

Special Issue

New Research Developments on Forest Road Planning and Design

Message from the Guest Editors

Today, forest access is about more than just roads; it involves integrating technological solutions with society's needs whilst respecting nature. Integrating new technologies, e.g., machine learning, artificial intelligence, advanced technical devices, or new software tools, can offer solutions that will advance forest road planning, design, and construction in the future. Starting with the basics of forest road network planning and routing, forest road density, spacing, and their technical influence on skidding and timber transport technologies are crucial. Appropriate forest road routing affects surface and subsurface water runoff conditions. The shape and parameters of changing cross-profiles can also affect these conditions. On the other hand, such parameters are influenced by the role of timber transport. Different soil conditions and better local soil management at the construction site are important. The use of local aggregate resources in connection with land disturbance and economic factors is beneficial. The approach to forest access is changing. We encourage you to submit your research results for publication in this Special Issue of *Forests*.

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