

FOREST-WIDE GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS

Definitions:

Goals

A concise statement that describe intended results or desired conditions normally expressed in broad, general terms without a specific time frame for achievement. Goals are reached by attaining specific objectives, although not all goals have quantifiable objectives.

Objectives

A concise, time-specific statement of measurable planned results that respond to pre-established goals. An objective forms the basis for further planning to define the precise steps to be taken and the resources to be used in achieving identified goals. Objectives are for the 10-15 year period following Forest Plan approval.

Standards

Standards provide a specific level of attainment, or a rule to measure against when conducting an activity to attain an objective or its goal. Standards are measurable and capable of being monitored.

Guidelines

An indication or outline of policy or conduct promoting the achievement of goals and objectives in a manner that permits operational flexibility to respond to variations over time, such as changing site conditions or changing management circumstances.

Desired Future Condition

Describes what the Forest should be like after implementation of the management direction contained in the plan. It summarizes the anticipated physical changes that would result from carrying out planned management practices. It is an expression of resource goals that have been set for a unit of land. It is written as a narrative description of the landscape as it will appear when the goals set for it have been achieved. It includes a description of physical and biological processes, the environmental setting and the human experience.