

Colville National Forest

Land & Resource Management Plan Revision



Forest Plan Purpose

Provide high-level guidance for management of National Forest system lands

– 15-year strategic document providing land management direction by guiding programs, practices, uses, and projects

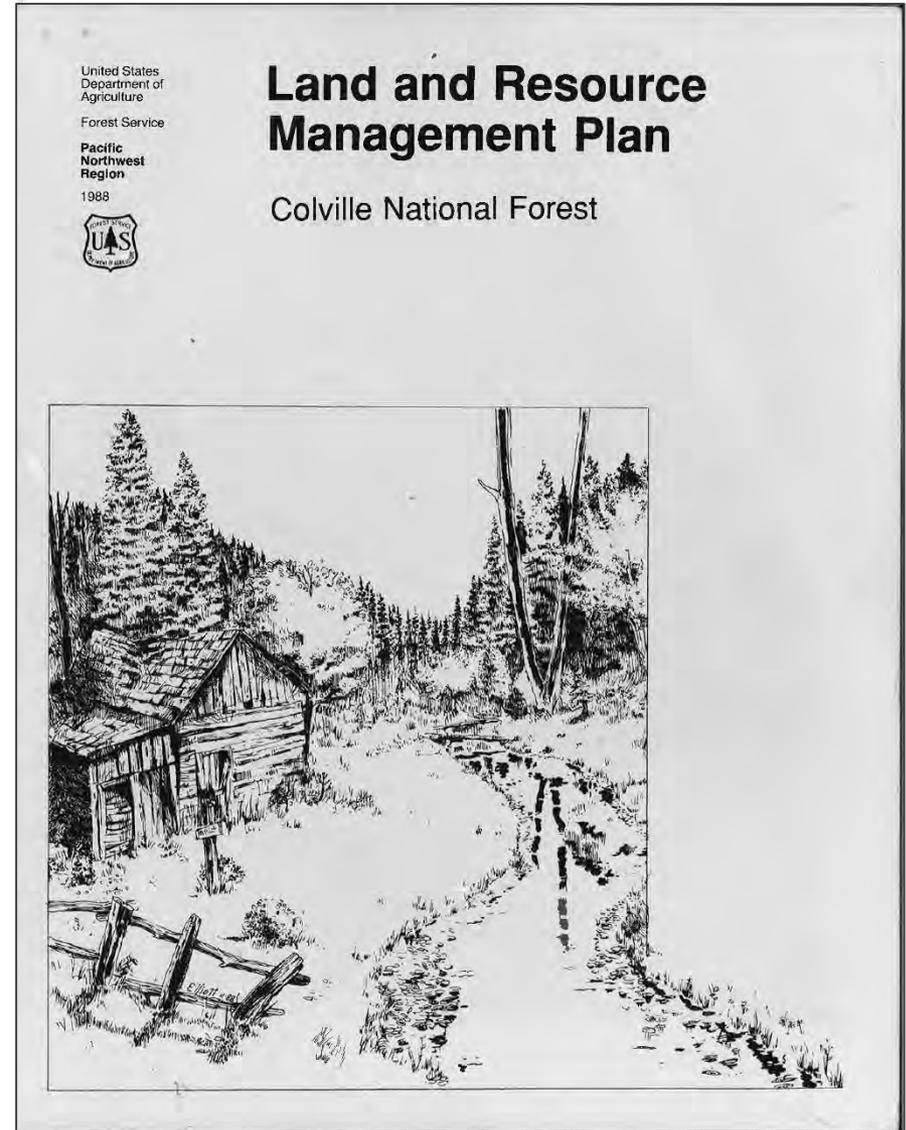
– Designates management areas allocating zones of the forest for different activities

– Designates suitability of areas for various uses

Need for Change (why are we doing this?)

Currently following a
land management plan
signed in 1988

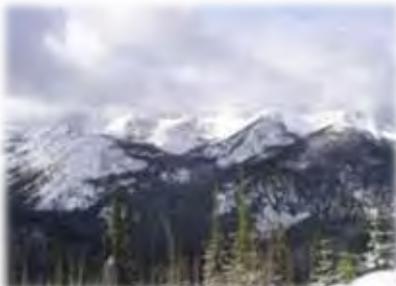
Includes 40 Forest
Plan Amendments



Key Issues for Alternative Development

Analysis of public concerns and resource issues produced 6 issues for development & comparison of alternatives

