

FACILITIES AND CORRIDORS

A VISION

There are enough well maintained facilities to meet the need.

All utilities are concentrated within corridors. All needs are met with minimal environmental effects.

This looks into the future, although some of it maybe happening now. It is stated in the "present tense" as if it is already that way. This gives a feel of where we are heading. It paints a general picture with a broad brush.

MANAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Develop a long range building betterment program and when needed plan new construction.
- Develop a long range water and sewage system betterment program.
- Avoid adverse impacts to the public, Government facilities, and uses in flood plains.

This snaps a more detailed picture. It gives a feel of the intent, purpose and goals. It is the framework for the standards and guidelines.

Setting The Stage

Facilities consist of many different things, including administrative and fire buildings, warehouses, employee housing, water and waste water systems, to name a few. Maintenance of existing facilities must be sustained to be cost efficient and to meet the Forest Service mission. New construction/reconstruction must be well planned and designed to meet the growing demand for efficient operations.

The Forest Service facilities and the employees are the foundation of the Forest Service mission. They enable the employees to provide the proper management of National Forest lands for the public. They house the Forest Service employees in an efficient and enjoyable atmosphere, and allow them to carry out their planning and programing for the various resources programs; i.e. reforestation, silvicultural treatments, stand improvements, fish and wildlife habitat improvements, recreation opportunities, etc.

Standards And Guidelines

ENERGY RETROFITS... Complete energy retrofit actions on existing administrative facilities to reduce energy use. Guideline: 10% per year (per energy retrofit plan)

MAINTENANCE... Maintain existing administrative facilities in a safe condition and prevent disinvestment.

CORRIDORS OF USE...

- Designate existing communication, power, oil, and gas transmission rights of way as corridors.
- Provide for joint use in corridors and combine uses, to the extent possible, in light of technical and environmental constraints. Guideline: Avoidance Areas (358,315 acres), Exclusion Areas (84,852 acres), Unclassified Areas (920,342 acres).

C. Forest-wide Prescriptions

WASTE WATER FACILITIES...

- The design, construction, management, operation and maintenance of wastewater facilities and activities under Forest control will take all necessary actions for the prevention, control and abatement of environmental pollution in full cooperation with State and Local governments.
- Secure and comply with National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permits for all sewage treatment plants on the Forest including Forest Service facilities and plants under special use permit. Sewage storage and collection facilities will be operated and maintained in an environmentally acceptable manner. Septic tank, holding tank, and sealed vault pumpings will be disposed of only in approved sites.

AGGREGATE SOURCES... Management emphasis for aggregate sources, for all analysis areas, except riparian, will be as follows:

- Utilize existing sources, where practical.
- All sites will be rehabilitated to comply with prescribed visual quality objectives.
- Development and rehabilitation plans will be approved prior to utilizing any sources.