

# National Forests and Grasslands in Texas Drought Collaboration Meeting April 23-24, 2012

## Meeting Objectives:

- Rapid Evaluation Process
  - Data Collection
  - Data Analysis
- Recommended Treatment
- Treatment Timeline
- Questions and Answers
- Collaborate on Prioritization of Treatment

# Rapid Evaluation Process

## Data Collection

- Trail Use classified based on visitor preference data:
  - Low
  - Moderate
  - High
- Number and distribution of dead trees documented:
  - Trail heads
  - Hunter camps
  - Trails

# Rapid Evaluation Process

## Data Analysis

- Risk based on the number of dead trees per mile:
  - Low = less than 50 dead trees/mile
  - Moderate = greater than 50 but less than 100 dead trees/mile
  - High = greater than 100 dead trees/mile
- Recommended Treatment based on consideration of:
  - Use level
  - Risk to public safety

## Recommended Treatment

- All closed trail heads and established hunter camps should remain closed until all DEAD TREES within 150 feet of the perimeter of the area are cut.
- Trails classified as moderate or high risk should remain closed until all DEAD TREES leaning towards the trail with a potential of falling on the trail are cut.
- Trails classified as low risk should remain closed until they have been inspected by the Forest Service and documented that they are indeed low risk.

# Treatment Timeline

- Rapid Evaluation completed, April 20
- Collaboration meetings, April 23-24
- Drought Response Plan Developed, May 4
- Begin opening high priority areas, 30 Days
- Open all areas within 1 year