

2012 Planning Rule and Forest Plan Revision

Process Overview

Steps and Expectations

(I don't know....but I've been told...if the horse don't pull....you have to carry the load)

Where Are We

National Forest Management Act



Forest Service Planning Rule



Revised Forest Land Management Plans



Site Specific Projects to implement Revised Plan

An “Early Adopter” Forest

Best Chance to succeed in shortest timeframe



2007 Draft Revision Documents



Previous success with collaborative efforts



Timeline: 2 to 2.5 Years to Completion

Forest Plan Revision Process and Product

2012 Planning Rule

The Process

- Defines who, what, where and how to revise the plan

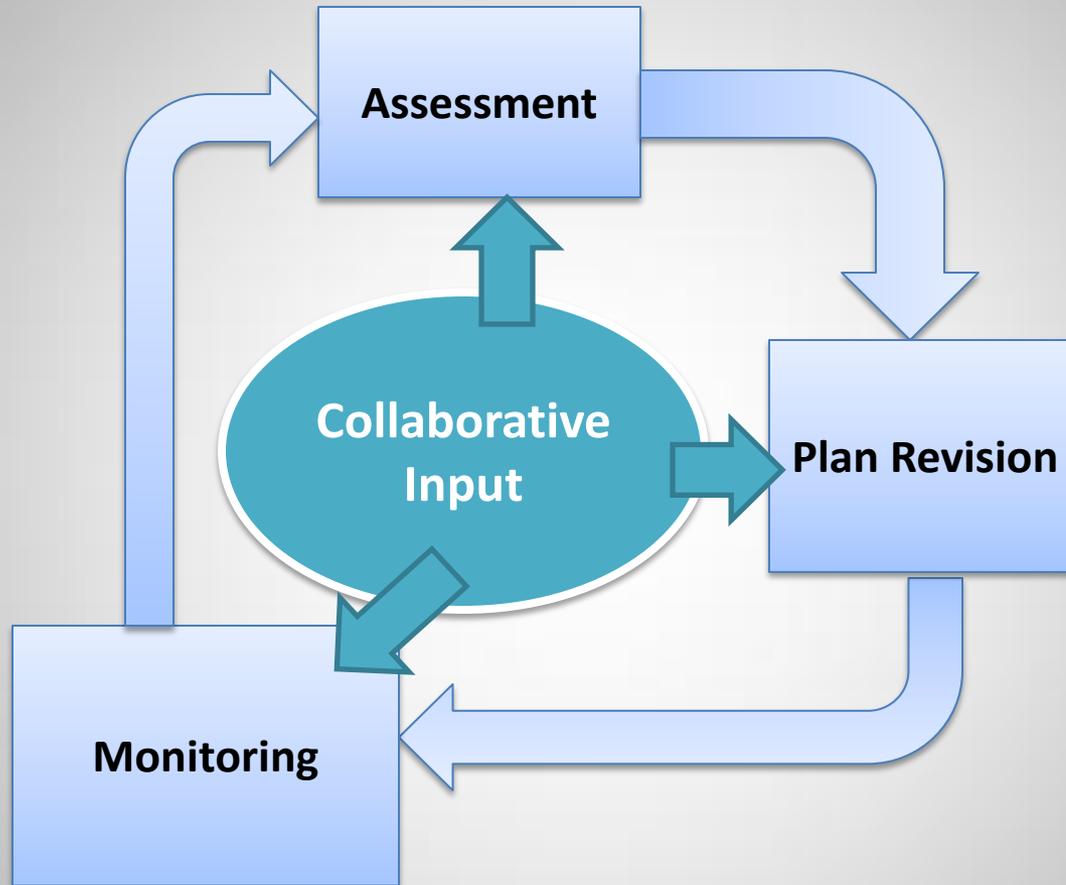
Land Management Plans

The Product

- Defines strategic management specific to forest resources



3 Phase Planning: A Continuous Process



Phase 1: The Assessment

- Gathers existing Forest information
- Gathers other existing information through collaboration
 - Public
 - Governments
 - (Tribes, Federal, State, County, Municipalities)
 - Non-governmental Entities
 - (NGOs, Universities, Research Groups, etc.)
- Defines current, best, available information

