



Cibola National Forest Mountain Ranger Districts

Tentative Schedule for Forest Plan Revision Activities



Dates	Activity
Nov. 2012 – April 2014	Initial public outreach and kickoff of forest plan revision of the 1985 Cibola Forest Plan for the 4 mountain ranger districts. Held public meetings in Albuquerque, Tijeras, Mountainair, Corona, Torreon, Magdalena; and at Cibola and McKinley County Commissions in Gallup and Grants. Received input from the public on conditions, trends, and risks to resources, goods, and services provided by the Cibola NF. Prepared draft resource assessment.
April 14, 2014	Released the draft resource assessment report on ecological, social and economic conditions, trends, risks to sustainability for public review and comment.
May 12-21, 2014	Held public meetings to discuss the draft resource assessment in Albuquerque, Grants, Magdalena, Socorro, Santa Fe, Tijeras, Torreon, and Mountainair.
May - June 2014	Meetings with intertribal forums to discuss draft resource assessment report.
June 9 - July 8, 2014	Two rounds of collaborative work sessions to identify needs for change to the existing forest plan. Meetings were held in Gallup, Grants, Socorro, Albuquerque, and Mountainair, and Torreon.
Sept. – Nov. 2014	Began collaborative process for identifying and inventorying potentially suitable lands for wilderness consideration. Introduced the online Collaborative Mapping Tool and held 1 st round of meetings in Albuquerque, Mountainair, Socorro, and Grants, and presented at Cañon de Carnuel. Received public input on Phase 1 draft inventory.
December 2014	Began reviewing public input on Phase 1 inventory maps to develop Phase 2 inventory maps for public review.
February 2015	Published a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS in the <i>Federal Register</i> , needs for changes document, and assessment report based on public input.
April 2015	Received public input on Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS, needs for change document, and assessment report. Will use input to develop draft forest plan and alternatives.
April 2015	Hosted a meeting of cooperating agencies for purpose of co-convening and organizing a collaborative process with the public to develop a forest plan, alternatives and a Draft EIS. Albuquerque



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May – July 2015	Co-convened with cooperating agencies to form 4 landscape teams (Mt. Taylor, Magdalena, Mountainair, and Sandia). Began collaboration on the development of visions, desired conditions, and management areas for the draft revised plan. Coordinated design and outreach for public meetings, field trips, web posting, news releases and public review of Phase 2 inventory maps and evaluation process.
July – September 2015	Released materials for public engagement. Cooperating agencies co-hosted 11 public meetings, field trips, etc. to review draft visions, desired conditions, management area maps, and Phase 2 inventory and evaluation of lands potentially suitable for wilderness (60 day comment period).
October 2015	Began reviewing public comments with cooperating agencies.
Winter/Spring 2016	Develop an initial draft plan with draft wilderness recommendations and alternatives with cooperating agencies. Roll out initial draft plan via web posting, news releases and public meetings to provide further opportunity for public review and comment (30-45 day public comment period).
Summer/Fall 2016	Review public comments on draft forest plan, wilderness recommendations and alternatives and make adjustments with cooperating agencies. Prepare draft EIS and draft biological assessment to analyze effects of draft forest plan and alternatives.
Fall 2016/Winter 2017	Notice of Availability for public review of the draft plan and draft EIS alternatives and analyses, including wilderness recommendations and draft biological assessment (90 day public comment period). Engage in formal consultation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
Spring/Summer 2017	Respond to comments and make adjustments to draft plan and draft EIS with cooperating agencies. Continue formal consultation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
Fall 2017/Winter 2018	Release of final plan and EIS, final biological opinion, and draft record of decision by Forest Supervisor. Notice of Objection period.
Spring/Summer 2018	Objections final resolution by Regional Forester. Notice of plan approval and final record of decision, plan, and EIS.
Summer 2018	Implementation and monitoring of the revised forest plan.