

# Desired Conditions

- Drivers of the Forest Plan
- Outcomes Not Actions
- Achievable
- Clear and Concise
- Progress can be Measured or Evaluated

# Examples of Desired Conditions Statements

(These are from other forest plans, not from Gila NF Plan.)

## Cultural and Heritage Resources

*“Archaeological sites, are not threatened by vandalism, theft, or overuse.”*

## Infrastructure (Trails)

*“Forest trails are clear of trees and brush and have sufficient drainage features to prevent erosion.”*

## Wildland Fire Management

*“In the wildland urban interface, fuel is reduced so the expected fire behavior is reduced.”*

## Timber and Forest Products

*“A sustainable supply of wood products are available to business in individuals in a manner that is consistent with other desired conditions.”*

A Few of Many Possible Topic Areas

Vegetation (forests, woodlands, shrublands, grasslands, and riparian)

Soils and Watersheds

Wildlife

Cultural Resources

Traditional Cultural Uses

Recreation and Scenery

Livestock Grazing

Timber, Fuelwood and Other Forest Products

Wildland Fire and Fuels Management

Infrastructure (roads, trails, campgrounds, etc.)

Designated Areas

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### Desired Condition Worksheet

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#### Desired Conditions:

Desired Conditions are statements describing the desired ecological, economic and/or social **outcomes** of forest management. They are not management actions. They are **required plan content**, and more than that, they will be the **drivers of the revised forest plan**. Desired Conditions must be **achievable**, meaning that they must be within the inherent capability of the land and within the authority and ability of the Forest Service to affect. They should be written in a **clear and concise** manner, while providing enough detail that **progress toward them can be measured or evaluated**. The Desired Conditions you provide will be used to inform the development of the revised forest plan. Areas of broad agreement and of disagreement related to Desired Conditions will be used to develop plan alternatives.

#### What are your Desired Conditions?

**Topic:** Please choose those topic areas that are most important to you and write a Desired Condition for as many of them as you would like.

#### Desired Condition statement:

*In case we need to get ahold of you for more details on your suggestion, please provide a way to contact you.*

Name:

Email or Mail

Address:

If submitting after the meeting, please send responses preferably in digital form to [gilaplan@fs.fed.us](mailto:gilaplan@fs.fed.us), or mail to Gila National Forest, Attn.: Plan Revision, 3005 E. Camino del Bosque, Silver City, NM 88061, or drop it off at one of the [District Offices](#). This information will be most useful if submitted before August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017.