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Discussion:

The Forest Service will seek to acquire lands that meet resource management objectives, and exchange into other ownership those lands that are considered to be in the public interest for conveyance. Non-National Forest lands within designated wilderness, critical ecosystems, outstanding scenic areas, within areas that are predominately National Forest, and threatened, endangered or sensitive species habitat will be typical of lands that are of interest for

acquisition.

National Forest lands that are isolated, near expanding communities, encumbered with substantial improvements under special use, and lands that have lost their National Forest character will be typical of lands considered for conveyance through exchange and other methods. Coordination and cooperation will be the key to successful management of National Forest lands within the forest and urban interface.

Objectives:

501. Conduct approximately 500 to 1000 acres of land exchange each year over the decade, such as through purchase, exchange or donation, whenever lands meet land-adjustment criteria in Guidelines 8101 through 8104.
502. Provide timely response to landowner requests for access across the National Forest.
503. Acquire approximately 25 rights-of-way each year to improve Forest access.
504. Actively seek local government and tribal government input and support for those exchanges that substantially change the balance of federal and private lands.
505. Work with conservation groups, state agencies and others to develop and implement cost-effective land and resource protection measures such as conservation easements, etc.