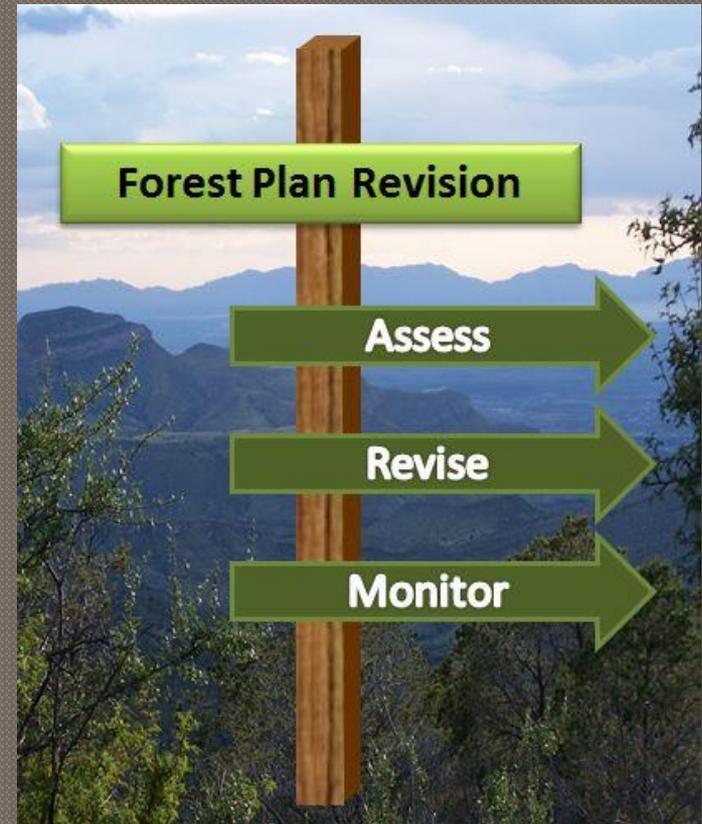




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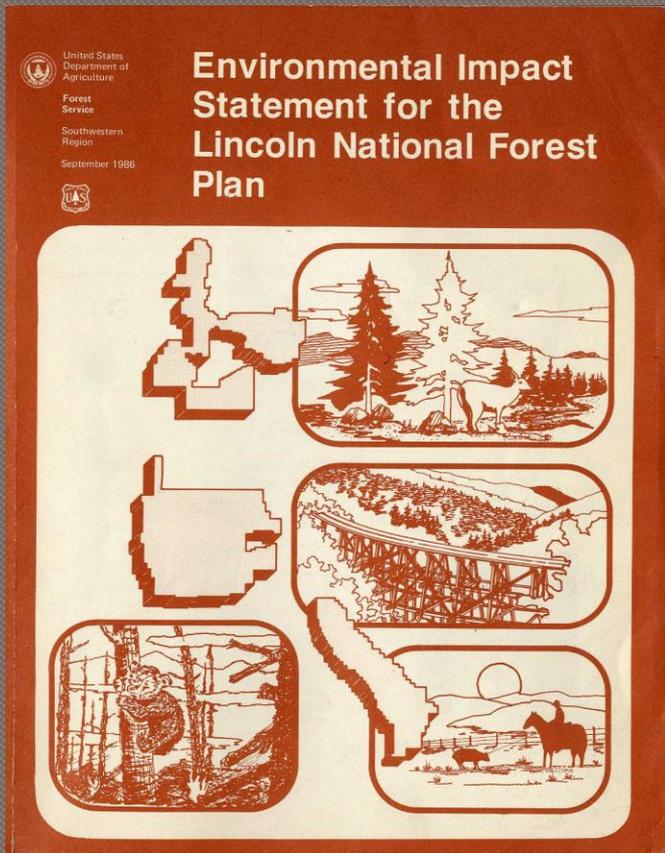
Forest Planning and Public Engagement





How does
forest
planning
help make
your “why”
happen?

