

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

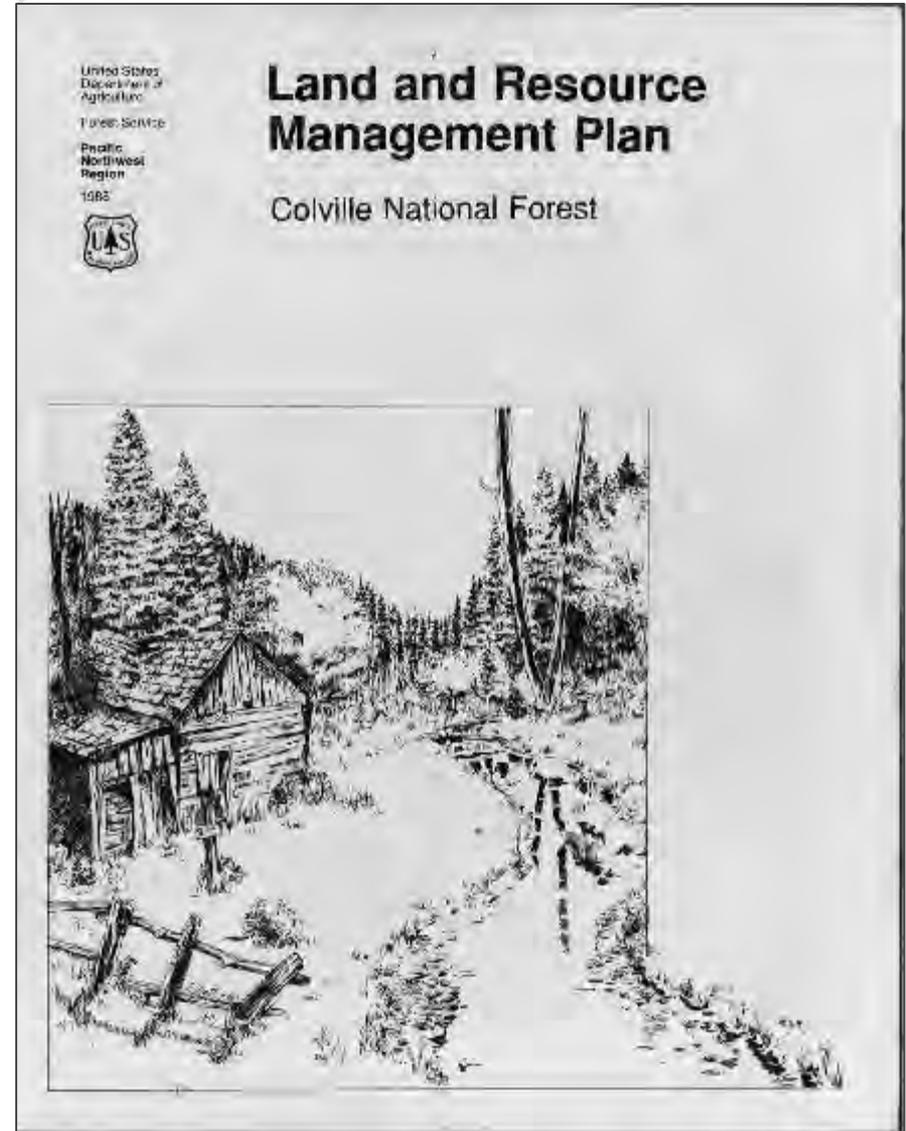
– Designates management areas allocating zones of the forest for different activities

– 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



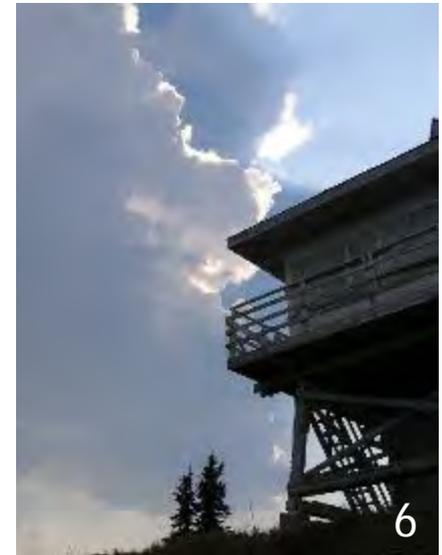
Alternatives

Issues led to development of 6 alternatives:

