

Regionally Consistent Guidelines (minimal set)

Operational Draft: This document is prepared to provide guidance to Forest Plan revision teams. As this guidance is implemented, we expect to learn improved ways to do this work. As we learn, this document will be updated. This document was reviewed and revised as appropriate in April 2010 to conform to the requirements of the 1982 Planning Rule provisions.

- A minimum of three nest areas and three replacement nest areas should be located per territory. Goshawk nest and replacement nest areas should generally be located in drainages, at the base of slopes, and on northerly (NW to NE) aspects. Nest areas should generally be 25 to 30 acres in size¹.
- Goshawk PFAs (Post-fledging Family Areas) of approximately 420 acres in size should be designated surrounding the nest sites².
- In goshawk foraging areas and PFAs, groups of 3-5 reserve trees should be retained within management-created openings greater than 1 acre in ponderosa pine and dry mixed conifer, and 6 reserve trees should be retained within management-created openings greater than 0.5 acre in wet mixed conifer and spruce-fir³, except where the strong potential for wind-throw prevents the possibility of viable reserve trees, or insect and/or disease prevent the eventual development of regeneration into large trees.
- Human presence should be minimized in occupied goshawk nest areas during nesting season of March 1 through September 30⁴.

¹ Adopted from: Reynolds et al, 1992. Management Recommendations for the Northern Goshawk in the Southwestern United States; pages 21-22, Nest Area Management Recommendations.

² Adopted from: Reynolds et al, 1992. Management Recommendations for the Northern Goshawk in the Southwestern United States; pages 22-23, Post-fledgling Family Area Management Recommendations.

³ Adopted from: Reynolds et al, 1992. Management Recommendations for the Northern Goshawk in the Southwestern United States; page 24, Post-fledgling Family Area Management Recommendations and page 28 Foraging Area Management Recommendations.

⁴ Adopted from: Reynolds et al, 1992. Management Recommendations for the Northern Goshawk in the Southwestern United States; page 22, Nest Area Management Recommendations.