What is a Forest Plan?



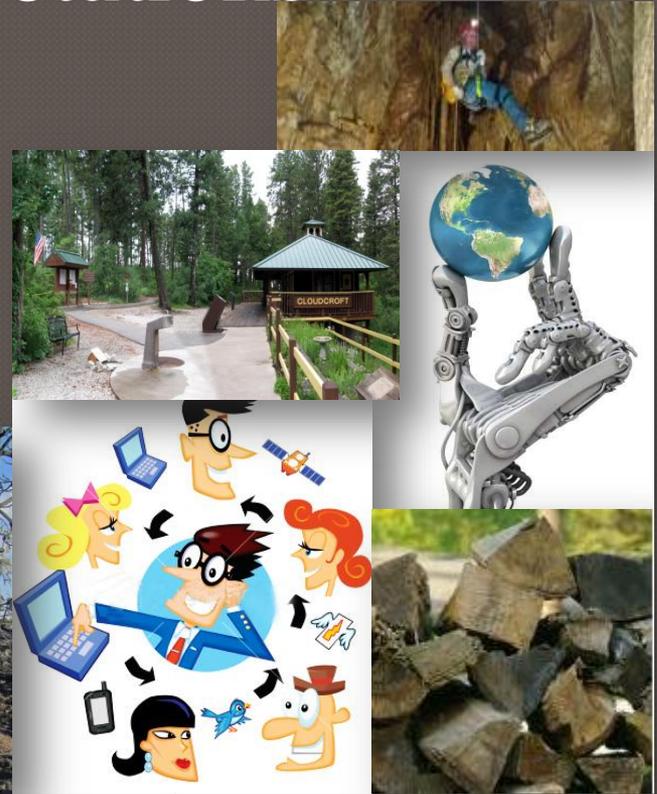
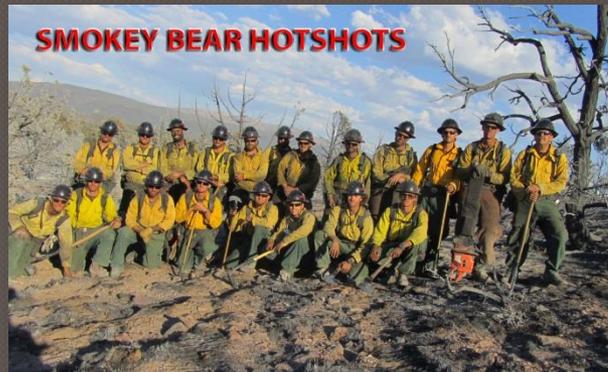
- Comprehensive plan guiding forest management for 15+ years
- Maintain and restore forest land and water ecosystems
- Provide for ecosystem benefits and multiple uses
- Help us achieve “desired conditions”
- Identify areas that are or may be suitable for special designations

Forest plans are consistent with, and do not override existing law, policy or regulation.



What has Changed?

- Science and technology
- Social and cultural expectations
- Uses and demands
- Conditions
- Resource threats



Public Participation and Collaboration

Goals throughout the process:

- Transparency
- Enhance opportunities to participate
- Your assistance in identifying desired social, economic, and ecological conditions



