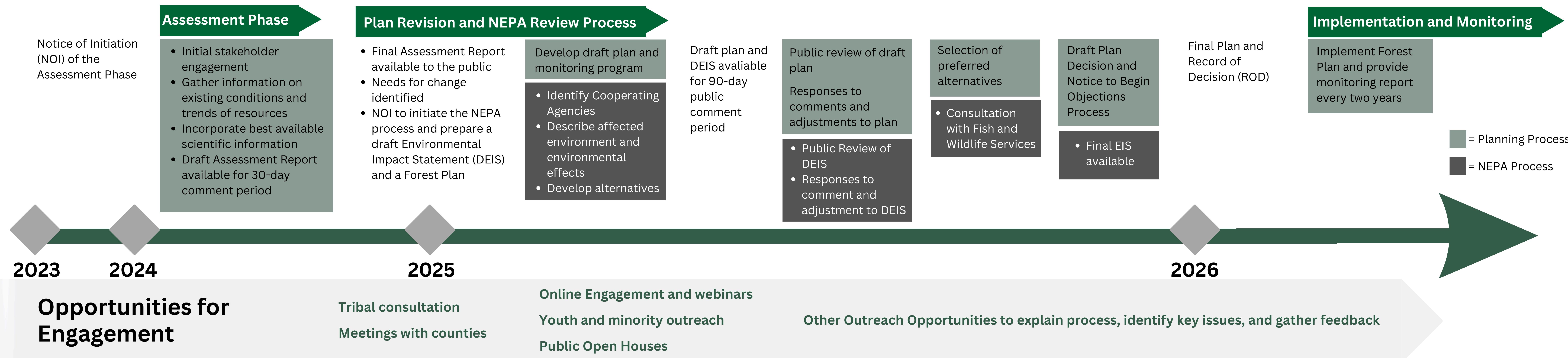


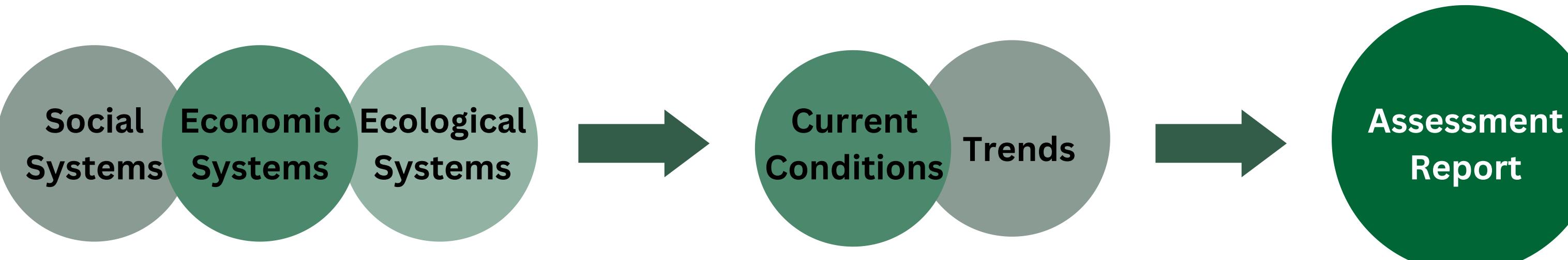
Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision - *The plan, the process, and how to participate*

Forest Plan Revision Roadmap



Where are we now?

The Blue Mountains National Forests are currently in the **Assessment Phase**, in which the Forest Service and partners identify and evaluate existing economic, social and ecological conditions in and around the Blue Mountains National Forests.



Assessment Topics include:

- Ecosystems
- Soil, air, and water quality
- Carbon stocks
- Species
- Social, cultural, and economic systems
- Recreation and scenery
- Energy and minerals
- Infrastructure
- Areas of tribal importance
- Cultural and historic resource

