

CHAPTER ONE

Forestwide Direction

SECTION ONE - FORESTWIDE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

INTRODUCTION

This chapter specifies the goals and objectives that will be emphasized for integrated resource management across the entire Forests and Grassland. The goals in Section One represent the priorities for management emphasis. They define the Forest's long-term desired condition which is used to establish the Forest's objectives. Section Two contains additional goals that apply generally to the everyday, ongoing management activities.

Goals describe desired end-results and are normally expressed in broad, general terms. *Forest Plan* goals link broad agency goals as set forth by law, executive order, regulation, agency directives and the Resource Planning Act (RPA) program. These goals also closely reflect the Regional Goals described in the *Rocky Mountain Regional Guide* (1992).

Objectives are concise statements of measurable, desired results intended to promote achievement of *Forest Plan* goals. Objectives describe (1) desired resource conditions in the area covered by the *Plan*, either in the next decade or longer, and (2) desired levels of goods and services that the *Plan* is capable of producing in the next decade.

The reader may note that some resources, management programs, or responsibilities are only briefly mentioned or are not mentioned at all in this chapter. Chapter Two contains additional objectives for the Forests and Grassland. The Forest Supervisor shall strive to plan and implement projects which contribute to achieving *Forest Plan* objectives in a manner consistent with *Forest Plan* standards and applicable legal requirements. Projects which help to achieve the objectives in Chapter One are the highest priority for implementation.

Many variables affect the achievement of objectives which cannot be fully assessed when a plan is revised or amended. There are numerous legal mandates, Congressional intent as directed by annual budgets, and political issues over which the local Forests and Grassland has little or no control. Given this situation the ARNF-PNG will have to determine what mix of activities is most appropriate in any given year and utilize every opportunity to move toward the overall management intent prescribed by the goals and objectives. A forest plan need not be amended if its objectives are not achieved.

The objectives (range of desired accomplishments) in Section One were developed to provide the focus for management of the ARNF-PNG. Objectives are measurable in either quantitative or qualitative ways. To understand the tables accompanying the objectives, the first number in the