Phase 2: Forest Plan Revision

Focus Areas for the Collaborative Group

Requirements of a Revised Plan

- Identify and evaluate lands for recommended Wilderness
- Identify the eligibility of rivers as Wild and Scenic Rivers
- Identify Species of Conservation Concern
- Identify Management Areas or Geographic Areas
- Identify Plan Components
- Identify Other Plan Content
- Identify maximum quantity of timber removal

Phase 2: Forest Plan Revision

Focus Areas for the Collaborative Group

Plan Components

1. Desired Conditions (DC) – What do we want
2. Objectives – How and when to get there
3. Suitability of Uses – What uses are appropriate where
4. Standards – Mandatory constraint to achieve DC
5. Guidelines – An adaptive constraint to achieve DC

Phase 2: Forest Plan Revision

Other Plan Content

1. Identify priority Watersheds
2. Describe the roles and contributions of the Forest
3. Proposed and probable actions

Phase 3: Forest Plan Monitoring

- Development of a Monitoring Plan



Scope of Revision

Topics that are not the focus of Revision

(We can't do it all)

Regional/ Forest or Statewide Decisions

- Idaho Roadless Rule – Secretary of Agriculture Decision
- PACFISH/INFISH – Chief/Regional Forester/BLM Decision
- Wild and Scenic River Plans
- Wilderness Plans

Scope of Revision

Site-Specific Forest Decisions

- Project Level Decisions
 - Vegetation Management (Timber Sales)
 - Restoration Management
 - Road Decommissioning
- Travel Planning Decisions
- Land Exchange

Forest Plan Revision Timeline



Initial 6 Months (4/12 – 10/12)

Focus: Draft assessment will gather & evaluate information on:

- - Resource Condition and Trend
- - Social and Economic Analysis
- - Other plans, assessments, and science