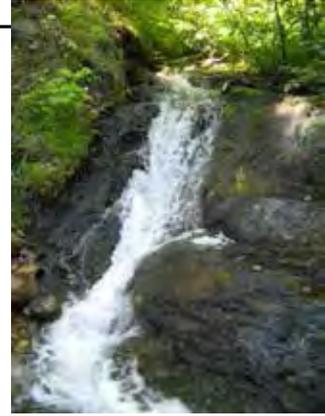
1. Old Forest (Late Successional) Management & Timber Production
2. Motorized Recreation Trails
3. Access (FS roads)
4. Recommended Wilderness Areas
5. Wildlife Habitat
6. Riparian & Aquatic Resource Management



Key Points

Riparian Management Area:

The following alternatives have direction for no net increase in road miles in key watersheds:
Proposed Action, R, B & P



Wildlife Habitat:

All alternatives incorporate:

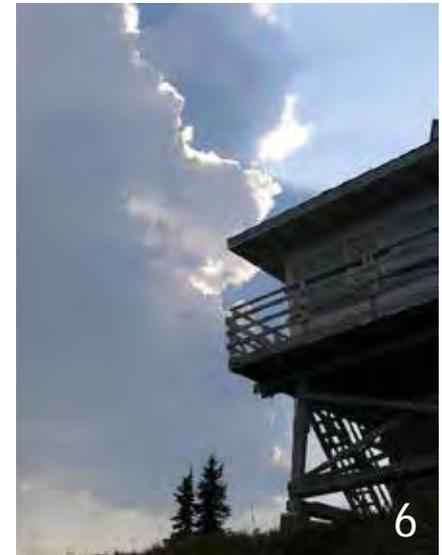
Interagency direction for woodland caribou, grizzly bear, Canada lynx and bull trout habitat

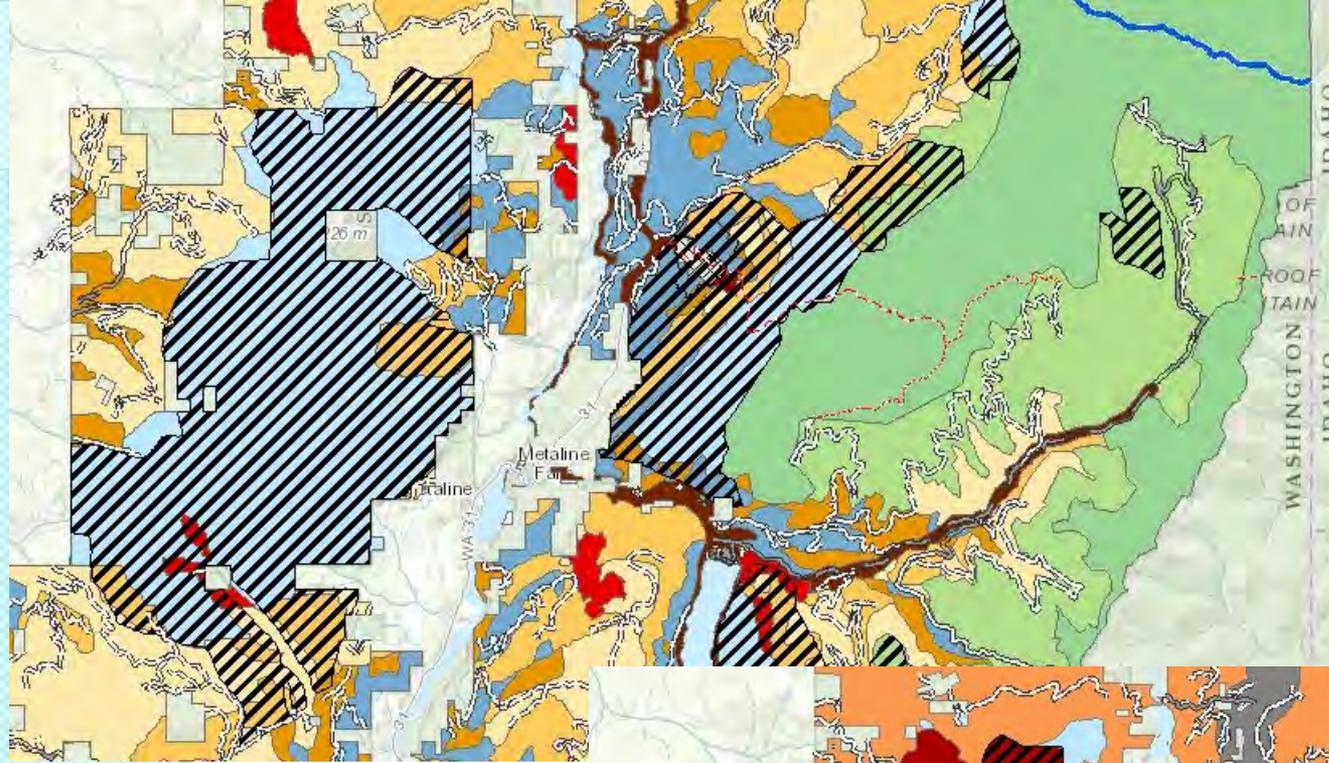
Management direction for big game and birds



