

Changes to Chapter III between Draft and Final Plans

The Introduction section has been expanded to provide information on multi-scale assessments, continuous assessment and planning, additional aspects of management direction, and desired conditions common to all resources.

A TEPC Species section has been added to the Forest-wide Direction to address concerns with threatened, endangered, proposed, and candidate species in one place. This section was suggested during consultation and was strongly supported by the regulatory agencies.

Forest-wide and Management Area direction have undergone numerous changes in response to concerns expressed in public comments, consultation, and internal reviews on the Draft Plans. Direction has also been reformatted into tables for better organization. Each piece of direction now has a unique identification number that can be referenced in future planning, implementation, monitoring, amendments, or appeals.

The Management Area Description and Direction section has been expanded to provide more information on the content and organization of the management area descriptions and direction. Management Prescription Categories (MPC) are described, along with their associated standards and guidelines, which have been added in the Final Plan.

In the Management Area Descriptions, area maps have been improved, MPC tables have been moved next to the maps, resource sections have been reorganized somewhat to better follow the Forest-wide direction organization, priority treatment areas have been added to the SWRA Resources, Non-native Plants, and Fire Management descriptions, National Fire Plan communities and interface subwatersheds have been added to the Fire Management descriptions, and ROS inventories have been added to the Recreation Resources descriptions. A Scenic Environment description has been added, indicating visually sensitive routes and areas for each management area.

MPC standards and guidelines have been added where applicable to the Management Direction sections of the management areas.