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National public forum, 2011 proposed FS planning rule.  
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<http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/planningrule/forums>

# NATIONAL PUBLIC FORUM

March 10, 2011

US Forest Service Planning Rule

# Forum Outline



- Planning Rule Background
- Proposed Rule Development
- Proposed Rule Overview
- Proposed to Final
- Requirements for Public Participation
- Role of Science in Planning
- Planning Framework
- Assessments
- Monitoring

# Forum Outline



- Plan Development or Revision
- Plan Amendments
- Objections Process
- Sustainability
- Diversity of Plant and Animal Communities
- Multiple Uses
- Examples
- Next Steps

# What is a Planning Rule?



National Forest Management Act



USFS Planning Rule



Land Management Plans  
(Forests/Grasslands)



Project or Activity Decision

We are here:  
USFS is  
developing a new  
Planning Rule

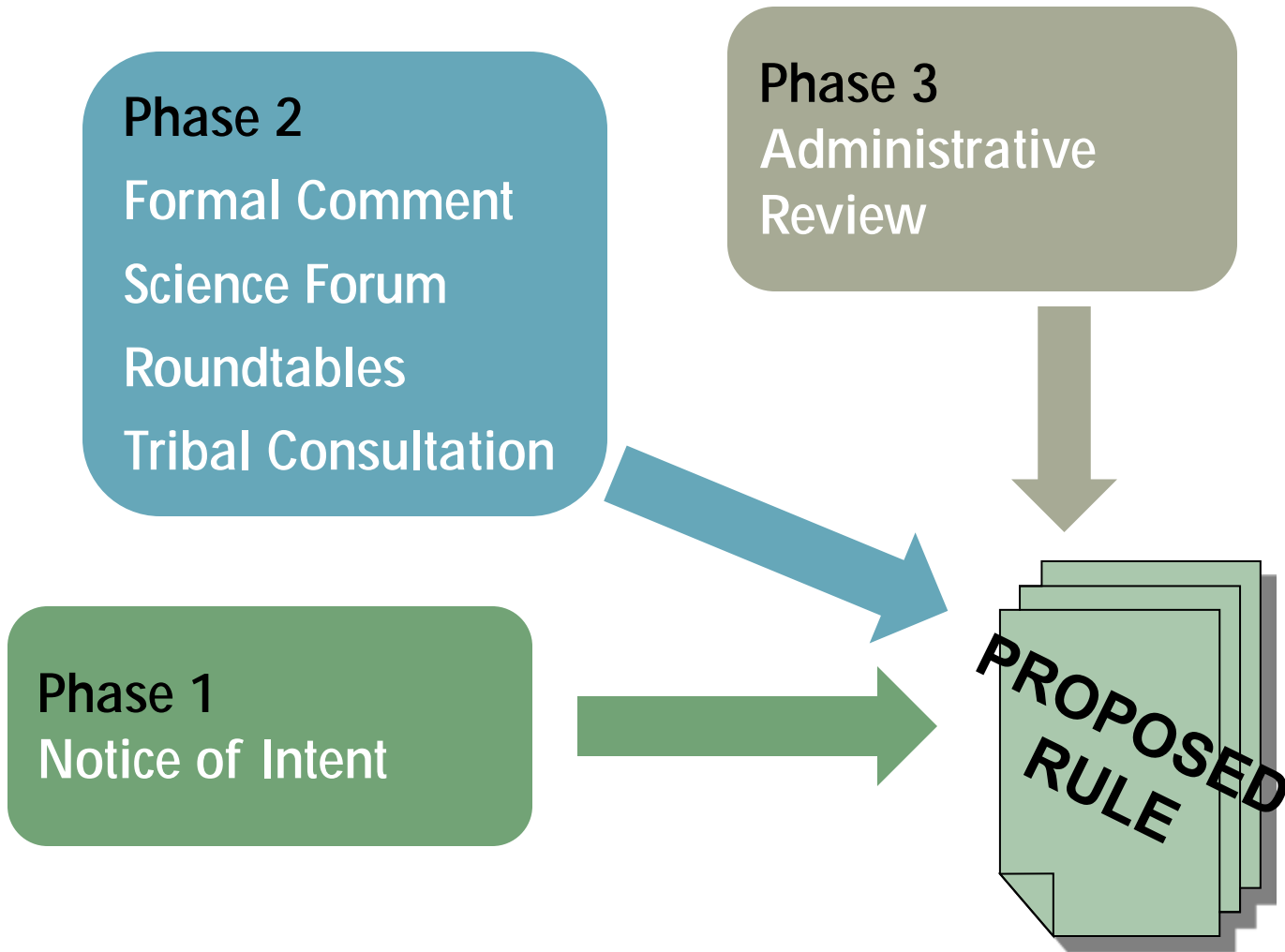
# Proposed Rule Development



- Secretary Vilsack's Charge to the Forest Service
- Notice of Intent, December 17, 2009



# Process to Date



# Practical Guidance



- Proposed rule considers:
  - ⊗ Collaborative Process
    - Public Meetings and NOI Comments
  - ⊗ Agency Expertise
  - ⊗ Current Science
  - ⊗ Tribal Input
  - ⊗ Regulatory Requirements