- ✓ **No Action (current 1988 plan as amended)**
- ✓ **Proposed Action (public comment provided on this in 2011)**
- ✓ **Alternative R (developed in response to comments supporting large areas as recommended wilderness)**
- ✓ **Alternative B (developed based on NEWFC proposal and public input during collaborative meetings)**
- ✓ **Alternative O (developed based on points many participants agreed to during collaborative meetings)**
- ✓ **Alternative P (developed based on public comment; 2016 preferred alternative)**

What the Forest Plan cannot change:

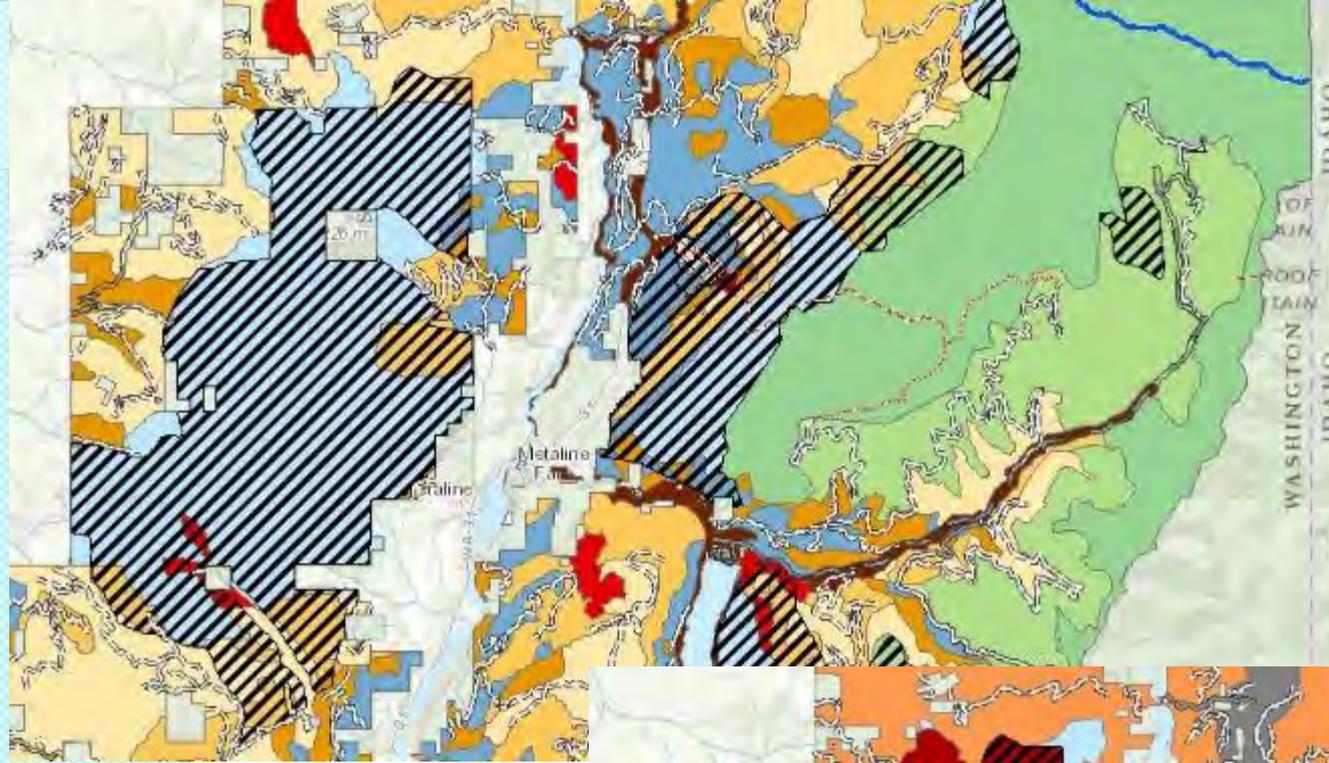
- ✓ Boundary for designated wilderness (Salmo-Priest)
- ✓ Inventoried Roadless Area boundaries (designated in 2001)
- ✓ Any existing law, regulation or policy
- ✓ Management plans or direction related to other ownerships



What *can* change in the Forest Plan :

