

SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST

Forest Plan Revision



WORKBOOK

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What makes up a Forest Plan?

Plan Components

Desired Conditions

Describes the social, economic, and/or ecological characteristics for the plan area toward which management is directed.

Standards

Mandatory rules to follow when developing projects.

Suitability of Land

Identifies specific lands suitable, or not, for certain uses and activities. Plan must include lands not suitable for timber production.

Objectives

Measurable and time-specific statements of desired rate of progress toward desired conditions

Guidelines

Design criteria or constraints on projects and activities.

Goals

Optional broad statements of intent. Do not include completion dates.

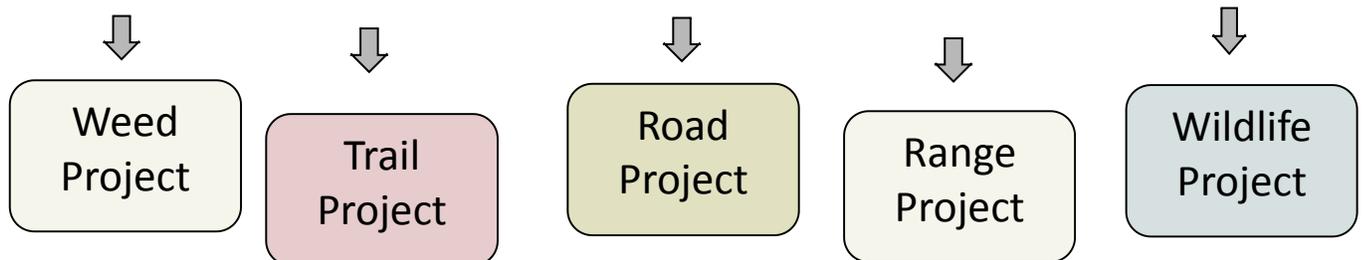
What is a Forest Plan?

Forest Plan

- Comprehensive plan guiding forest management for 15+ years
- Guides **what** we do, **where** we do it and **how** we do it.
- The Forest Plan does not authorize site specific activities or prohibitions
- All subsequent proposals and projects must comply with the approved forest plan

New Projects comply with the Revised Forest Plan and with Project NEPA

Project



Why Revise the Forest Plans? Who Decides?



- It's the law. The National Forest Management Act (1976) requires a Forest Plan, and periodic revisions.
- Currently there are two existing plans for one forest
- A lot has changed: population, bigger fires, new invasives, new information, and uses and interests.
- Decided By Forest Supervisor Charles Mark, located in Salmon, ID.

Plan Revision Steps and Schedule



Assessment and Preliminary Need for Change



- Assess 15 important ecological, social, and economic resource topics
 - What is out there?
 - What is the trend?
 - What factors affect the trend?
- Use of best available science, local information, national perspectives, and native knowledge
- Identify how the existing 1987 and 1988 Plans need to be revised (“Need for Change”)

Need to Change the Existing Plans



Changed Conditions; Allow Flexibility; or Direction is Lacking

examples:

- Population, bigger fires, new invasives, new information, and uses and interests.
- Flexibility to address new information, changing climate, changing conditions, and emerging recreation opportunities.
- Flexibility to manage wildfires.

Need to Change the Existing Plans



Some Changes Required by the Planning Regulations *examples:*

- Identify desired conditions
- Provide for multiple uses, including recreation, range, and timber
- Consider connectivity and climate change
- Species of Conservation Concern
- Conduct potential Wilderness Evaluation Process
- Conduct Wild and Scenic River Eligibility Process

Previous Planning Decisions and Legal/Regulatory Determinations



Forest Plan Revision recognizes previous planning decisions and legal and regulatory determinations. Forest Plan Revision will not replace these planning decisions or determinations. Some examples of previous planning decisions and determinations are:

Travel Management Plans

A Forest Plan does not make designations such as selection of roads and trails where motorized or mechanized vehicle trail will be allowed, restricted or prohibited.

