

Chapter II

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- 1.4 Maintain sport-fishing opportunities by providing quality fishery habitat. Support the maintenance of native fish species by protecting existing suitable habitats for both natural and reintroduced populations.
- 1.5 Cooperate with other federal and state agencies to control and clean up hazardous mining waste and mine drainage.
- 1.6 Protect the integrity of the soil and water resources by discouraging motorized-vehicle use in wetlands, wet meadows, and riparian areas.

Regional Objective 2**Provide for a variety of life through management of biologically diverse ecosystems.**

Forestwide Objectives

- 2.1. Allow natural processes to function with little or no human influence in designated Wildernesses and in areas categorized as Backcountry, Wild Rivers, and RNA's.
- 2.2. Manage the Forest to maintain or improve the health and vigor of all native plant associations.
- 2.3. Ensure the sustainability of viable populations of all native wildlife species through the maintenance or improvement of habitat conditions.
- 2.4. Manage wildlife habitat at the appropriate scale (e.g., local, regional, statewide, or beyond) to maintain the ability of species to disperse over large areas.
- 2.5. Supply ample forage to sustain wildlife and permitted-livestock populations without damaging range condition.
- 2.6. Maintain or improve fish habitat in streams, lakes, and ponds.
- 2.7. Protect, conserve, and restore important terrestrial and aquatic habitats. These include riparian areas, wetlands, and the lands immediately next to them, and representative examples of native plant and animal communities.
 - * Cooperate with state agencies in improving aquatic ecosystems to meet mutually agreed-upon objectives.
 - * Protect, conserve, and improve habitat for Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive species.
- 2.8. Treat aspen stands to maintain or improve wildlife and scenic values.
- 2.9. Use Prescribed Natural Fire and Management-Ignited Fire where forest ecosystems evolved under the influence of wildfires.

- 2.10 Use appropriate vegetative-management methods (e.g., Prescribed Natural and Management Ignited Fires, timber harvesting, grazing, etc.) to modify unacceptable fuel profiles and reduce potentially unacceptable future high-intensity wildfires.

Regional Objective 3 Provide for multiple uses and sustainability of National Forests and Grasslands in an environmentally acceptable manner.

Forestwide Objectives

- 3.1. Manage ecosystems at the appropriate scale (e.g., local, regional, statewide).
- 3.2. Emphasize long-term sustainable production of resources for economies, communities, and people.
- 3.3. Use a range of silvicultural prescriptions to achieve ecosystem management objectives. These objectives may include supplying forage for wildlife, reducing insect and disease infestations, maintaining or improving aspen stands, or enhancing scenery.
- 3.4. Use existing roads, instead of constructing new ones.

Regional Objective 4 Provide for scenic quality and a range of recreational opportunities that respond to the needs of Forest customers and local communities.

Forestwide Objectives

- 4.1. Provide natural-appearing landscapes with diverse scenery, and increase access to recreation opportunities in attractive settings.
- * Meet the Scenic Integrity Objectives (SIOs) as described in the Forest Plan.
- 4.2. Manage heritage resources and integrate them with recreation and education, while complying with all applicable laws and regulations.
- * Increase numbers and types of heritage resource interpretive sites and opportunities.
 - * Conduct heritage-resource stabilization and rehabilitation projects.
 - * Nominate eligible sites for the National Register of Historic Places.
- 4.3. Establish Wilderness management practices designed to enhance and perpetuate Wilderness as a resource.

Forestwide Objectives

- 7.1. Cooperate with all people, including those whose livelihood is dependent on National Forest resources, in the development of plans and projects.
- 7.2. Cooperate with federal, state, local, and tribal governments, as well as private organizations and individuals, to:
 - * promote rural-development efforts,
 - * support recreation and tourism,
 - * offer opportunities for American Indian tribes to pursue cultural beliefs and practices,
 - * cooperate in the management of noxious weeds,
 - * protect or enhance heritage resources, and
 - * reduce loss of wildlands and structures to wildfires.
- 7.3. Cooperate with federal, state, and local agencies to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of waters of the United States, and provide water at Forest facilities that is free of contamination.
- 7.4. Cooperate with federal and state agencies and private landowners to establish wildlife and habitat objectives.
- 7.5. Work with state forestry agencies to ensure sound rural and urban forest management and protection on state and private lands.
- 7.6. Encourage cost sharing as part of cooperative efforts.
- 7.7. Through partnerships, encourage, establish, and sustain a diverse and well-balanced range of recreational services and facilities on the National Forest.
- 7.8. Seek partnerships with other recreation providers- federal, state, local, and private-sector-to define complementary roles that best serve the customer.

Forestwide Objectives

- 8.1. Be a leader in working with rural people and communities including American Indian tribes, to develop opportunities and enterprises that contribute to their economic and social vitality.
- 8.2. Recognize the nature and extent of local economic dependencies on National Forest activities. Give special attention to resource programs that help diversify rural economies.
- 8.3. Coordinate with communities in achieving local goals. Participate with and give appropriate assistance to development groups. Be a predictable partner by giving sufficient advance notice about potential changes that may affect local economies.
- 8.4. Use human-resource programs to achieve employment opportunities, while meeting natural-resource objectives.

In addition to the preceding Forestwide Objectives which are tied to Regional Objectives, the RGNF has developed two more Forestwide Objectives that we feel are important.

Forestwide Objective: Provide high-quality customer service.

- * Identify the customers who are, or should be, served by the RGNF. Survey them to learn the kind and quality of services they want, and their level of satisfaction with existing services. Post our service standards and measure results against them. Rate our customer-service performance against the best in the business, and give customers choices in both the sources of service and the means of delivery. Make information, services, and complaint systems easy to use, and offer the means to address customer complaints.

Forestwide Objective: Monitoring

- * Conduct an ongoing comprehensive monitoring-and-evaluation effort to ensure compliance with the Forest Plan.