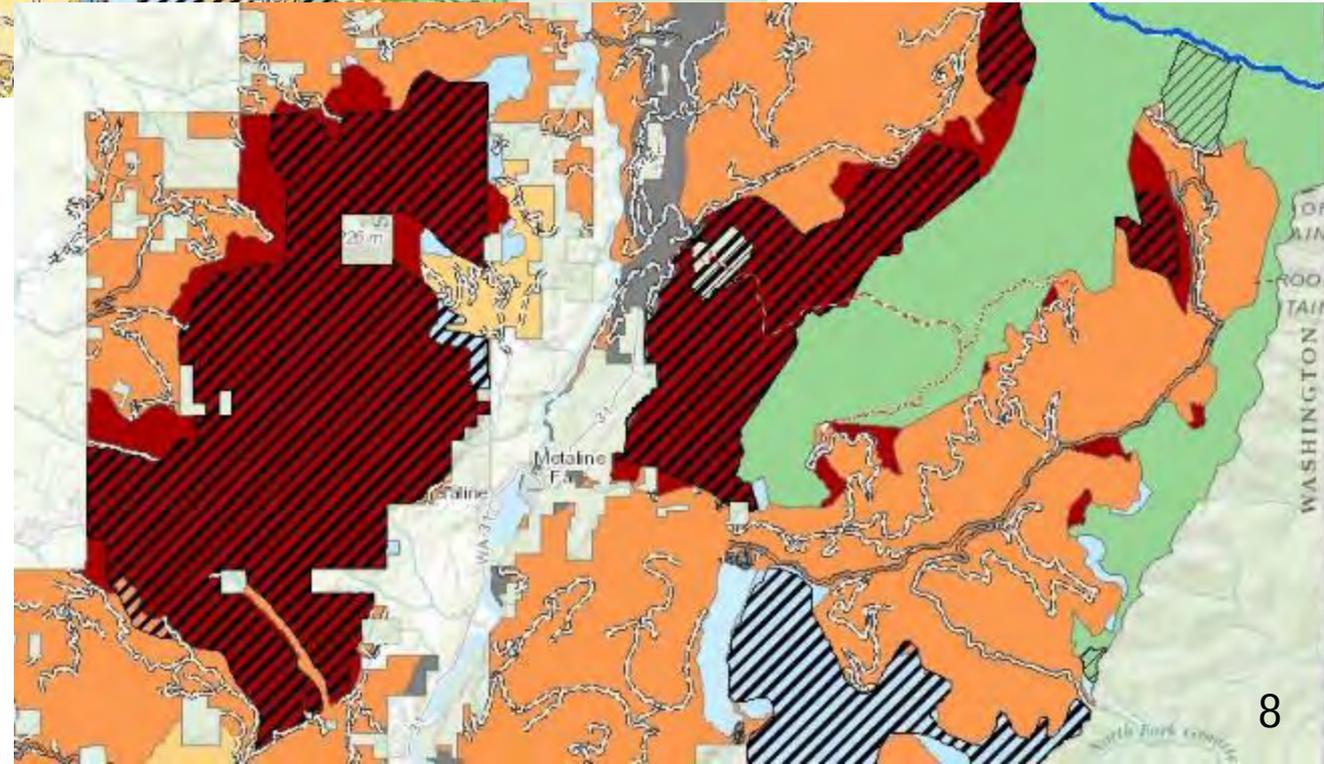
1. Management area designations
2. Management area proposed boundaries
3. Management area direction:
 - Desired conditions
 - Objectives
 - Standards
 - Guidelines
 - Suitable Uses





Current (1988)
plan

Alternative P
(preferred
alt.)



Riparian Management Area

- Alternatives Proposed Action, R, B & P
- have direction for no net increase in road miles in key watersheds
- No Action and Alternative O retain INFISH

Key watersheds:

- Based on native fish habitat and T&E species recovery area designations
- Have different guidance related to road density and other management activities that focuses on habitat improvement.



Wildlife Habitat:

All alternatives incorporate:

- Interagency direction for woodland caribou, grizzly bear, Canada lynx and bull trout habitat
- Management direction for big game and landbirds



Motorized & Mechanized Trails

- Direction for motorized & mechanized use varies between alternatives
- Recommended wilderness

| Alternative | Acres | Existing uses continue? | Change to miles of trail currently designated | |
|-----------------|---------|-------------------------|---|------------------------|
| | | | For motor vehicle use | suitable for mech. use |
| No Action | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| Proposed Action | 101,400 | yes | 0 | -150* |
| B | 220,300 | no | -39 | -221 |
| O | 15,900 | yes | 0 | -29* |
| R | 207,800 | no | -39 | -213 |
| P | 68,300 | yes | 0 | -78* |

*If areas get designated by Congress

Recreational Uses

General Forest Recreation = The amount (percent) of the Colville National Forest where roads may be constructed to access either motorized or non-motorized recreation uses.

