

Rio Grande National Forest: Proposed Plan Revision Framework + Crosswalk: July 2016

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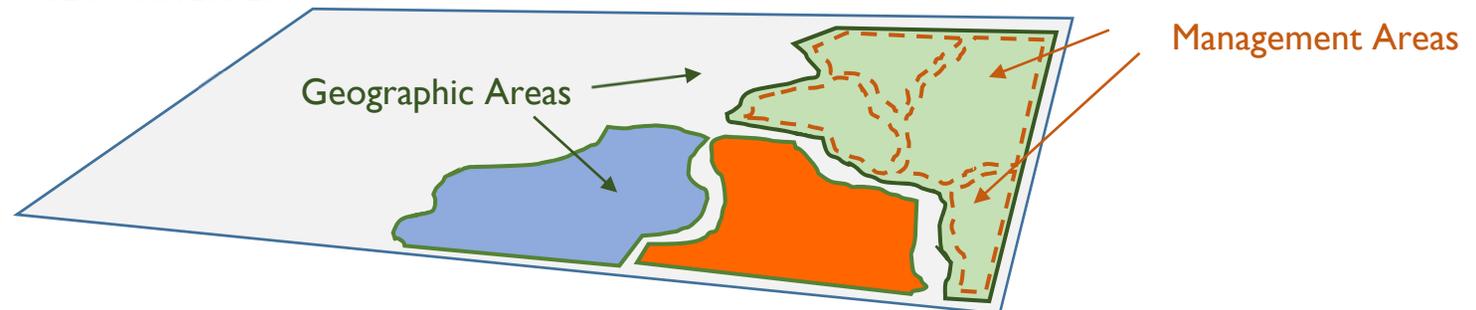
Starting Point: National USFS Multi-Use Mandate + Rio Grande Environment

Forest-Wide Vision – next 10 to 15 years

- Roles
- Three Goals
- Measurable Objectives

Forest-Wide Policy Direction (“Strategic Where, Why, What” – changes require plan amendment)

- “Geographic Areas” (aggregations of Management Areas)
- Forest-Wide Standards



Policies for Specific Locations + Resources (“Tactical How” - option for administrative changes)

- Management Areas and Integrated Desired Conditions
- Resource-Specific Management Practices

Adaptive Management (*Responsiveness*)

- Response to results of monitoring, changing uses and technologies

Monitoring (*Observing and Documenting Change*)

- Monitor change, monitor progress towards Goals and Objectives

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RGNF Framework Crosswalk

1996 Forest Plan to Proposed Forest Plan Revision

*80-90% of 1996 Forest Plan policies expected to be retained in Revised Forest Plan.

“Strategic Where, Why, What”

- **'96 Plan Roles and Contributions**
 - Largely shifted straight across to Revised Forest Plan
- **'96 Plan Objectives**
 - Keep '96 policy intent; revised to be measurable, time-specific
- **'96 Desired Future Conditions**
 - Keep '96 policies, shift into Goals, Geographic Areas and Management Areas

“Tactical How”

- **'96 Plan Management Areas: Boundaries & Themes**
 - Keep '96 Management Areas themes, shift to “Integrated Desired Conditions”
 - '96 Management Areas boundaries used in prepare Geographic Areas map
 - Revised Forest Plan may change several boundaries (e.g., for new Research Natural Areas)
- **'96 Plan Standards and Guidelines**
 - Keep '96 policy intent, clarify language, shift into “Management Practices”