

## Plan Components

Plan components are the parts of a land management plan that guide future project and activity decisionmaking. Plan components include desired conditions, objectives, standards, guidelines, and suitability of lands.

**Desired Conditions (DC)** - a description of specific social, economic, and/or ecological characteristics of the plan area, or a portion of the plan area, toward which management of the land and resources should be directed. DCs should be developed within the context of the plan area's distinctive roles and contributions. DCs set forth the desired landscape of the future. Other plan components give guidance on *how* to get there. DCs are not commitments or final decisions approving projects and activities. There are three types of desired conditions.

- **Forestwide (FW) desired conditions** apply across the landscape. For example, “Native plants and plant communities dominate the landscape, while nonnative invasive species are in low abundance and do not disrupt ecological functioning. “
- **Geographic Area (GA) desired conditions** are specific to an area or place. For example, “The Crows Pass area is managed for cross-country skiing opportunities. “
- **Management area (MA) desired conditions** are indications of what future conditions would typically be in a MA. For example, in a Wilderness Management Area, “ The current trail system in the Long Otter, Cabin Fever, and Big Bear Wilderness areas on the Hemlock National Forest are managed to provide for wilderness experience. “



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