

MGT AREA 7 -- UNSUITABLE TIMBER

A VISION

This is a healthy forest environment with options left open for the future.

This looks into the future, although some of it may be happening now. It is stated in the "present tense" as if it is already that way. This gives a feel of where we are heading. It paints a general picture with a broad brush.

DESIRED FUTURE CONDITION

- A Forest environment which provides opportunities for dispersed recreation at an increased maintenance standard.
- There is quality habitat for the hairy woodpecker, elk, turkey, red squirrel and the Abert's squirrel.
- Activities and uses retain the form, line, color, and texture which are characteristic of the landscape (retention visual quality objective) or are visually subordinate to the characteristic landscape (partial retention VQO).

This table snaps a more detailed picture of what this management area will look like in the future. Since much depends on natural cycles, which need time, these conditions may take many years to achieve. Some of it may be in this condition now.

DESCRIPTION

This includes the ponderosa pine, mixed conifer, spruce, and aspen vegetation types. These areas are classed unsuitable for timber harvest, for one of the following reasons (as described in FSH 2409.13, chapter 20):

1. Forest land incapable of producing industrial wood. Oak and pinon-juniper are generally put in this category.
2. Forest land physically unsuitable because:
 - a. an ID team determines that, using available technology, activities involved with timber production could not be completed without causing irreversible resource damage to soil productivity or watershed.
 - b. based on existing technology there is not reasonable assurance that it is possible to restock the remaining forest lands within 5-years of final harvest [as defined in 36 CFR 219.27(c)(3)].
3. Forest land with inadequate response information, based on current research and experience, to project responses to timber management practices.

D. Management Area Prescriptions

Standards and Guidelines

This section contains the standards and guidelines against which activities and uses are to be **compared**. It focus on and **provides** more details about the "Desire Future Conditions." In some **cases**, it gives the long term 'where and when.' The Forest Plan Implementation **Schedule** is the tool used for all short-term planning and scheduling. The Implementation Schedule provides the operational perspective [making the commitment -- asking for the dollars and scheduling what year it will be **done** in.] The tactical perspective [the execution] is the actual implementation on the ground. This is done after we get the funding. It is also documented as accomplishments in the Forest Plan Implementation Schedule.

TIMBER HARVEST...

- Stands may be treated, and sawtimber and products may be harvested to meet specific management area objectives. Volume does not contribute to the Forest Allowable Sale Quantity (ASQ).
- Salvage timber when compatible with Management Area objectives or when needed to prevent or reduce insect and disease conditions within the Management Area or adjacent Management Areas.

NON-CONVERTABLE PRODUCTS... Prepare and Administer permits for non-convertible products when compatible with Management Area objectives.

FIREWOOD... Prepare and administer sale permits or free-use permits for dead and down firewood.

REPLACEMENT OF RANGE IMPROVEMENTS... Replacement of structural improvements will be planned in a 20-25 year cycle and will take priority over new structures if needed for prescribed management intensity.