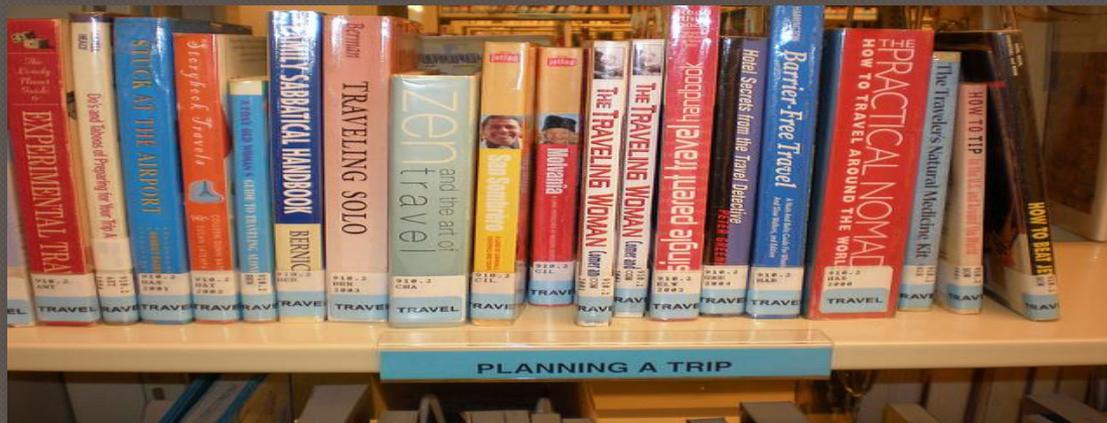
Coordination with Other Planning Efforts

Existing plans and policies

- Tribal Governments
- Federal agencies
- State agencies
- Local governments

Opportunities:

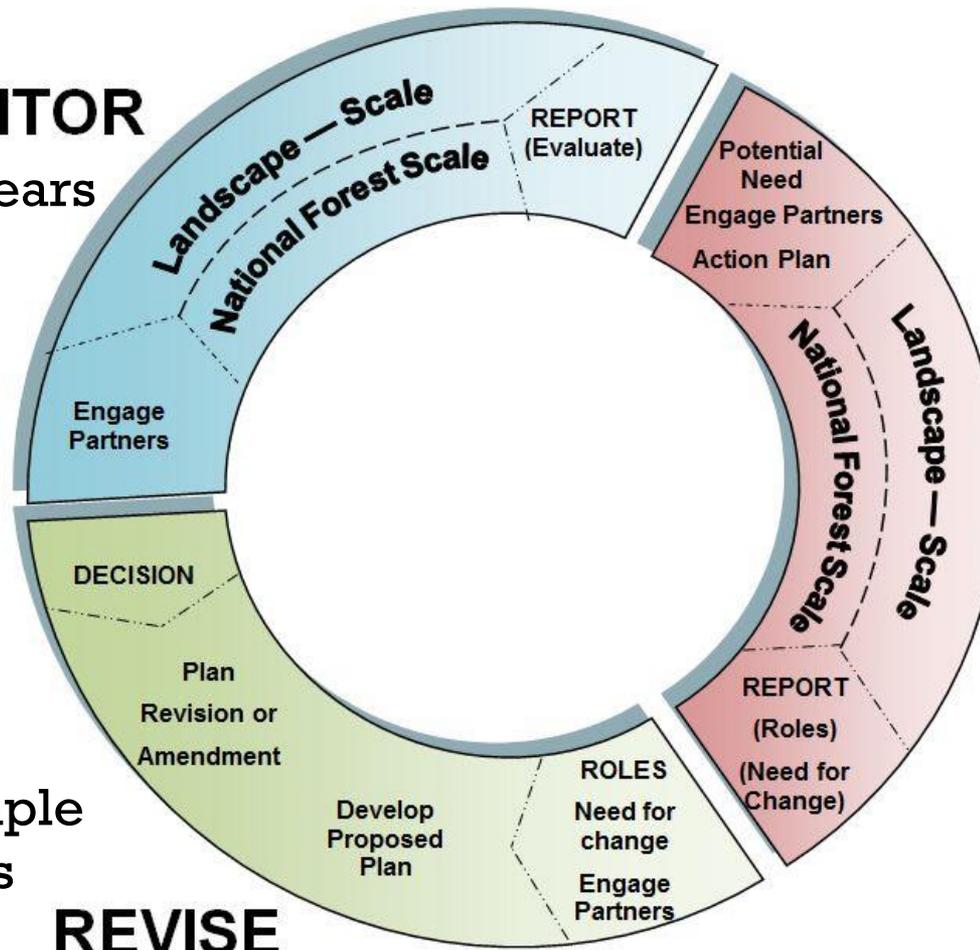
- Co-sponsor events
- Create joint objectives
- Resolve or reduce conflict



