

# Monitoring and the 2012 Planning Rule

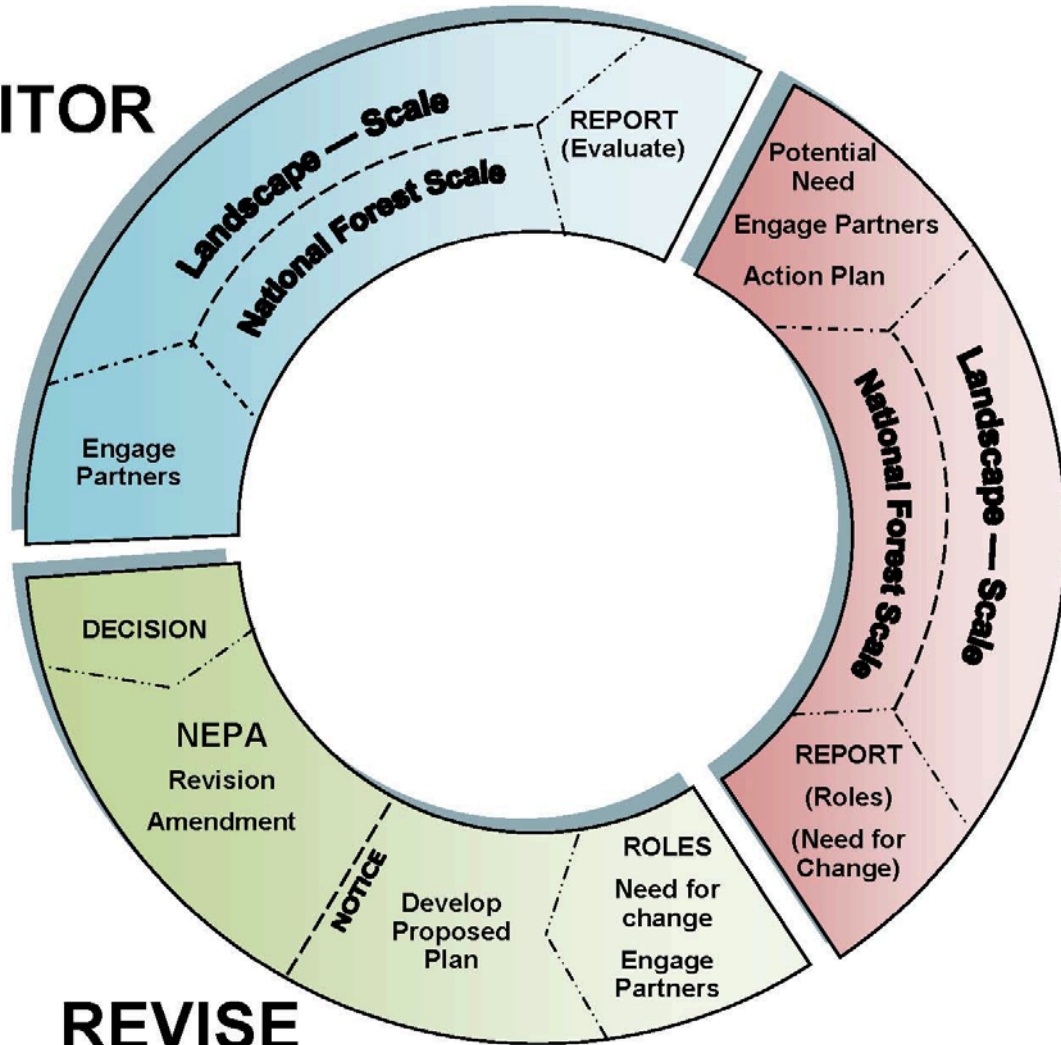
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“... measuring management effectiveness and progress toward achieving or maintaining the plan’s desired conditions or objectives.” §219.12(a)(2)

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# Two Tiers for Monitoring:

1. The forest plan monitoring program.
2. The broader-scale monitoring **strategy** for plan monitoring questions that can best be answered at a geographic scale larger than one plan area.

# Key Concepts

- Monitoring program is fully-integrated content of the forest plan.
- Focus on desired conditions and objectives.
- Emphasis on monitoring ecosystems and ecological conditions.
- Recreation, social, cultural, and economic monitoring.
- Monitoring must be within the capability of the unit:
  - Augmented by partners.
  - Use existing inventory, monitoring, and research programs.
- Monitoring program is nimble & can be changed without plan amendment or revision (administrative change).

# Purpose for Plan Monitoring

- Inform management of resources on the Plan area:
  - testing relevant assumptions,
  - tracking relevant changes, and
  - measuring management effectiveness and progress toward achieving or maintaining Plan desired conditions or objectives.
- Determine if changes to the Plan may be needed.

