

## FERAL HOGS, DESIRED CONDITIONS

### OBJECTION ISSUE SUMMARY

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The draft ROD decries the “degradation of ecosystems caused by feral hogs” (p. 12) but the revised plan takes no responsibility for addressing wild hogs through plan components, and appears to suggest that this issue is somehow independent of the forest planning process. It states that future actions do not depend on the alternative selected (p. 223), but that is only a valid approach to meeting the species viability requirement if all alternatives include appropriate plan components. DC-THR-1 only mentions coordinated prevention and education efforts (and seems to be focusing on invasive plants). Simply permitting control of feral hogs (absence of plan components) does not meet the requirement that plan components provide ecological conditions for at-risk species.

### WHAT’S REQUIRED BY LAW, REGULATION AND/OR POLICY

N/A

### REMEDY(S) PROPOSED BY OBJECTOR

There should be an actual desired condition of elimination of feral hogs.

### FOREST SERVICE RESPONSE

The FEIS recognizes the damage from feral hogs, has a desired condition that includes reducing their impact and commits to taking action if a control method is feasible. However, there is not a specific commitment to help develop or participate in the coordinated strategy discussed in the draft ROD.