

Geographic  
Area     Koocanusa/Tobacco    

Revision Topic:     Global Warming    

Issue                     

<b>Desired Condition Statement</b>	The KNF will consider the effects of global warming at the outset of the forest plan revision process.
<b>Identify Priority Areas or Opportunities</b>	<p>Scientists agree that global warming will disrupt normal patterns and distribution of moisture and temperature extremes and duration.</p> <p>Models exist to predict the range of effects of global warming.</p> <p>The KNF should employ independent (unbiased) contractors to model effects of global warming.</p> <p>The KNF has opportunities to base the revised Forest Plan on a reasonable range of environmental factors, rather than basing the Plan on out of date assumptions and conditions.</p>
<b>Describe why this is a priority</b>	<p>Snow pack, annual rainfall and temperature extremes and duration effect every aspect of forest health, including forest productivity, timber volume, wildlife habitat effectiveness, carrying capacity, stream flows, fisheries survival, insect and disease potential, among others.</p> <p>Implementation of this goal will lead to better prediction of the full range of forest outputs, services, including timber production, T&amp;E populations and catastrophic wildfire.</p>