

# Characteristics of storm-proofed roads (*from* Weaver et al., 2006)

## **Storm-proofed stream crossings**

- All stream crossings have a drainage structure designed for the 100-year peak storm flow (with debris).
- Stream crossings have no diversion potential (functional critical dips are in place).
- Stream crossing inlets have low plug potential (trash barriers installed).
- Stream crossing outlets are protected from erosion (extended beyond the base of fill; dissipated with rock armor).
- Culvert inlet, outlet, and bottom are open and in sound condition.
- Undersized culverts in deep fills (greater than backhoe reach) have emergency overflow culvert.
- Bridges have stable, non-eroding abutments and do not significantly restrict 100-year flood flow.
- Fills are stable (unstable fills are removed or stabilized).
- Road surfaces and ditches are “hydrologically disconnected” from streams and stream crossing culverts.
- Class I stream crossings meet CDFG and NMFS fish passage criteria (Taylor and Love, 2003).

## **Storm-proofed fills**

- Unstable and potentially unstable road and landing fills are excavated or structurally stabilized.
- Excavated spoil is placed in locations where it will not enter a stream.
- Excavated spoil is placed where it will not cause a slope failure or landslide.

## **Road surface drainage**

- Road surfaces and ditches are “hydrologically disconnected” from streams and stream crossing culverts.
- Ditches are drained frequently by functional rolling dips or ditch relief culverts.
- Outflow from ditch relief culverts does not discharge to streams.
- Gullies (including those below ditch relief culverts) are dewatered to the extent possible.
- Ditches do not discharge (through culverts or rolling dips) onto active or potential landslides.
- Decommissioned roads have permanent drainage and do not rely on ditches.
- Fine sediment contributions from roads, cutbanks, and ditches are minimized by utilizing seasonal closures and implementing a variety of surface drainage techniques including berm removal, road surface shaping (outsloping, insloping, or crowning), road surface decompaction, and installing rolling dips, ditch relief culverts, waterbars, and/or cross-road drains to disperse road surface runoff and reduce or eliminate sediment delivery to the stream.