National Forest Road System

Whether it’s a “local”, “collector”, or “arterial” route, every road in the National Forest technically has 7 digits: XXXX-XXX.

When writing down road numbers on Bark data sheets, make sure to write down ALL 7 DIGITS so we know where you were!

Arterial roads
- Represented by 2 digits on maps and signs.
- Usually paved and often connect highways.
- Example on map “57” which you would write on a Bark datasheets as 5700-000

Local Route or Spur roads
- Usually represented by 3 digits on maps and signs.
- Full 7 digits are the first four digits of the collector road they branch off of and 3 unique digits.
- The least maintained roads, usually gravel, dirt, and may be inaccessible. Usually paved or gravel surface, not as well maintained as arterial roads.
- Example on map is 014 which you would write on a Bark datasheet as 5750-014.

Collector routes
- Represented by 4 digits on maps and signs
- Have the first two digits of the arterial road they branch off of.
- Usually paved or gravel surface, not as well maintained as arterial roads.
- Example on map is 5750 which you would write on a Bark datasheet as 5750-000.