Motorized recreation = The amount (percent) of backcountry in the Colville National Forest identified to be managed specifically for motorized trail use.

Non-motorized recreation = The amount (percent) of backcountry in the Colville National Forest identified to be managed specifically for non-motorized uses. This column includes:

- Backcountry (non-motorized)
- Recommended wilderness
- Wilderness

Recreational Uses

| | General Forest Rec | Motorized Rec | Non-motorized Rec |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| No Action | 88% | 1% | 11% |
| Proposed Action | 74% | 6% | 20% |
| B | 75% | <1% | 25% |
| O | 75% | 5% | 20% |
| R | 75% | <1% | 24% |
| P | 75% | 5% | 20% |



Key points - Wilderness & Recommended Wilderness

One designated wilderness (Salmo-Priest) = ~3% of Colville NFS land

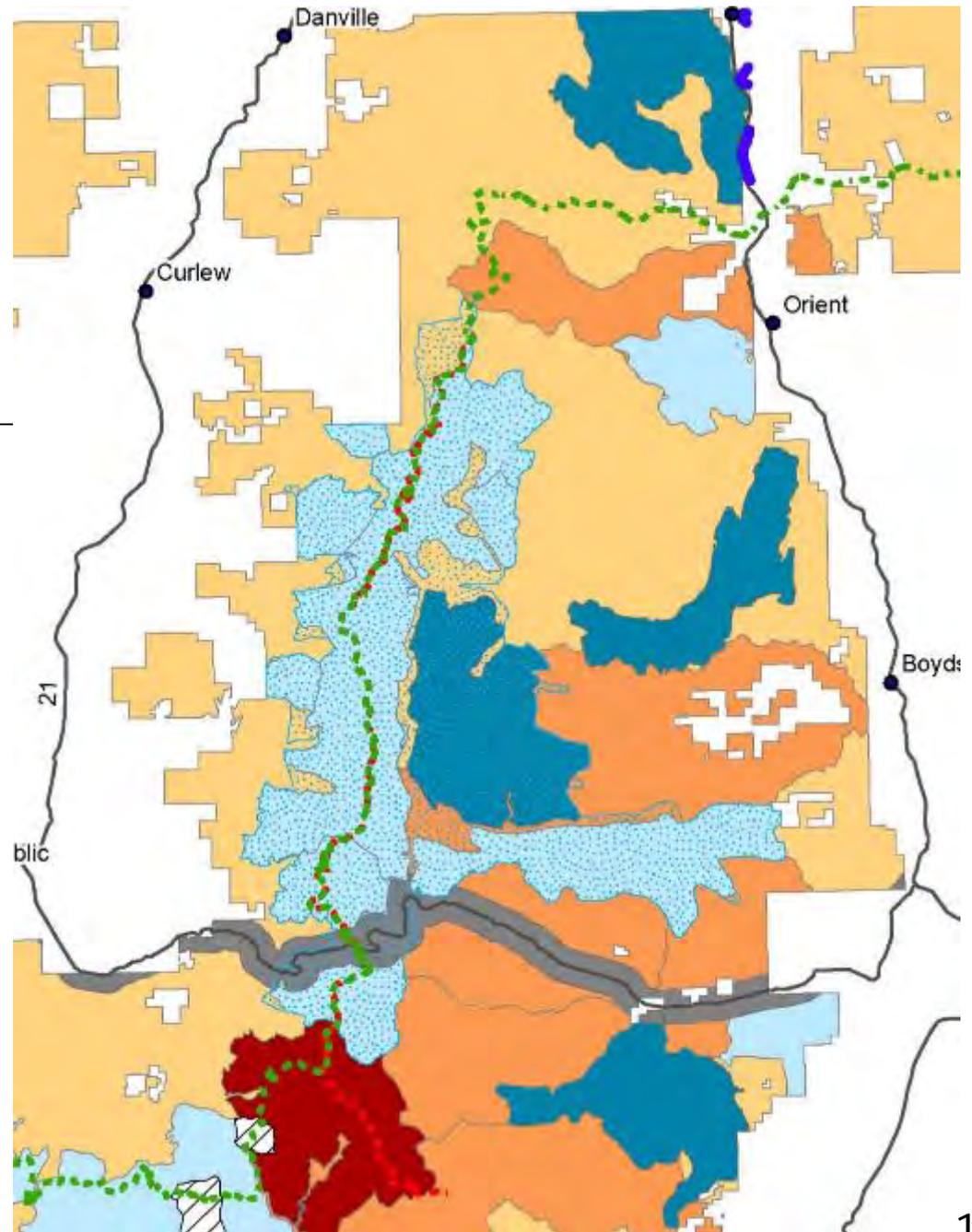
| Alternative | No Action | Proposed Action | B | O | R | P |
|--|-----------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Acres/Percent Recommended for Wilderness | 0 | 101,390 9% | 220,330 20% | 15,950 1% | 207,800 19% | 68,300 6% |
| Existing uses can continue | n/a | Yes* | No | Yes* | No | Yes* |

