

National Forests in Alabama
Revised Land and Resource Management Plan
Amendment #1 – Old Growth Standards
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Chapter 2 Forest Wide Direction

Page 2-41 Description: Add two standards to provide for the inventory of old growth and protection of old growth characteristics in accordance with the *Old Growth Guidance for the Southern Region*.

FW-183 – Inventory stands for existing old growth conditions during project planning using the criteria in *Old Growth Guidance for the Southern Region*. Consider the contribution of identified patches to the distribution and abundance of the old growth community type and to the desired condition of the appropriate prescription during project analysis.

FW-184 – Existing old growth as defined in *Old Growth Guidance for the Southern Region*, when encountered, will be managed to protect old growth characteristics.

This amendment is a non-significant change to the NFsAL Revised Land and Resource Management Plan. The determination that this is a non-significant amendment is made in accordance with 16 U.S.C. 1604(f)(4), 36 CFR 219.10(f) (1982 regulations), Forest Service Manual 1926.51 – Changes to the Land Management Plan that are Not Significant and FSM 1926.52 – Changes to the Land Management Plan that are Significant . This plan amendment meets the criteria for a non-significant amendment because:

- This amendment will not significantly alter the levels of goods and services projected by the Forest Plan; nor will it prevent the opportunity to achieve those outputs in later years.
- This amendment will not affect the entire land management plan, nor will it affect a large portion of the planning area during the planning period.

The National Environmental Policy Act analysis for this change of direction has been documented in the Environmental Assessment for Forest Plan Amendment #1 - Old Growth Standards. The Environmental Assessment is available for review at the Forest Supervisor's office.