



## Help Shape the Future of the Eldorado National Forest

*The Eldorado National Forest is one of several forests that will be revising their land management plans (forest plans). This will set the vision and direction for these forests for the next 15-20 years.*

### What Can You Do Now?

- ◇ Watch an introductory video.
- ◇ Review our existing 1989 Forest Plan and Science Synthesis. These documents provide the foundation of the plan revision process.
- ◇ Join Our Mailing List. Stay updated as the planning process gets moving.
- ◇ Look for **Forest Plan Revision** here:  
[www.fs.usda.gov/eldorado](http://www.fs.usda.gov/eldorado)

The existing forest plan is more than 25 years old. Economic, social, and ecological conditions have changed; new laws, regulations and policies are in place; and new information based on monitoring and scientific research is available.

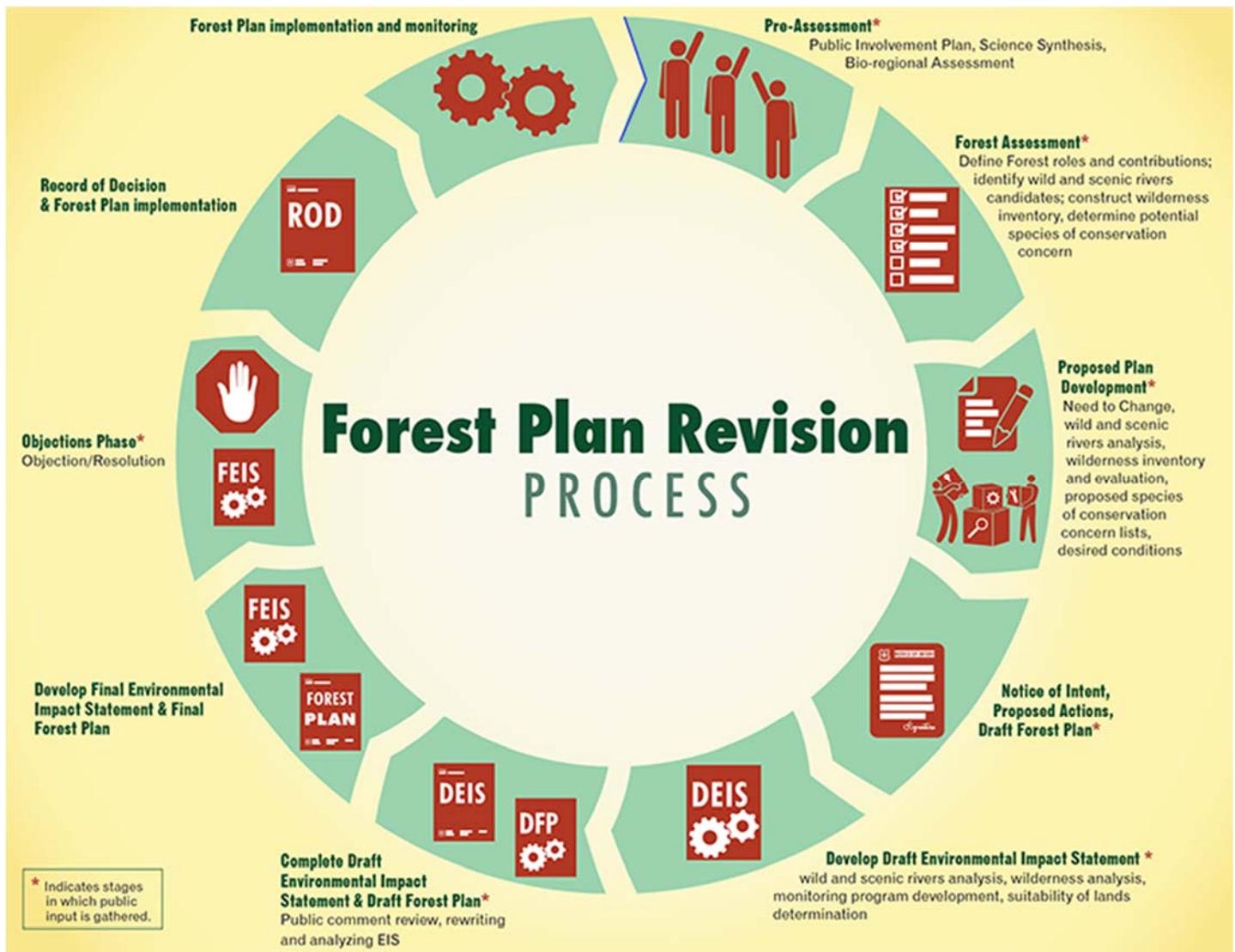
The purpose of Forest Plan Revision is to:

- ◆ meet the legal requirements of the National Forest Management Act of 1976;
- ◆ address changed conditions and provide consistent management direction across the national forest;
- ◆ incorporate changes in law, regulation, and policy;
- ◆ Engage diverse forest stakeholders in how the forest is managed.



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## Pre- Assessment

The forest plan revision cycle consists of three phases: forest plan assessment, forest plan development, and monitoring. Before launching a forest plan revision, forest staff begin activities to prepare the forest and the public to revise the plan. This “pre-assessment” work includes internal, organizational and preparatory activities.

## Forest Assessment

During the forest assessment phase, the Forest Service reviews the current ecological, economic, and social conditions, trends and risks to sustainability in and around the forest.

This assessment leads to the “Need to Change,” a document that outlines points for revision in the current forest plan.

## Forest Plan Development

During this phase the Forest Service develops a forest plan. The plan consists of five required components including: desired conditions, plan objectives, standards, guidelines, and suitability of lands. Here we determine how to address items in the “Need to Change.” The Forest Service engages in National

Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) activities throughout this phase.

## Monitoring

At this phase the Forest Service implements the revised forest plan. We apply the monitoring program to evaluate or measure progress towards the desired conditions and make changes as necessary based on the results of the monitoring program.