Guides and direction references:

Gila National Forest Plan and Amendments (1986):  


   Strategic Goal 2. Ensure our national forests and private working lands are conserved, restored, and made more resilient to climate change, while enhancing our water resources.


   The strategy establishes a framework that restores and maintains ecosystem health in fire adapted ecosystems for priority areas across the interior West.

Final Recovery Plan for the Mexican Spotted Owl (Strix occidentalis lucida), First Revision (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2012)

   Recovery Objectives: To support the Mexican spotted owl throughout its range into the foreseeable future, and to maintain habitat conditions necessary to provide roosting and nesting habitat for the Mexican spotted owl.

Restoring Composition and Structure in Southwestern Frequent-Fore Forests: A Science-based Framework for Improving Ecosystem Resiliency; RMRS-GTR-310 (Reynolds et al. 2013)

   Our framework informs management strategies that can improve the resiliency of frequent-fire forests and facilitate the resumption of characteristic ecosystem processes and functions by restoring the composition, structure, and spatial patterns of vegetation.

Watershed Condition Framework; FS-977 (USDA Forest Service 2011)

   Primary emphasis is on aquatic and terrestrial processes and conditions that Forest Service management activities can influence. The approach is designed to foster integrated ecosystem-based watershed assessments; target programs of work in watersheds that have been identified for restoration; enhance communication and coordination with external agencies and partners; and improve national-scale reporting and monitoring of program accomplishments.


   This report summarizes findings about the status, trends, and projected future of forests, rangelands, wildlife and fish, biodiversity, water, outdoor recreation, wilderness, and urban forests, and the effects of climate change upon these resources. The results will be useful to resource managers and policymakers as they develop strategies to sustain natural resources.