

Forest Health and Restoration Project
Bankhead National Forest
Decision Making Tool

At the April 17 Liaison Panel meeting the Liaison Panel brainstormed some criteria for making a good decision. While the Panel has not reached consensus on these criteria, Panel members may use the following criteria to assess the decision on which Alternative to recommend to the Bankhead National Forest Staff.

Liaison Panel Decision-making Criteria

- Future users will recognize Liaison Panel did a good job.
- Liaison Panel used the best science available at the time.
- The Liaison Panel used good decision-making processes: the thinking behind their decisions was transparent, clear, and documented.
- The decision meets important interests of Liaison Panel members.
- The decision is adaptive – it allows for incremental learning through monitoring.
- The decision encourages future collaborative problem solving – it allows for partnerships and sharing of resources.
- Prescribed fire rotation schedules are based on USFS assessment of fuel load as well as interval.

Alternative Five

It appears that Alternative 5 integrates many stakeholders' preferences and addresses many concerns identified during the scoping process.

The Liaison Panel members also identified a number of possible changes that would improve the Alternative or would improve the implementation or learning from the Forest Health and Restoration Initiative.

Instructions

To prepare the Liaison Panel for decision-making, please review this list and identify modifications or revisions that would improve Alternative five. Please do not feel that you have to put something in each column or row. You may have no proposed changes or you may three or more changes. The chart is just to organize your thoughts on one piece of paper so we can discuss them at the Liaison Panel meeting on May 6.

Possible Changes to Improve Alternative

- Reduce/Increase/ No Change - Acres for Thinning
- Reduce/Increase/No Change - Acres for SPB Treatment
- Recommendations on Management Practices for Thinning and Treatment
- Revise Percentages of Forest Community Types in Desired Future Conditions (oak woodlands, wildlife openings, etc.)
- Recommendations on Management Actions to Protect Special Habitats Impact
- Recommendations on Management Actions to Protect Heritage Resources
- Monitoring (who, when, how, for what indicators)

	Area One	Area Two	Area Three
Reduce/ Increase/No Chg. Acres for Thinning			
Reduce/Increase/No Chg. Acres for SPB Treatment			
Recommendations on Management Practices for Thinning and Treatment			
Revise Percentages of Desired Future Conditions (oak woodlands)			
Recommendations on Management Actions to Protect Special Habitats (wildlife openings, etc.)			
Recommendations on Management Actions to Protect Heritage Resources			
Monitoring (who, when, how, for what indicators)			