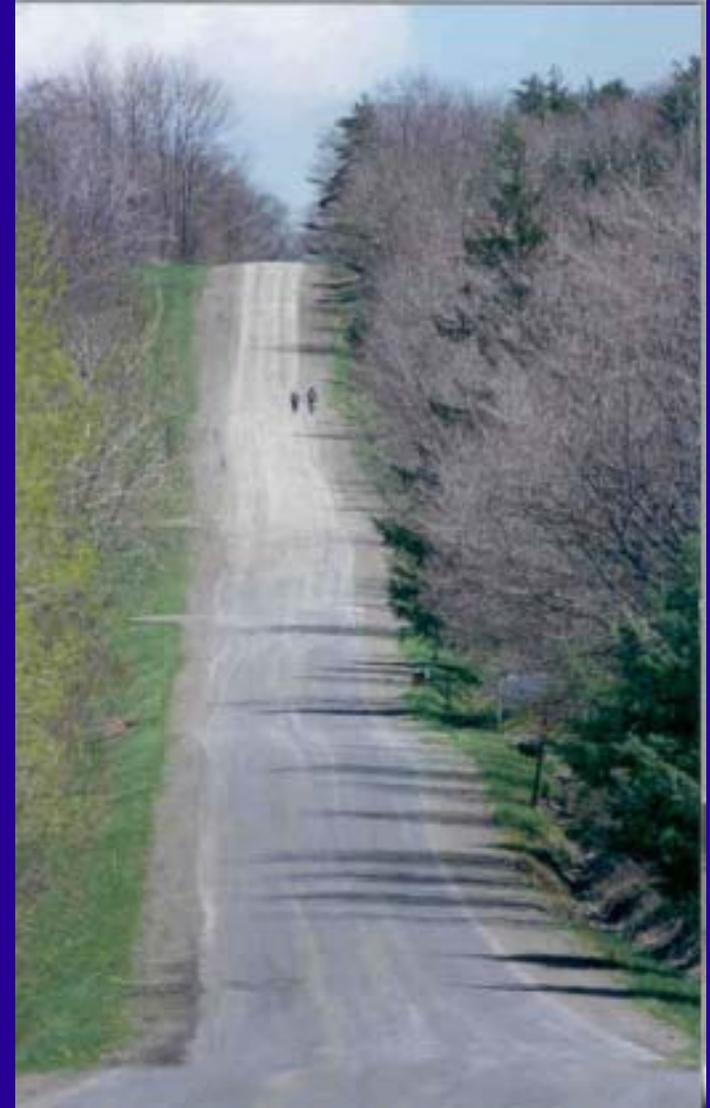
# The Inventory....

- Primarily GIS
  - ◆ Features
    - Road Class
    - Condition
    - Maintenance Schedule
    - Structures
  - ◆ Resources
    - Riparian Zones
    - Terrestrial WL
    - Sen. Ecosystems
    - Special Features
    - Timber
    - Water Production
    - Recreation
    - ROW Easements



# Public Involvement

- Public meetings
- Web Page
  - ◆ [http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/gmfl/nepa\\_planning/plan\\_revision/rap/rap.htm](http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/gmfl/nepa_planning/plan_revision/rap/rap.htm)
- Generate an Interested Party mailing List (1500 +/-)
- Special Interest discussions (Snowmobile, Timber, Recreational users, etc.)



## ➤ **What are we looking for?**

- **What Roads are important and why?**
- **What's your expectation of this system?**
- **What resources are important? Unimportant?**
- **Are there risks associated with these roads? (i.e. – erosions, T&E, habitat, water quality, other?)**
- **What problems do you see?**
- **Do we have enough roads? Not enough?**
- **How are we (the Forest Service) doing?**

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# Public Involvement



- Road Issues:

- ◆ Private Access
- ◆ Bus Routes
- ◆ Recreation
- ◆ Cultural Resources
- ◆ Trash Dumping
- ◆ Fire Control
- ◆ Water Quality
- ◆ Economics
- ◆ Safety
- ◆ Spacing (Logging)
- ◆ Managing Special Use Sites
- ◆ Aesthetics

- ◆ Poaching
- ◆ Public Road Connection
- ◆ Jurisdiction
- ◆ Law Enforcement
- ◆ Traditional Uses
- ◆ Gravel needs
- ◆ Shortcomings
- ◆ Riparian Zones
- ◆ Stream Damage
- ◆ Maintenance Cost
- ◆ Noise
- ◆ Forest Access

