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To sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.

Forest Plan

an overarching document guiding forest management, use and protection.

Components

Desired Conditions – describes the social, economic and/or ecological characteristics for the plan area toward which management is directed.

Standards – mandatory rules to follow when developing projects.

Objectives – measureable, time-specific statements of desired rate of progress toward Desired Conditions.

Guidelines – design criteria or constraints on project and activity.

Goals – broad statements of intent (optional).

Suitability of Land – identifies specific lands suitable (or not) for certain uses/activities. Plan must include lands not suitable for timber production.

History

1976:	National Forest Management Act (NFMA)
1979:	First Planning Regulations
1982:	Revised Planning Regulations, 1982 Rule
1990:	Review of Forest Service land management planning process
2000:	2000 Planning Rule
2002:	2002 Proposed Planning Rule
2005:	2005 Planning Rule
2008:	2008 Planning Rule and Environmental Impact Statement
2009:	U.S. District Court overturned 2008 Rule, Forest Service started a new planning rule revision effort.
2012:	Forest Service published the 2012 Planning Rule.

