

Executive Summary

Implementation Plan for Leadership Intent for Ecological Restoration

In March 2011 the Pacific Southwest Region of the US Forest Service released a statement of its Leadership Intent for Ecological Restoration, which laid out the Region's guiding vision and goals for its stewardship of wildland and forests for the next 15–20 years. The following draft document reflects the Regional leadership's current thinking on how the Leadership Intent will be implemented. This draft is a beginning point for discussions with employees, partners, tribes, agencies, communities of place and interest and those who care about the future of their National Forests.

Like the Leadership Intent the Implementation Plan is fluid and we expect that adjustments will be made over time as the Region continues to collaborate; follow new science; and seek out and form new alliances. These ongoing processes will reveal new and smarter ways to increase the pace and scale of restoration work while balancing the ecological, social and economic benefits of our restoration actions. Regional leadership has committed to editing and improving this document following these discussions and then reviewing and updating it at least annually in the future years. Hence we invite discussion, input and insight to ensure that the Implementation Plan reflects and is responsive to new information, partnerships, and conditions.

The Implementation Plan is organized into the following chapters:

1. **LEADERSHIP INTENT FOR ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION** (page 1) (March 2011).
2. **REGIONAL OVERARCHING STRATEGIES** (page 5) – strategies the Region will use to meet the Leadership Intent. This includes Regional methods to increase the pace and scale of restoration and to increase large scale restoration with an all lands approach.
3. **PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY** (page 13) – strategic thinking on how to increase the effectiveness of existing partnerships and to develop new partnerships to help implementation of the Leadership Intent. Both the Region's strategy and Pacific Southwest Research Station strategy is included.
4. **DIRECTORS CHAPTER** (page 29) – the Regional Directors' vision and commitment for integration of programs and budgets to improve and increase restoration actions on the ground.
5. **SOCIOECONOMIC BENEFITS OF ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION** (page 30) – a discussion of how embracing a sound restoration approach includes ecological, economic and social outcomes and a commitment to utilize and monitor this triple bottom line approach.
6. **NATIONAL FOREST CHAPTERS** (page 32) – each includes:
 - The Forest's unique niche in restoration – its need for action, ecological restoration goals, challenges, and opportunities
 - Specific Forest strategies to increase restoration work within existing resource constraints
 - Focus in coming years
 - Past accomplishments that exemplify future work
 - Partnership opportunities.