*Until such time Congress designates as Wilderness



Recreation Special Interest Area

Included in Alternatives
O and P



Immediate Next Steps

On-going

- Consultation, communication and coordination

February 19, 2016

- Notice of Availability of plan and DEIS published in Federal Register (started comment period)

February – July 5, 2016

- Draft environmental impact statement available for review & comment
- Receive public comments
- Engage the public through meetings & web applications



On-Line Information - Colville NF web page

www.fs.usda.gov/goto/colville/plan

The screenshot shows the website for the Colville National Forest, managed by the USDA Forest Service. The page is titled "Forest Plan Revision" and features a large banner with the text "COLVILLE NATIONAL FOREST FOREST PLAN REVISION" and an image of pine cones. The main content area includes a welcome message and a draft plan ready for review. The left sidebar contains navigation menus for "Colville National Forest" and "Land & Resources Management". The right sidebar has "Quick Links" and "Current Forest Plan" sections.

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Forest Plan Revision

COLVILLE NATIONAL FOREST FOREST PLAN REVISION

Welcome to the Colville Forest Plan Revision Project!

The **Colville National Forest** has been working on a multi-year planning effort to update and revise its **Land and Resource Management Plan**. Many things have changed since the current "forest plan" was signed in 1988. The National Forest Management Act (NFMA) of 1976 requires each national forest to have a plan, and to periodically revise them to address new economic, social and resource conditions, and to incorporate new scientific information.

The work we are doing in plan revision will guide management of the Colville National Forest for the next decade and beyond. As part of earlier scoping and public collaboration efforts we shared a description of the proposed management approach with interested members of the public and tribes in June 2011. We received and analyzed a broad range of comments on that proposed action. That information helped us to identify the significant issues and to make adjustments to our proposal, and in addition to providing a basis for identifying alternative management approaches to consider.

Draft Plan Ready for Review

We are pleased to announce that we've reached the next "big step" in our **NEPA** planning process with the release of a draft plan and draft environmental impact statement for public review and comment. The draft plan displays the draft direction for the management activities on the National Forest System lands across the four Colville National Forest ranger districts. A **Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)**, which shows the analysis and comparison of the six

Quick Links

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On-Line Information - On-line Open House

<http://colvilleplanrevision.publicmeeting.info/>

ONLINE OPEN HOUSE: February 19-May 19 Select Language ▾

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Welcome Overview Alternatives Forests/Timber Access/Historic Trails Wilderness Wildlife Habitat Water Public Involvement Comments

Welcome Next

Welcome to the online open house for the Proposed Revised Land Management Plan for the Colville National Forest Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and Proposed Revised Colville Forest Plan (draft plan).

This open house is available until May 19.

About the DEIS and proposed forest plan

In order to revise the 1988 [Colville National Forest Plan](#), the U.S. Forest Service (Forest Service) has prepared this DEIS and proposed forest plan in cooperation with seven cooperating entities and with input from the public and interest groups. The DEIS describes and analyzes six alternatives for managing the Colville National Forest. The forest plan reflects the preferred alternative identified in the DEIS (Alternative P).

The Forest Service administers the nearly 1.1 million acres that make up the Colville National Forest in northeast Washington State.

[Watch a short video about the project.](#)

How to use this online open house

- Visit the tabbed "stations" to learn more about the DEIS, proposed forest plan, and how to submit your comments. You can visit as many times as you wish.
- You can click the "Next" button or select any tab at the top of the page to move around this online open house. Placing your cursor on words or phrases with a dotted underline will show their definition.
- Keep an eye out for the questions posed on some pages, and join the conversation if you like.

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An Overview of the Project and Process

read THE DRAFT PLAN

read the DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

- Executive Summary
- Full Draft EIS (7 MB)
- Chapter 1: Purpose and Need for Action
- Chapter 2: Alternatives
- Chapter 3: Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences (3 MB)
- Chapter 4: Consultation and Coordination
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