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NATIONAL FORESTS AND ROAD
DEVELOPMENT

In a state like Idaho which has a scanty tax-paying population but a great mileage of roads to construct and maintain, any financial aid in such activities must be appreciated. The state of Idaho, by virtue of the presence of extensive national forests, receives annually hundreds of thousands of dollars of federal money for road construction. These funds may be expended within and without the national forest boundaries, for the purpose of facilitating forest administration or to promote community development near the forests. State highways frequently traverse national forests and these benefit by expenditures within the forest as well as outside. The road weary tourist often finds that good roads are mute evidence that he is in or near a national forest as the good roads found there are frequently in striking contrast to the roads outside.

In the table on the next page, the Cooperative Funds column refers to state and county funds, and the Federal Funds column shows the Forest Service expenditures on roads in Idaho during the fiscal year of 1924.

The federal funds include those appropriated under different agricultural appropriation acts and in addition ten per cent of national forest receipts is "to be expended by the Secretary of Agriculture for the construction and maintenance of

roads and trails within national forests in the states from which such proceeds are derived".

Appropriations for forest roads and trails come under the acts of July 11, 1916; March 12, 1919 and November 9, 1921. Each act carries an annual appropriation of from one to three million dollars which is allotted to the states in proportion to the area of national forest land each contains, the value of such land and resources, the relative needs, etc. The funds may be applied to the survey, construction or maintenance of roads, bridges or trails. Under the first two acts cooperation within state or county is required unless the improvement lies wholly within a national forest. In the third act cooperation may be accepted but it is not required.

This latter act has two funds the Forest Development Fund, and the Forest Highway Fund. The Forest Development Fund is devoted to the building of roads and trails principally within the forest for the purposes of fire protection, administration, etc. The Forest Highway Fund must be applied to state roads which are within, adjoining or adjacent to forests and of primary importance to the state, counties, or communities.

Besides these road fund appropriations, there is the annual payment to each county of 25% of the annual receipts from the national forests in that county to be applied towards the support of the common schools.

<u>Major Projects</u>	<u>Cooperative Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>
North Pacific Highway		
Cataldo Section	\$5,000.00	\$82,012.45
Fourth of July Canyon		14,296.96
Kootenai Hy., Bonners Ferry-Leonia		
Moyie Canyon Section	47,009.71	14,088.68
State Line Section	18,557.22	24,398.47
Clearwater Highway		
Greer Bungalow		1,169.09
Kootenai-Cabinet	46,411.12	45,483.72
Location Surveys	207.52	13,105.24
Lewis and Clark Highway, Lolo Pass		
Lowell Section		57,537.72
Coolwater Section		32,837.76
Summit-Powell Section		4,615.74
Selway River, O'Hara Section		45,926.72
North and South Highway		
Wolf Lodge-Squaw Bay	14,765.58	50,960.96
Maintenance		571.71
North Fork Payette No. 1		500.75
North Fork Payette No. 2	16,000.00	137,937.54
Knox-Yellow Pine		113,839.81
Montpelier-Afton	13,215.12	11,420.59
Warm River-Yellowstone	9,000.00	31,084.12
Cascade-Knox	375.75	31,252.88
Dubois-Monida	22,000.00	22,618.97
Ketchum-Clayton, Ketchum Section		26,394.86
Lowman-Stanley		75,423.40
North and South Highway		
Glendale-Tamarack Section		475.90
Tamarack Section	36.55	1,749.11
Soda Springs-Freedom		3,945.32
Warran Wagon Road	750.00	54,625.11
Victor-Irwin		1,603.25
Noble-Montana Line		21.67
Maintenance		1,355.50
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Total	\$193,328.57	\$901,254.00

Minor Roads

Construction	\$4,414.38	\$204,749.94
Maintenance	2,094.60	31,274.89
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Total	\$6,508.98	\$236,024.83

Trails

Construction		\$272,662.53
Maintenance		43,414.54
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Total		\$316,077.07

Grand Total	\$199,837.55	\$1,453,355.90
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