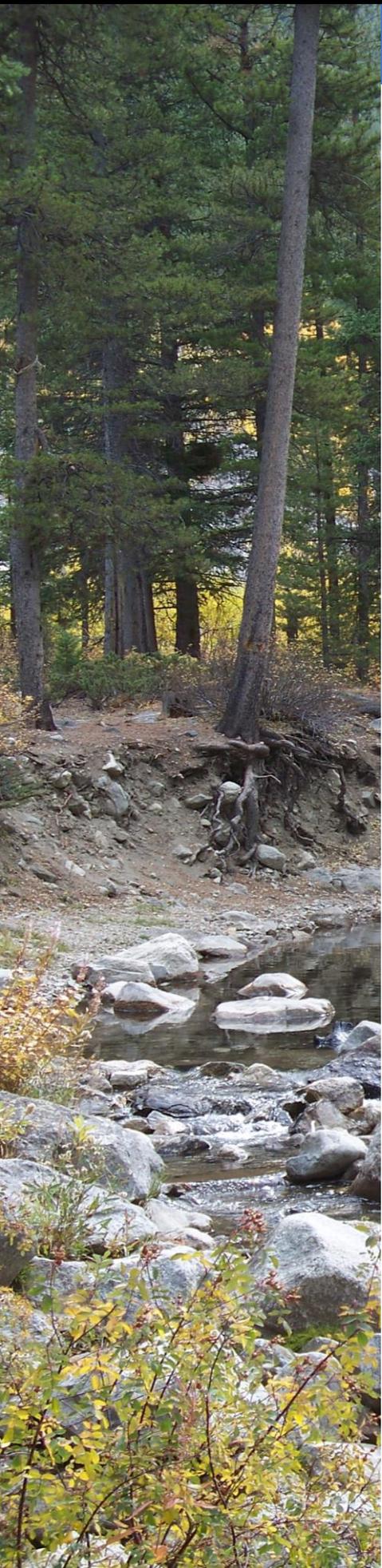
Plans for Wilderness or Wild and Scenic Rivers

Wilderness and Wild and Scenic River Plans are established by Congress and require separate management plans (e.g. Frank Church Wilderness Plan and Salmon Wild and Scenic River Plan).

Idaho Roadless Areas

IRA boundaries and direction are established through Department of Agriculture rulemaking. Adjustments to IRA boundaries are made by the Chief of the Forest Service and changes to the IRA regulations are made by the Department of Agriculture.

Fish and Wildlife/Soil, Air and Water



Data Sources

Data	Source
Species trend, threats, general range, life history	NatureServe Explorer: An online encyclopedia of life [web application]. Version 7.1. NatureServe, Arlington, Virginia. Available http://explorer.natureserve.org/
Species trend, threats, local range, observations, life history	Idaho Dept. Fish and Game. 2015. DRAFT Idaho State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP). V. 2015-12-21- SGCN Conservation Status Assessment
Sage-grouse observation points , bighorn sheep observations, other species of interest	Salmon-Challis NF corporate GIS data (sde)
Species trend, threats, local range, observations, life history	Idaho Department of Fish and Game. 2005. Idaho Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy. Idaho Conservation Data Center, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Boise, ID. http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/tech/CDC/cwcs.cfm
Species specific observations	Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Idaho Fish and Wildlife Information System, Species Diversity Database. Idaho Natural Heritage Data. Accessed August 12, 2016 (not public records)
Species trend, threats, local range, observations, life history, ESA listing status	US Fish and Wildlife Service Endangered Species Database https://www.fws.gov/endangered/?ref=topbar
Landbird vulnerability factors, population trends	2016. Partners in Flight Landbird Conservation Plan: 2016 Revision for Canada and Continental United States. Partners in Flight Science Committee. http://www.partnersinflight.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/pif-continental-plan-final-spread-double-spread-1.pdf
Species observations, trends, threats, counts, life history	Idaho Department of Fish and Game: Wildlife Technical Reports, Fisheries Technical Report, Heritage Program Reports https://idfg.idaho.gov/reports

Additional Sources:





Data Sources

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Travel, Tourism and Recreation demand	2013-2017 Idaho Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Plan (SCORTP)
Statistical Recreation Visitor Use Satisfaction and Economic information	2009 and 2014 SCNF National Visitor Use Monitoring (NVUM)
Forest Niche and Maintenance of developed recreation sites and facilities	2006 SCNF Recreation Site Facilities Master Plan
Demand of Off Highway recreational use	University of Idaho Economic importance of off-highway vehicle recreation: An analysis of Idaho Counties
Historical service day and launch allocations	SCNF Outfitter and Guide annual use reports
Idaho Roadless Areas, Research Natural Areas And eligible stream segments for Outstanding Remarkable Values for potential wild, scenic or recreation designation	2016 SCNF Weeds EIS
Developed recreation sites and Trails	Forest INFRA database
Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) Visual Quality Opportunities	2009 SCNF Travel Plan Final EIS
Revenue reports for campground/rental cabins and outfitter commercial services	SCNF Recreation Enhancement Act annual reporting

