b. **STIPULATIONS (FSH 2709.12)** are prepared for any items not included in the project specifications or plans. These Stipulations should have been developed during the NEPA process to address any environmental constraints needed to protect NFSL or any specific considerations required by the Forest Service for management of the National Forest.

1) Stipulations (2 originals) must be signed by the State/County and sent to the Regional Office with the Letter of Consent for Forest Service signature. The Stipulations attach to and become a part of the Letter of Consent.

c. **RIGHT-OF-WAY PLAT/MAP.** The plat/map (exhibit) should be in its final form ready to attach to the DOT easement when received from FHWA. It should be prepared by the State/County with input from the Forest Service and meet requirements on "Forest Service Plat Requirements for Department of Transportation Road Easements." The plat/map must be reviewed by the Forest Surveyor and the Forest Service copy stamped "Reviewed" and signed by the surveyor; acceptance or revisions should be noted in the transmittal letter to the Regional Office. **Reference in and attachment to the Letter of Consent signifies the Forest Service acceptance of the exhibit (plat/map).**

4. **FOREST** will send Letter of Consent, signed Stipulations (2), approval or revision comments regarding the plat/map, and Decision Memo (original or copy, depending on whether previously published) to the Regional Office for final action.

a. **Decision Memo unpublished.** DM will be signed by RO Director of Lands and the Publication Notice sent to either Seattle PI or Oregonian (this usually requires an additional 2-3 weeks processing time).

b. **Seven (7) days after publication,** the Letter of Consent will be signed by the RO Director of Lands (there is still a 45-day appeal period from date of publication).

5. **If decision were already published,** RO Director of Lands would sign Letter of Consent and Stipulations and State/County would have immediate entry on NFS lands.

6. **Regional Office** mails original Letter of Consent with attached Stipulations and plat/map to FHWA Division Administrator in Salem or Olympia (or Vancouver, if Federal Lands Highway Project).
7. Copy of signed Letter of Consent, an original Stipulations and plat will be sent to State or County Engineer, with another set of copies going to the Oregon/Washington State Offices of Department of Transportation (ODOT/WSDOT) in Salem or Olympia.

8. Complete DOT packet will be sent to the Forest (Ranger Districts should receive a packet from the Forest).

9. FHWA AND STATE/COUNTY WILL COMPLETE THE EASEMENT PROCESS AND RECORD THE DOCUMENT.

11. State/County sends copy of recorded easement to RO to complete FS files.

12. Regional Office will send copy of recorded easement to the Forest involved.  

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FOREST SERVICE PLAT REQUIREMENTS
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ROAD EASEMENTS

New Construction/Reconstruction/Relocation/Existing Road*

* An existing road is its own monument and in the absence of specific survey data, FS will cooperate with the State or County to prepare an acceptable exhibit that will locate the road on the ground to exclusion of other roads.

Road right-of-way plat/map (Exhibit A) for U.S. Department of Transportation easements granted by the Federal Highway Administration across National Forest System lands to a State or its nominee shall contain the following information:

Cover Sheet

1. Title block showing project name and/or number, name and number of road or highway, National Forest, county and state.
2. Section, township, range, meridian.
3. Basis of bearings - from whatever sources used to build exhibit: Solar, reference line, geodetic, magnetic needle, state plane coordinates, or surveys of record (cited).
4. Legend identifying any symbols used, including how easement area is identified.
5. Statement identifying where records of survey and design are stored, including Book of Notes, and citing specific office and location; or signature block of appropriate State, FHWA or County official. (If plat is prepared by the Forest Service, it must be accepted by the Forest Engineer and show a signature and date.)
6. Statement that right-of-way extends from and terminates at true property line.
7. Right-of-way width - cover sheet should identify whether standard width (stated) or variable.
8. Acreage of easement across NFSL.
9. Master sheet showing relation of each sheet to others; optional, use only if exhibit more than 10 pages.
10. Exhibit A noted on cover sheet.

Plat/map (Exhibit A)

11. Bar scale (each sheet).
12. North arrow (each sheet of exhibit).
13. Ownership; private land identified as "Private" and FS as "NFSL".
14. Easement area identified by shading, cross-hatching, or other means.
15. Section, township, range, meridian, and legal description of each parcel of National Forest System Land (NFSL) crossed (40-acre aliquot part or government lot) **
16. Right-of-way width from centerline to easement boundary at beginning and at each change of width (can be shown either inside or outside of cross-hach).
17. Surveyed, calculated, or scaled ties to centerline where the easement crosses each NFSL boundary. The right-of-way extends from and terminates at the true property line.
18. Statement on each NFSL property line identifying how it was placed on exhibit (survey, projection of GLO record, other surveys of record), if available.
19. Centerline geometry (new construction/reconstruction/realignment) sufficient to reconstruct curve from data provided.
20. Sheet number on each sheet and total number of sheets (1 of 3, etc).
21. Exhibit should be letter size (8½" x 11") but no larger than legal size.

** Except where unsurveyed, then use protraction diagram obtained from BLM and kept in Salem or Olympia Department of Transportation Offices. (Method and location identified on cover sheet.)