

# MANTI-LA SAL NATIONAL FOREST PLAN REVISION



## Preliminary Need to Change the Forest Plan

The Manti-La Sal National Forest has prepared a draft of the Assessment Report as part of “Phase One: Assessment” of the Planning Revision process. As we move forward into “Phase Two: Plan Revision”, the Forest has prepared a draft **Preliminary Need to Change (PNTC)** document [36 CFR 219.7(c)(2)(i)]. Based on the draft Assessment Report, the PNTC document incorporates information collected both internally and from the public. It will be one of three documents included in the package that goes out for “scoping” (public review) in Fall 2017.

### *What Needs to Change and What Doesn't?*

The Forest identified resource themes and social and environmental conditions that need focused review and updating under this process. The Forest also identified topics that will not be modified under this plan revision process.

#### Law, Regulation, and Policy

The Forest has identified a need to revise the forest plan to comply with changes required by legislation or by the code of federal regulations. Individual national forests must follow these directives.

#### Key Resource Management Themes

The Forest has identified a number of key trends related to the management of natural resources. These resource management “themes” are concepts relating to public preferences and management needs and will be areas of focus for the team while revising the forest plan.

#### Social and Environmental Conditions

The Forest has identified a need to address social and environmental conditions that have the potential to affect our organization. These are items that may not be under the agency’s direct control, but may influence our ability to effectively carry out our mission.

#### No Need to Change

While a forest plan can set management direction, it cannot change the boundaries or purposes of areas designated by Congress. Moreover, a forest plan does not authorize site-specific projects or commit the agency to take action. Finally, the forest plan revision does not affect treaty rights or valid existing rights established by statute or legal instruments.

For updates on plan revision, visit our StoryMap website (<http://bit.do/manti-lasalplanrevision>) or Plan Revision page (<http://bit.do/mlsnfplanningpage>). You may also contact the Plan Revision Team with questions at [mlnfplanrevision@fs.fed.us](mailto:mlnfplanrevision@fs.fed.us); by phone at 435-636-3508; or by mail at 599 West Price River Dr., Price, UT 84501.