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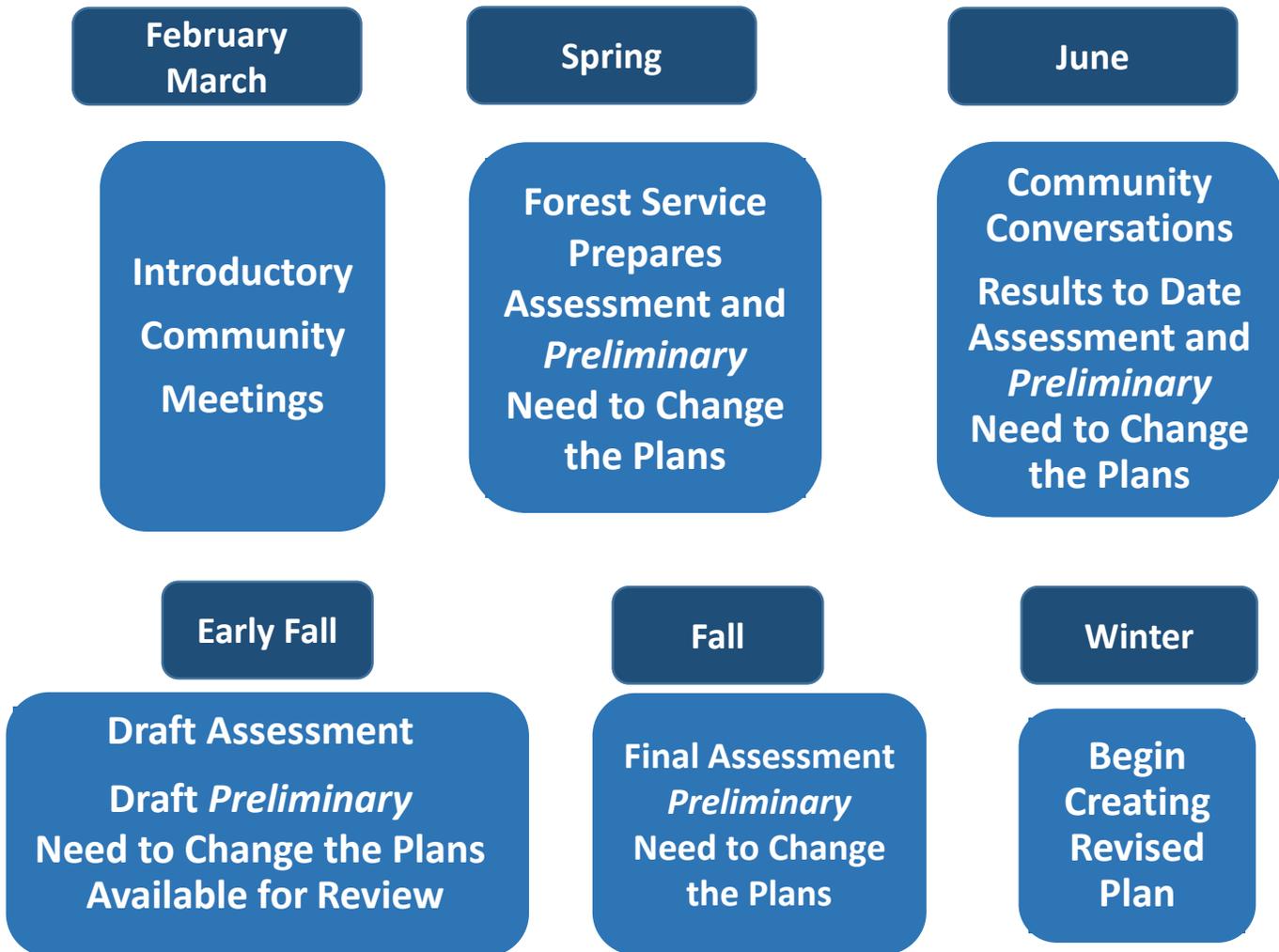
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Data Needs	Possible Sources
Livelihoods	Headwaters Economics, Idaho Dept. of Labor
- Ranching	Forest info re: grazing permittees, AUMs
- Forest Products	Forest info re: timber cut & sold reports, location of timber buyers and thinning contractors
- Mining	Forest info re: # of mining permits
- Recreation	Forest info re: # of rec special use permit holders
Demographics	US Census, Headwaters Economics
- Population trends	
- Income/Education Status of Area	
Social values	University of Idaho Extension Offices, historical societies, other sources???
- Visitors experience	Forest visitor surveys
- Community identity, sense of place	???

Additional Sources:



Next Steps: 2017



We Want to Hear From You!



We will be posting a summary of the input we receive from our February Public Meetings on our Forest Website in late March 2017.

Please send us your ideas. You can mail, email, fax, call or drop off your input to any Forest Service office. Your input is most helpful if it is received prior to March 31, 2017.

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