

## Examples of Desired Conditions for Tribal Interests

### What this Document Is

These are example desired conditions like those that may be included in the National Forest (NF) Plan. Desired conditions (or goals) set forth the desired social, economic, and ecological goals of the NF. They attempt to paint a picture of what we (the public and the Forest Service) desire the forest to look like or the goods and services we desire it to provide. Desired conditions are generally expressed in broad, general terms; however, more specificity may be added to clarify the intent. Desired conditions are timeless in that there is no specific date by which they are to be completed. They may only be achievable over a long timeframe (e.g., several hundred years). In some cases, a desired condition matches the current condition, so the goal is to maintain the current condition. Desired conditions are the focus of this plan; management of the National Forest resources will be directed toward achieving the desired conditions. Desired conditions are the basis for the other plan components and describe the framework for future projects and activities. They are aspirations and not commitments or final decisions approving projects. Projects and site-specific activities must be consistent with desired conditions

### Overall

- Historic and prehistoric sites are preserved and protected for their cultural importance.
- Usually free from adverse impacts or impacts are minimized through consultation
- Tribal practitioners have access to areas that provide them an opportunity to practice traditional activities, such as plant gathering and ceremonial activities that are essential in maintaining their cultural identity and the continuity of their culture with reasonable limitations, consistent with public safety and multiple uses by other forest users.

### Restoration

- Traditional ecological management strategies are considered in restoration projects.