The 2012 Rule Planning Process

MONITOR

15+ Years



ASSESS

1 Year

Multiple
Years

REVISE

(or Amend)

Assessment Phase

- 15 important ecological, social, and economic resource topics
 - What is out there?
 - What is the trend?
 - What is the potential for the future?
 - What is at risk?
- Use of best available science, local information, national perspectives, and native knowledge
- Identify how the 1986 Plan needs to be revised (aka “Need for Change”)

How can you help?

- Actively participate in developing a future vision
- Tell us what you value about the forest
- Share your knowledge and data
- Offer your ideas on forest management
- Build on existing partnerships
- Explore new ways to accomplish land management goals



For more information...

Forest Plan Revision website

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/lincolnforestplan>

Links to:

- 2012 Planning Rule
- Final Directives
- Region 3 Planning

Email:

Inf_fpr_comments@fs.fed.us

The screenshot displays the website for the Lincoln National Forest, part of the USDA Forest Service. The header includes the USDA logo, the text "United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service", and the "Lincoln National Forest" title with a circular logo featuring a tree and the text "Lincoln National Forest Home of Smokey Bear". Navigation links for "Forest Service Home", "About the Agency", and "Contact the National Office" are present. A search bar and a "Go" button are located in the top left. A sidebar on the left contains a "Site Map" with links to "Home", "Special Places", "Recreation", "Alerts & Notices", "Passes & Permits", "Maps & Publications", "Land & Resources Management", "Learning Center", "Working Together", "About the Forest", and "News & Events". Below the sidebar is "Contact Information" for the Supervisor's Office and the Smokey Bear District. The main content area is titled "Plan Revision: Home Page" and includes a "Page Last Updated: 2/10/2015" timestamp. It features a central graphic with a wooden signpost labeled "Forest Plan Revision" and arrows pointing to "Assess", "Revise", and "Monitor". Text on the page states: "The Forest Plan is an important document that governs all of our management action. It is time for us to revise our existing plan. We invite you to work with us to develop a new plan that promotes a healthy, diverse, and productive Lincoln National Forest. Our goal is to remain inclusive and efficient as we move through the collaborative planning process." Below this, it mentions public involvement through formal 'scoping' and 'comment' periods starting in the spring of 2015. A right-hand sidebar contains "Alerts & Warnings" with a list of trail closures and "Featured Events" including a "Sacramento Lecture Series: Protecting Communities and Restoring Ecosystems" on March 12, 2015.

Thank you for being
here tonight!

Next steps

- Use tonight's input to organize future plan revision public participation
- Start the Assessment Phase and hold public meetings to discuss the assessment in more detail
- Provide knowledge and data
- Review the draft forest assessment of conditions, trends, and risks
- Collaborate to determine needs-for-change

How?

- Self-convening groups (others?)
- Public meetings & collaborative work sessions
- Input through electronic media or traditional means

Then...

- Publish a notice of intent to revise the forest plan in the *Federal Register*

LNF FPR Timeline

**October 2014 –
June 2016**

**Outreach and
Engagement
Internally and
Externally**

**Develop
Assessment,
Review, and
Release**

**July 2016–
May 2018**

**Notice of Intent
Formal Scoping
Development of
Alternatives**

**June 2018–
April 2019**

**Public Review of
Draft Plan/DEIS**

**Response to
Comments and
Adjustments to
the Plan/DEIS**

**May 2019–
August 2019**

**Notice of
Objection
Final EIS
Record of
Decision**

**October 2019 and
Beyond
Implementation
and Monitoring**