



Forest Service News Release

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Land Management Plan monitoring reports to be improved for Angeles National Forest

ARCADIA, Calif., August 9, 2023— The Angeles National Forest proposes to update its Land Management Plan (LMP) monitoring program by making reports more concise and easier to read. The change would continue to satisfy requirements of the Southern California National Forests Land Management Plan. Public input on this change is requested. Comments about this administrative change will be accepted through September 8, 2023, by emailing jerry.brian@usda.gov with the subject line “Angeles NF Monitoring.”

The 2006 Forest Plan monitoring program informs forest management of resources on the plan area, including by testing relevant assumptions, tracking relevant changes, and measuring management effectiveness and progress towards achieving or maintaining the plan’s desired conditions, goals, and objectives. The monitoring reports indicate whether a change to the plan, management activities or the monitoring program, or a new assessment, may be warranted based on the new information. The program was updated in 2016 to conform to new direction from the USDA Forest Service 2012 Planning Rule. All published Monitoring and Evaluation Reports can be found on the forest website under “Monitoring Reports” at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/angeles/landmanagement/planning>.

The update would narrow the scope of the biennial reporting to include only questions that make up Part 1, which fulfills eight monitoring requirements of the 2012 Planning Rule plus social, economic and cultural sustainability through a series of 20 questions. These questions are focused on plant habitat; off-highway vehicle, and heritage (forest history) programs; hydrology best management practices; and air quality. The proposal would eliminate Parts 2 and 3 from the LMP monitoring program and take effect beginning with the recently published 2019-2020 biennial report, while eliminating Parts 2 and 3 from all future monitoring reports. Parts 2 and 3 would be eliminated since this information duplicates questions to be answered in Part 1.

Changes to the monitoring program, excluding plan revision or amendment, can be accomplished through the administrative process. Altering a question or an indicator is considered a substantive modification to the monitoring program and may be made after notification to the public and consideration of comments.

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