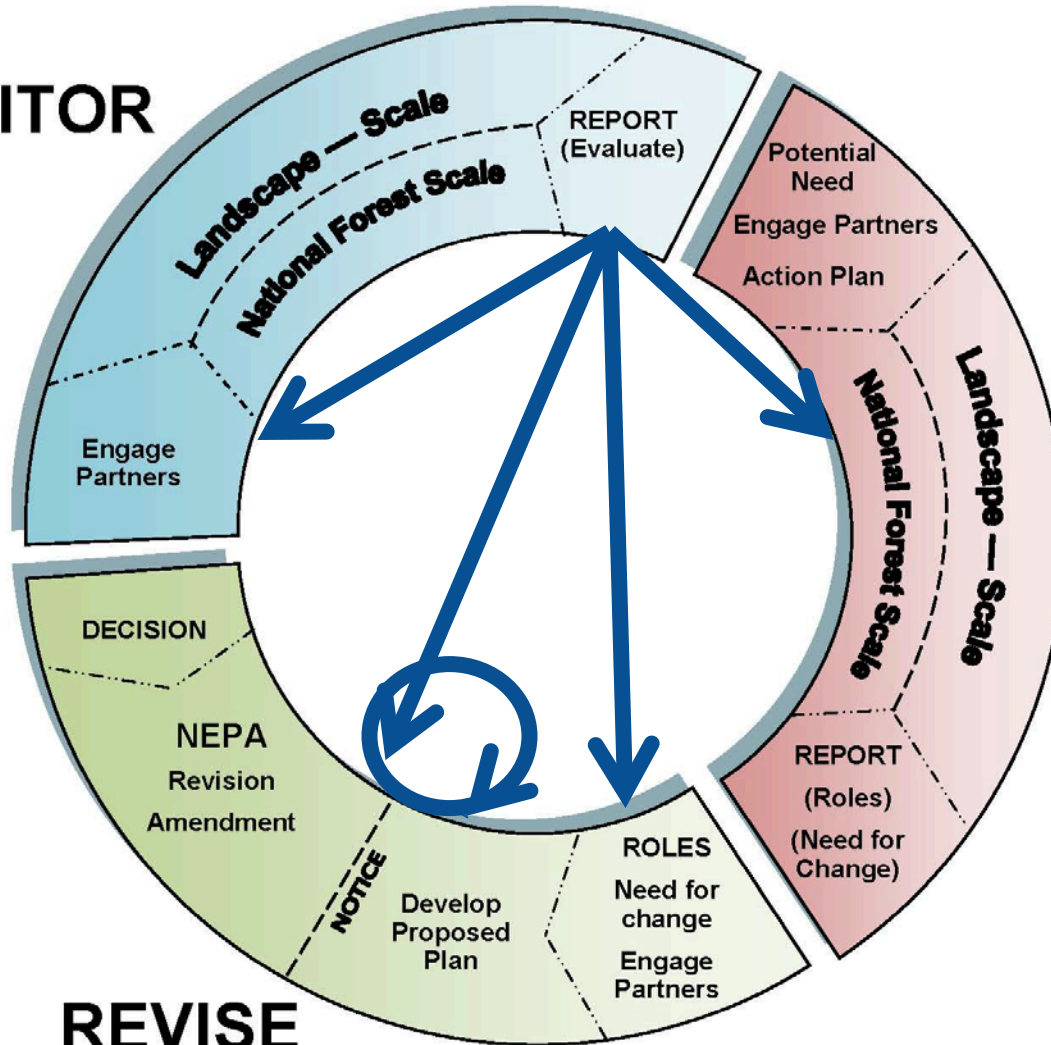


# Plan Monitoring

- Plan monitoring is effectiveness and validation monitoring.
- Implementation monitoring of standards and guidelines is generally project-level monitoring.
- Monitoring information will be evaluated every two years in a written report, which indicates whether changes may be needed:
  - New Assessment?
  - Management Plan.
  - Management Activities.
  - Monitoring Program.

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# Transitional Monitoring Programs

- Monitoring programs developed under prior planning regulations (e.g., 1982 Rule), and
  - Unit has not initiated plan revision under 2012 Rule...
- Shall modify the plan monitoring program by May 9, 2016, or as soon as practicable, to meet the requirements of the 2012 Rule.
- Assess current monitoring and identify gaps.
  - Administrative change until plan is revised.

# Content of the Plan Monitoring Program

One or more monitoring questions and indicators addressing each of eight items.

... I will introduce those eight items after lunch before our afternoon discussion. They are the focus of our afternoon dialog.