

**A GUIDE FOR FOREST ACCESS ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE  
IN THE SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS**

**Forest Road Maintenance Inspection Checklist**

*Photocopy this page to use it, and keep it for your land management records.*

**If you observe 'yes' for any of these conditions on your road, promptly take action to resolve the problem.**

Segment of Road Inspected: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Roadway Structure**

Yes No

- Soil slumping or eroding down the face of cut banks and fill slopes
- Spots in the road that remain soft and wet through the year

**Stream Crossings and Cross Drains**

- Clogged culverts
- Caving-in atop of a culvert pipe
- Streamflow water undermining the culvert
- Ruts in the stream bottom at a ford crossing; or stream flow dammed up at the ford

**Surface Drainage**

- Erosion of the road surface; or sediment washed into streams, ditches, or waterways
- Rutting of the surface or displacement of surfacing gravel
- Sediment being washed away into the woods or onto neighbor's property
- Sediment build-up within broad based dips, turnouts, diversions, or roadside ditches
- Down-cutting of soil within roadside ditches or turnouts
- Bare spots of soil lacking groundcover vegetation or gravel

**Roadway Corridor**

- Groundwater seepage coming out from cut bank slopes
- Over-hanging trees and limbs that cast abundant shade onto the road surface
- Tree limbs and shrubs that obscure a driver's vision at the public road entrance
- Soil is being tracked or washed-out onto the public roadway

