# US FOREST SERVICE TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER PROJECT UPDATE

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#### NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

- MTDC (Missoula, MT) and SDTDC (San Dimas, CA)
  - Support the Forest Service and cooperating agencies by creating tools and processes based on field submitted proposals
- What we do:
  - Survey commercial markets and test promising products
  - Design, build, and test prototype equipment
  - Cooperate with private industry to develop commercial sources for new products
  - Maintain construction drawings, specifications and standards
  - Produce and distribute publications, fabrication drawings and videos



#### PROVIDE SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT

- Cooperative Forestry
- Engineering
- Explosives
- Facilities
- Forest Health Protection
- Fire
- Global Positioning Systems

- Hazardous Wastes
- Range
- Recreation
- Reforestation and Nurseries
- Residues
- Safety and Health
- Uniforms
- Watershed, Soil, and Air



### CURRENT RECREATION PROJECTS

- Explosives for Field Operations
- Trail Traffic Counter Technical
  Support
- Rigging for Backcountry
  Construction and Maintenance
- Restoration of OHV Damaged Landscapes
- USFS Standard Trail Drawings
  and Specifications

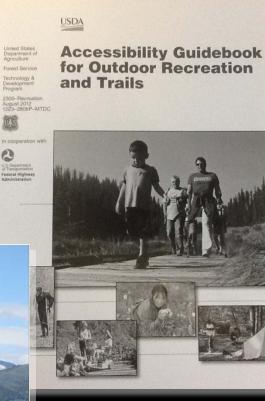
- ATV Trail Effects: Sediment Control (EPA Partnership)
- Visitor Use Management
- Update to the Accessibility Guidebook for Outdoor Recreation and Trails
- National/Regional Trail Workshop Series
- Chainsaw and Crosscut Saw
  Policy



#### ACCESSIBILITY GUIDE TO OUTDOOR RECREATION TRAILS

- Document complete and awaiting Access Board distribution
- Companion pocket guide for FSTAG/FSORAG (FHWA)

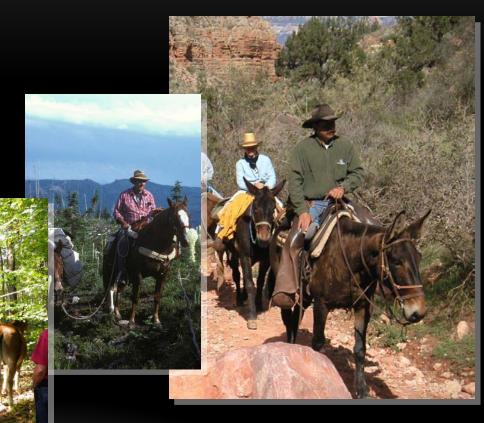






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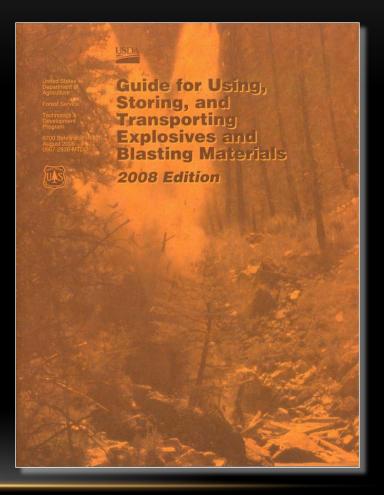
- DVD developed to deliver 12/ <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hour lessons
- Front country and back country
- Personal instruction on location
- FHWA





# **EXPLOSIVES FOR FIELD OPERATIONS**

- Developing remote blasting machine
- Developing procedure and costing study for mass hazard tree falling (bug-kill trees along travel routes)
- Update to the National Blasting Guide FY 2013.





#### TRAIL TRAFFIC COUNTER TECHNICAL SUPPORT NATIONAL VISITOR USE MONITORING

- Testing new, smaller electronic counters
  - Collect more data
  - Require specialized programming
  - Placement critical
- NVUM form conversion
  - Tablet driven application
  - Eliminate bubble forms
  - Field testing in progress





# RIGGING FOR BACKCOUNTRY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

• Long term project with final draft submitted







### RESTORATION OF OHV DAMAGED LANDSCAPES

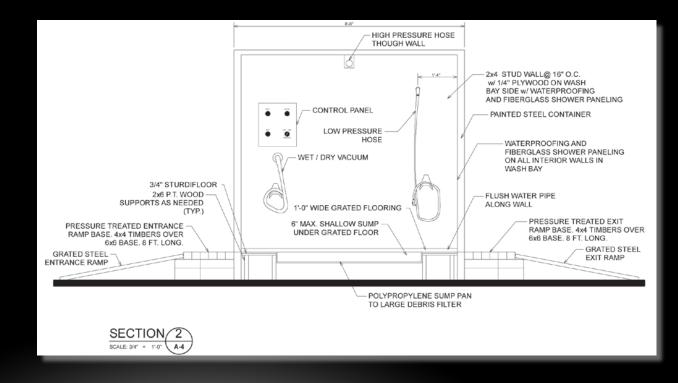
• Out for print





#### PORTABLE ATV WASHING STATION

 Construction drawings being developed





# NATIONAL/REGIONAL TRAIL WORKSHOP SERIES

- DRAFT Trail Guide that outlines the design, location, development and maintenance of all trails
- Training modules will be developed
  - implementation of travel management
  - development of motorized trails





