

# Santa Fe National Forest Forest Plan Revision 101

## Forest Facts:

- Santa Fe National Forest, in northern New Mexico, is more than 1.5 million acres in size. It encompasses mountains, forests, alpine lakes and rivers, meadows, wilderness, ski hills, miles of trails, and diverse plant and animal life
- Santa Fe National Forest is a forest of many uses, from hunting, hiking, camping, and skiing to grazing and firewood collecting
- The Santa Fe National Forest provides opportunities for recreation and solitude and is the source of water for communities throughout the area



## What is a Forest Plan and why does it matter?

- It is a comprehensive document that guides forest management, use, and protection for a period of 10-15 years
- It aims to balance multiple-uses and the restoration and maintenance of forest and water ecosystems
- It identifies areas that may be suitable for special designations such as research natural areas, wild and scenic rivers, and wilderness
- Once approved, all subsequent proposals and projects must comply with the Forest Plan

## Why are we revising our Forest Plan?

- The forest and surrounding areas have witnessed significant environmental, social, and economic changes since the current plan was published in 1987
- We will follow the “2012 Planning Rule” which includes new policy and analytical requirements, enhances public participation, and incorporates the best available science
- This is an opportunity to incorporate new science, knowledge, and public input

## How can I be involved?

- There will be many opportunities to get involved in the multi-year revision process, from public meetings and workshops to virtual engagement and communication
- Upcoming meetings and collaborative workshops will be posted on our website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/santafe> - please stay tuned
- Email [santafeforestplan@fs.fed.us](mailto:santafeforestplan@fs.fed.us) with questions and for more information

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