What the Forest Plan cannot change:

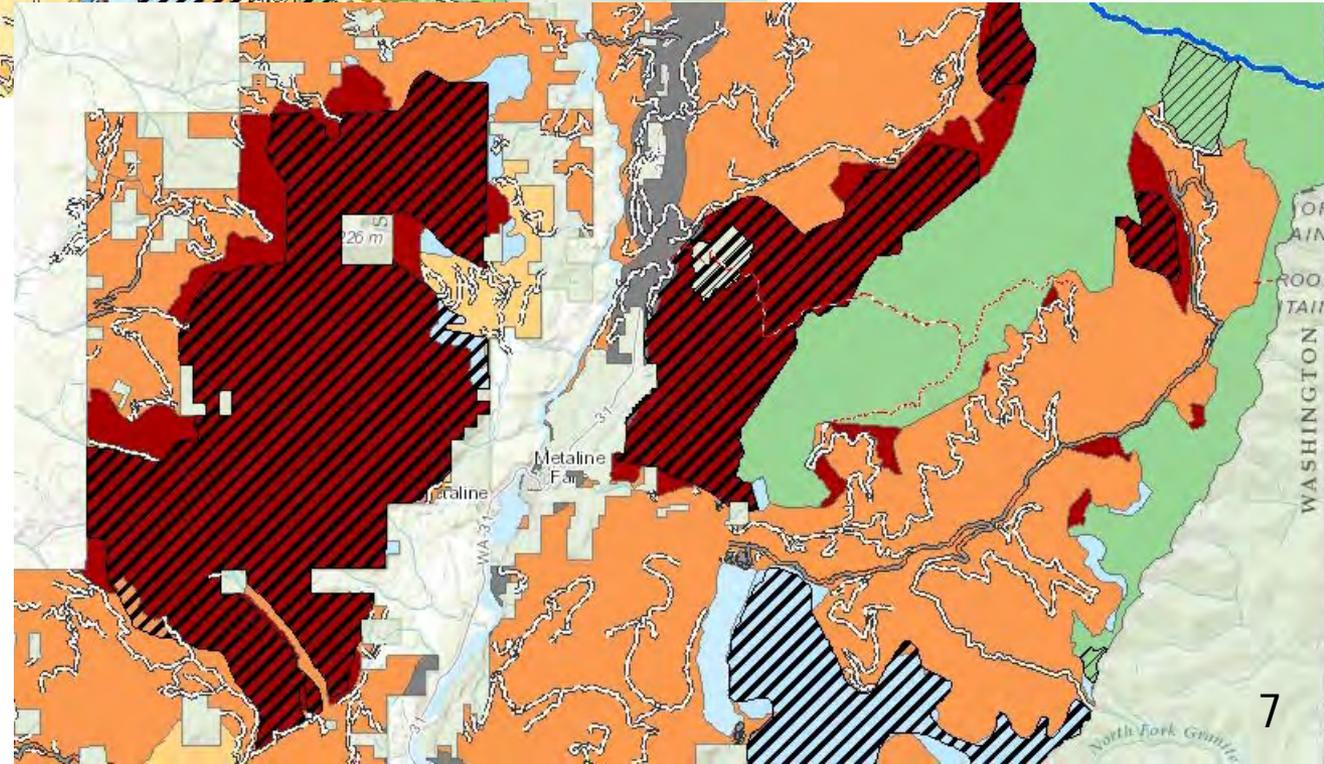
- ✓ **Boundary for designated wilderness (Salmo-Priest)**
- ✓ **Inventoried Roadless Area boundaries (designated in 2001)**
- ✓ **Any existing law, regulation or policy**
- ✓ **Management plans or direction related to other ownerships**





Current (1988)
plan

Alternative P
(preferred
alt.)