# Public Input



- Restoration and Resilience
- Climate Change
- Watershed Health
- Diversity of Plant and Animal Communities
- Sustainable NFS Lands and Contribution to Vibrant Communities
  - ⊗ Recreation
  - ⊗ Multiple Uses



# Public Input



- Collaboration and Public Involvement
- All-lands Approach
- Planning Practices
  - ✧ Adaptive framework for effective and efficient planning



# PROPOSED RULE OVERVIEW

Materials were condensed for this presentation. For more details, see <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/planningrule/faqs>

# Outline of the Rule



## Subpart A – National Forest System Land Management Planning

- § 219.1 Purpose and applicability
- § 219.2 Levels of planning and responsible officials
- § 219.3 Role of science in planning
- § 219.4 Requirements for public participation
- § 219.5 Planning framework
- § 219.6 Assessments
- § 219.7 New plan development or plan revision
- § 219.8 Sustainability
- § 219.9 Diversity of plant and animal communities
- § 219.10 Multiple Uses
- § 219.11 Timber requirements based on the NFMA
- § 219.12 Monitoring
- § 219.13 Plan amendment and administrative changes
- § 219.14 Decision documents and planning records
- § 219.15 Project and activity consistency with the plan
- § 219.16 Public notifications
- § 219.17 Effective dates and transition
- § 219.18 Severability
- § 219.19 Definitions

# Outline of the Rule



## Subpart B – Pre-decisional Administrative Review Process

- § 219.50 Purpose and scope
- § 219.51 Plans, plan amendments, or plan revisions not subject to objection
- § 219.52 Giving notice of a plan, plan amendment, or plan revision subject to objection before approval
- § 219.53 Who may file objection
- § 219.54 Filing objection
- § 219.55 Objections set aside from review
- § 219.56 Objection time periods and process
- § 219.57 Resolution of objections
- § 219.58 Timing of a plan, plan amendment, or plan revision decision
- § 219.59 Use of other administrative review processes
- § 219.60 Secretary's authority
- § 219.61 Information collection requirements
- § 219.62 Definitions

# Key Themes



- Collaborative and science-based framework
- Sustain and restore health and resilience of ecosystems
  - ✧ Maintain and restore ecological integrity
  - ✧ Provide for diversity of plant and animal communities
  - ✧ Protect and enhance water resources
  - ✧ Provide functioning habitat
- Management in context of broader landscape

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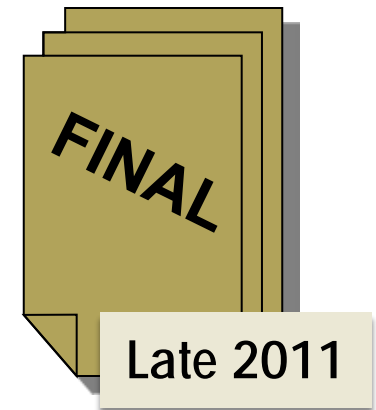
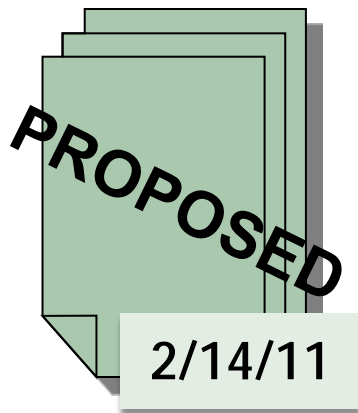
- Support vibrant communities
  - ✧ Sustainable recreation opportunities and uses
  - ✧ Consider the full suite of multiple uses
  - ✧ Support cultural and historic resources and uses
- Adaptive framework for efficient and effective planning
- Provide opportunities for public involvement and collaboration
- Adapt to climate change and other stressors

# Climate Change



- The three-part framework provides for adaptive management in order to respond to stressors, such as climate change, and new information
- Consideration of climate change is required in each phase of the rule
  - ✧ Assessments 219.6
  - ✧ Ecological Sustainability 219.8(a)(1)(ii)
  - ✧ Integrated Resource Management 219.10(a)(9)
  - ✧ Monitoring 219.12(a)(5)(v-vi)

# Moving From Proposed to Final



Opportunities to Learn Information During Public Comment Period

- ⊗ National Public Forum
- ⊗ Regional Public Forums
- ⊗ Tribal Conference Call
- ⊗ Tribal Consultation

Comments Accepted in Writing Through May 16

Planning Rule Website  
<http://fs.usda.gov/planningrule>



# Remember...



These forums are meant to help the public understand the proposed rule. The Forest Service is currently in a public comment period, and thus comments need to be submitted in writing in order to be considered during development of the final planning rule.

# How to Comment



## .. Internet

- ⊗ <http://www.govcomments.com>
- ⊗ <http://www.regulations.gov>

## .. Mail

- ⊗ Forest Service Planning DEIS  
c/o Bear West Company  
132 E 500 S.  
Bountiful, UT 84010

Comments Due  
May 16, 2011

## .. Fax

- ⊗ 801-397-1605

## .. Public may inspect comments at:

<http://contentanalysisgroup.com/fsrd>