

Geographic Area KIPZ (KNF and Idaho Panhandle forests)

Topic: Ecosystem Health

<p>Desired Condition Statement</p>	<p>Goal#1 In a 200-year time frame what should the forest look like (by GA and by ecotype)? The Forest Plan should include this description and compare it with the present condition. Progress toward the desired forest condition will be evaluated in terms of 50-year benchmarks for a long-term analysis of no less than 200 years. The expected effect of each new management action on forest condition and the implication for meeting the long-range goal should be assessed. Management will be based on scientific principles.</p> <p>Goal#2 Each new proposal for uses of products from the forest, roads and trails, fire management, needs to be examined to insure that it doesn't impede progress toward goal #1.</p>
<p>Identify Priority Areas or Opportunities</p>	<p>Descriptions of desired forest condition should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A general description of Forest Health. - Desired age class distribution, size class distribution, species distribution categorized by ecotype; - Stream condition including sediment load, stream bank condition, aquatic biology including fisheries and invertebrates; - Wildlife including indicator species, S/E species, and game species. Available habitat, desired habitat, desired distribution, desired population levels, and desired corridors for movement will be described. - Ecological linkages across administrative boundaries (KNF and KIPZ). - Rare and endangered plants, present and desired condition of these populations; - Noxious plant and insect species and eradication goals as appropriate.
<p>Describe why this is a priority</p>	<p>The FS has shown a tendency to manage its trust in a time cycle consistent with political and economic pressures rather than based on scientific principles. This results in a net loss of confidence in the NFS on all sides, and thus an increase in disputes, litigation, and acrimony. A scientific, that is Ecosystem based management approach requires, by definition, a very long-range strategy consistent with ecosystem time spans. . Management of a resource that takes centuries to regenerate can't be intelligently undertaken without a vision that spans centuries. It is understood that as science, technology, social conditions, and the economy develop these goals and desired conditions may be revised.</p>

Geographic Area Koocanusa/Tobacco

Revision Topic Vegetation and Fire

Issue Disturbed area restoration

Desired Condition Statement	Areas disturbed by forest use or natural cause will be adequately addressed via soil treatments/stabilization and native vegetation seeding and planting as appropriate to conserve soil, reduce stream sedimentation, reduce potential for non-native weed invasion, and conserve biodiversity. Non-native seeding of sterile varieties may be used for soil erosion control. Specific levels of treatment will be based on site-specific characteristics and requirements.
Identify Priority Areas or Opportunities	Closed roads and trails (where permanent closure is desired). Logged areas. Burned areas. Other disturbed areas.
Describe why this is a priority	This will: -Conserve soil (reduce potential for erosion) and reduce stream sedimentation (conserve water quality). -Reduce potential for non-native weed invasion. -Conserve biodiversity.