**Information
Gathering:
Forest Service**

**Gathering and
Evaluating other
information through
Collaboration**

Next 6 Months: 10/12 – 4/13

Focus: Collaborative Effort to address these items

Revised Forest Plan

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Other Plan Requirement

Suitability of Lands

Desired Conditions

Standards and Guidelines

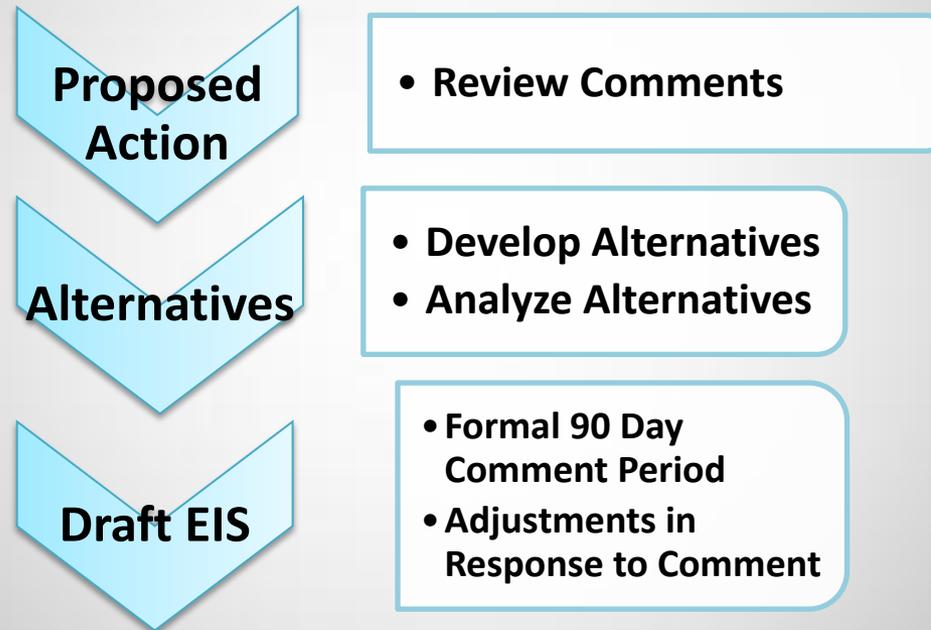
Objectives

Proposed Forest Plan

Year 2: 5/13 – 4/14

Focus: Forest Plan Revision NEPA Process

Proposed Forest Plan



Year 2: 5/13 – 4/14

Focus: Forest Plan Revision NEPA Process

Proposed Forest Plan

Adjustments

- Based on Draft EIS Comments
- Complete additional modeling and analysis

FEIS

- Proposed Decision

Objections

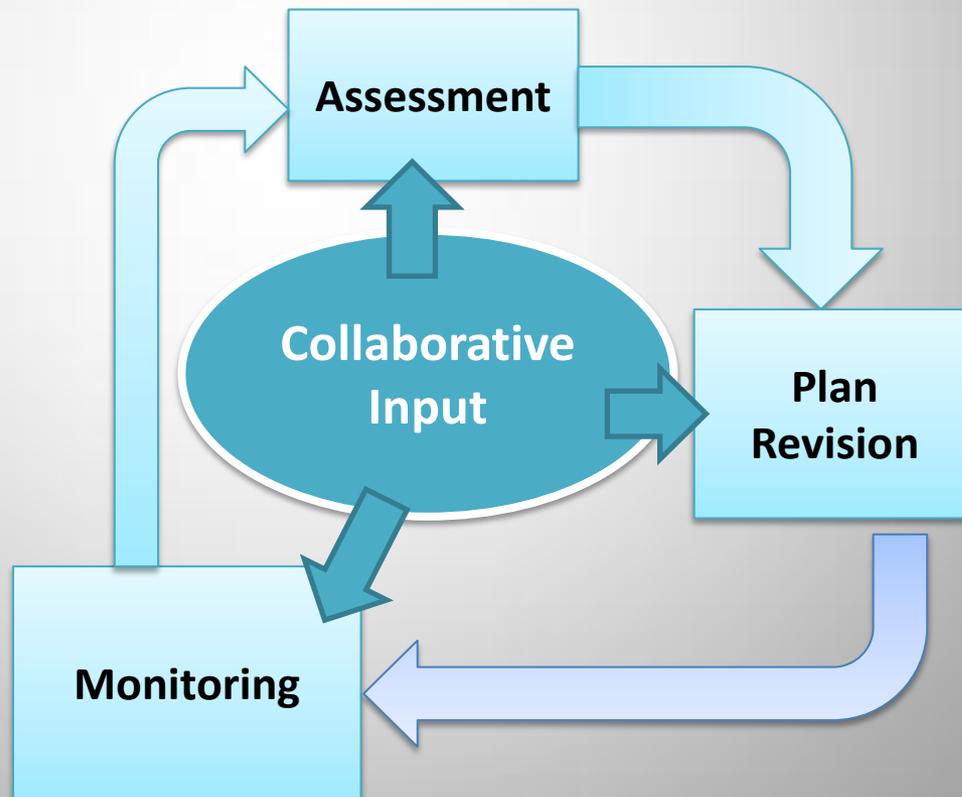
- Objection Period

FEIS ROD

- Record of Decision
- Revised Forest Plan Completed

Third Year and Beyond

- Carry out the revised Forest Plan Vision
- Project Development Based on:
 - ✓ Desired Future Conditions of the Plan
 - ✓ Plan Objectives
 - ✓ Plan Monitoring
 - ✓ Plan amendments and Updates over time



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