

Chapter 2 – Conditions and Trends

Introduction

This chapter documents the evaluation of social, economic, and ecological conditions and trends that contribute to sustainability. This chapter describes current conditions and past and present trends based on implementation of the 1987 Forest Plans. The descriptions of projected future trends are based on management direction in the Proposed Land Management Plan.

The KIPZ completed an Analysis of the Management Situation (AMS) and an accompanying Technical Report in March 2003. The AMS describes the revision topics and documents the need for changing the forest plans. The AMS also describes the role of ecological, social and economic sustainability in forest plan revision and provides a description for context. The Technical Report for the AMS describes the condition and trend for each revision topic, including the results of forest plan monitoring and implications of continuing management under current 1987 Forest Plan direction.

In addition, this chapter of the CER incorporates by reference the AMS and Technical Report. Each revision topic is presented in this chapter, documenting additional or updated information to the AMS and the Technical Report. For a complete discussion of the revision topics and their relationship to the Plan, refer to the AMS and its accompanying Technical Report. The seven revision topics are as follows:

1. Access and Recreation
2. Inventoried Roadless Areas
3. Vegetation
4. Timber
5. Fire
6. Wildlife
7. Watershed, Soils, and Aquatic Species

The following five topics are not revision topics; however, their relevance to Land Management Plan direction and sustainability necessitated their inclusion in this chapter:

- Rangelands
- Special Areas (Special Interest Areas, Research Natural Areas, and Experimental Forests)
- Wild, Scenic, and Recreational Rivers
- Social and Economic Systems