Non-Motorized Recreational Uses

Direction for non-mechanized uses (such as hiking & horse use) does not change between alternatives

The amount (percent) of the Colville National Forest identified to be managed *specifically* for non-motorized use changes between alternatives

This includes:

- Backcountry (non-motorized),
- Research natural areas,
- Recommended wilderness and
- Wilderness

No Action	11%
Proposed Action	21%
B	25%
O	22%
R	24%
P	20%

Non-Motorized Recreational Uses

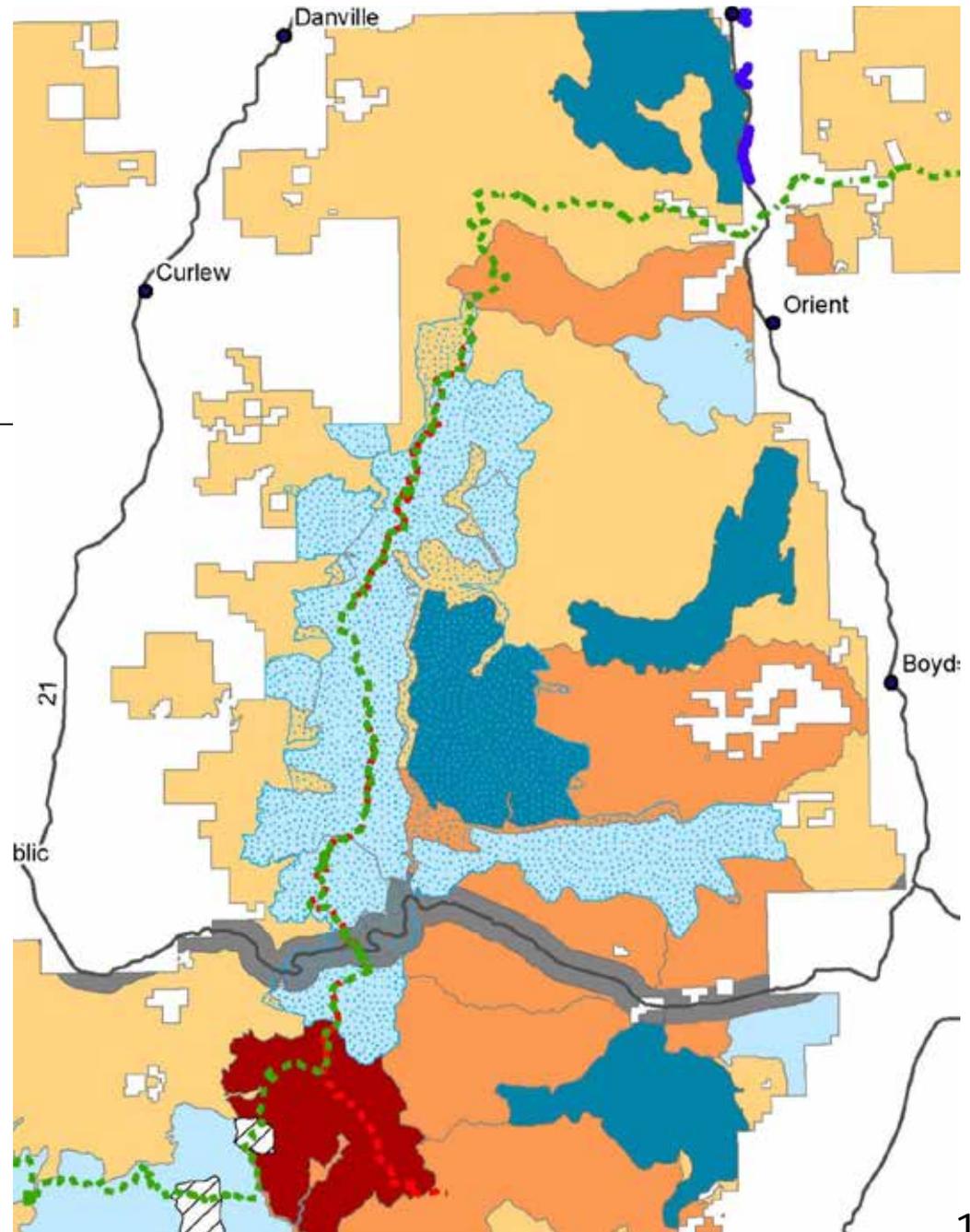
Direction for mechanized use (such as mountain bikes) varies between alternatives

Recommended wilderness

Alternative	Acres	Existing uses continue?	Change to miles of trail suitable for mech. use
No Action	0		0
Proposed Action	101,400	yes	-150
B	220,300	no	-221
O	15,900	yes	-29
R	207,800	no	-213
P	68,300	yes	-78

Recreation Special Interest Area

Included in Alternatives
O and P





Discussion and Questions