



## Developing Needs for Change: Themes for Discussion

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In order to develop and identify changes that need to be made to the current land and resource management plan, the Tonto National Forest planning team has identified eleven general themes to help generate and guide conversations concerning the revision process. These broad topics are not an exhaustive list of issues or needs facing the forest, but will be used to encourage public input as planning moves forward. We invite you to consider the themes below and comment throughout this process. For additional details please visit the plan revision website ([www.tontoplan.org/public-involvement](http://www.tontoplan.org/public-involvement)).

### **Category A. Ecological Sustainability**

- Theme 1. Maintain, improve, or restore ecosystems on the Tonto National Forest
- Theme 2. Provide for plant and animal habitat diversity, including at-risk species
- Theme 3. Increase resiliency of ecosystems and incorporate adaptive management
- Theme 4. Sustainably manage water resources

### **Category B. Social, Cultural and Economic Sustainability**

- Theme 5. Facilitate accessible, sustainable, and diverse recreation opportunities to a growing public
- Theme 6. Preserve the unique cultural and historic character of the land while providing opportunities to engage with local heritage
- Theme 7. Ensure the sustainability of key ecosystem services and forest attributes that contribute to values associated with the forest
- Theme 8. Recognize and enhance the Tonto National Forest's role in contributing to local economies

### **Category C. Forest-wide Management**

- Theme 9. Emphasize on-going collaborative efforts and partnerships while striving to develop new long lasting relationships.
- Theme 10. Develop a monitoring strategy that provides information for rapid responses to changing conditions
- Theme 11. Allow for adapting to fluctuations in forest budgets over the life of the plan when planning towards desired conditions.

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