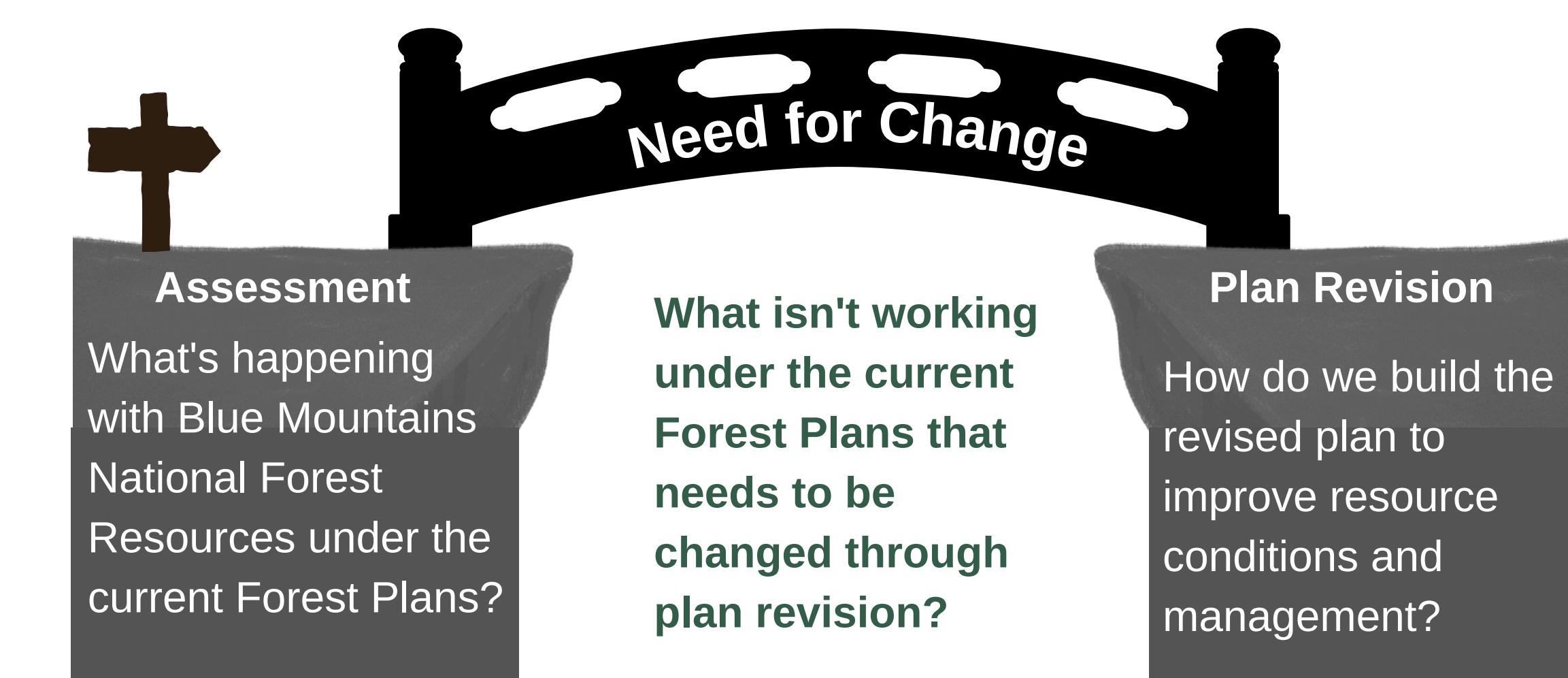
Information gathered for each assessment topic:

- existing conditions and trends
- best available science
- areas of use and activities
- local knowledge
- other relevant materials

The information from each assessment topic will be gathered into an Assessment Report, which will inform the Need for Change, and the next steps in the Forest Plan Revision process.

What are the next steps?

Identify the Need for Change - connecting the findings of the Assessment Report to Plan Revision.



What is a Forest Plan?

Similar to a comprehensive city plan, the Forest Plan guides **what** we do, **where** we do it, and **how** we do it for 15+ years, while specific activities are authorized by project-level decisions.

Why are we revising the Forest Plan?

It's the law - The National Forest Management Act (NFMA) requires every National Forest to develop a Forest Plan and revise that plan at least every 15 years. The Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests are operating under plans that were signed in the 1990s and need to be revised to be compliant with NFMA and provide updated frameworks to guide forest management that considers current science and local, economic, social and environmental conditions.

A lot has changed - Since the current Forest Plans were implemented more than 30 years ago, there have been:

- new laws, regulations and policies
- changes in population and public values
- bigger and more devastating fires
- new invasives and outbreaks that the previous plans did not anticipate, such as the mountain pine beetle epidemic
- changes and increases in activities and uses
- advances in science and information that need to be incorporated into the revised Forest Plan

How can you help?

Be an active stakeholder in developing a future vision for the Blue Mountains National Forests. Your input will help develop plan direction that will provide for healthy, diverse, and productive forests in addition to the many benefits and uses desired by local communities and visitors.

Provide input on subjects such as:

- what you and your community value
- available information
- areas you use and how you use them
- goods and services produced
- other relevant material and priority issues that will inform the need to change the current plan

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