#### **USFS STANDARD TRAIL DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS** United States Department of Agriculture Standard

Final product delivered to WO February 2013 

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927 - DRAIN DIPS

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STANDARD TRAIL PLAN



#### ATV TRAIL EFFECTS: SEDIMENT CONTROL

- Partner-EPA
- Contractor assembling content for e-learning website
  - Teaching website
  - *Minimize effects of sediment from trails*
  - Multi-media





#### TRAIL BRIDGE INSPECTION PUBLICATION

- Seventy-five percent (75%) complete
  - Awaiting final policy revisions
  - Bridge Inspection Forms
  - FHWA

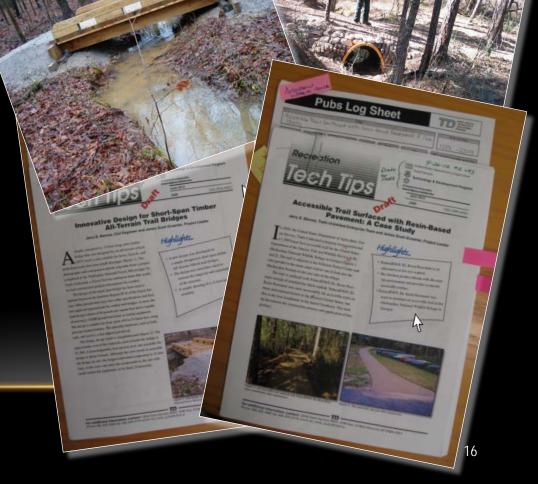




# INNOVATIVE TRAIL DESIGNS AND CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES

#### Several Tech Tips developed

- <u>DRAFT</u>: Innovative Design for a <u>Short-Span Timber All-Terrain</u> <u>Vehicle Trail Bridge</u>
- DRAFT: Innovative Foundations for Boardwalks and Viewing Platforms
- DRAFT: Accessible Trail
  Surfaced With Resin-Based
  Pavement: A Case Study
- Rolling Dips for Trails
- More coming
- FHWA





#### TRAIL BRIDGE DESIGN PUBLICATION

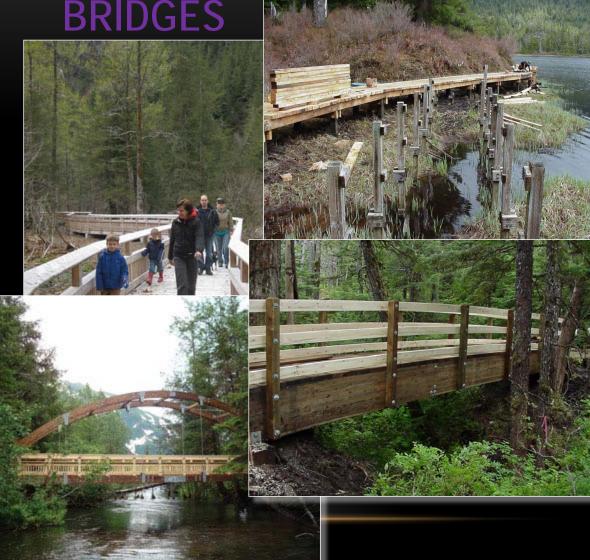
- 50% complete awaiting policy revisions
- FHWA





# TREATED WOOD SUBSTITUTES FOR BRIDGES

 Project incorporated in the Trail Bridge Design Publication –Materials chapter

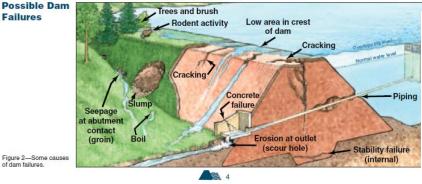




# **POCKET SAFETY GUIDE FOR DAMS AND IMPOUNDMENTS**

- Completed January 2012
- Audience-Technicians and lay people





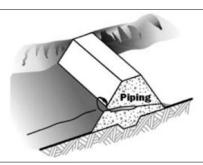


Figure 5-Sinkholes.

Figure 6-Whirlpool action is an indication of advanced piping. 8



Failures

of dam failures.

# QUESTIONS?

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