



Best Management Practices Roads and Trails

Examples

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Road Closeout



Embedded Road



Steep Road



Road Turnout

- ◆ Roads should follow the contour where possible with grades between 2 to 10 percent (2-10%).
- ◆ Keep roads away from streamside management zones.
- ◆ Avoid roads that go straight up and down the grade – use switchbacks on steeper grades.
- ◆ Roads require maintenance during use.
- ◆ Sometimes the best idea is to abandon an entrenched road for a new one.
- ◆ Access should be controlled (gate).



Brushed Road

- ◆ Where possible, skidding should be dispersed to prevent concentrated trails.
- ◆ Avoid skidding straight up and down slopes if at all possible.
- ◆ Brush should be used whenever possible to prevent erosion, eliminate the need for excessive BMPs and prevent rutting and soil compaction.



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