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# Species of Conservation Concern (SCC)

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Land Management Planning 101

# What Are Species of Conservation Concern?

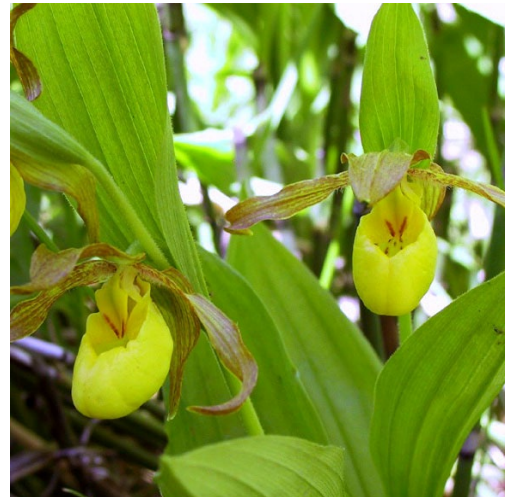
- Not federally listed, proposed, or candidate species under the Endangered Species Act
- Native and known to occur in the plan area
- Species for which the best available scientific information indicates substantial concern regarding their long-term persistence in the plan area



# Why Do We Have Species of Conservation Concern?



Identifying Species of Conservation Concern is part of the **2012 Planning Rule** approach to meet the **National Forest Management Act's** diversity requirement of



*“providing for diversity of plant and animal communities based on the suitability and capability of the specific land area in order to meet overall multiple-use objectives.”*

# Who Is Involved?

## Species of Conservation Concern Authority & Responsibility

- **Identification**

- The decision on each unit's Species of Conservation Concern list is made by the **Regional Forester**

- **Planning**

- Each **Forest Supervisor** must determine whether land management plan components need to be added, removed, or changed to provide for long-term persistence of each Species of Conservation Concern identified within the plan area

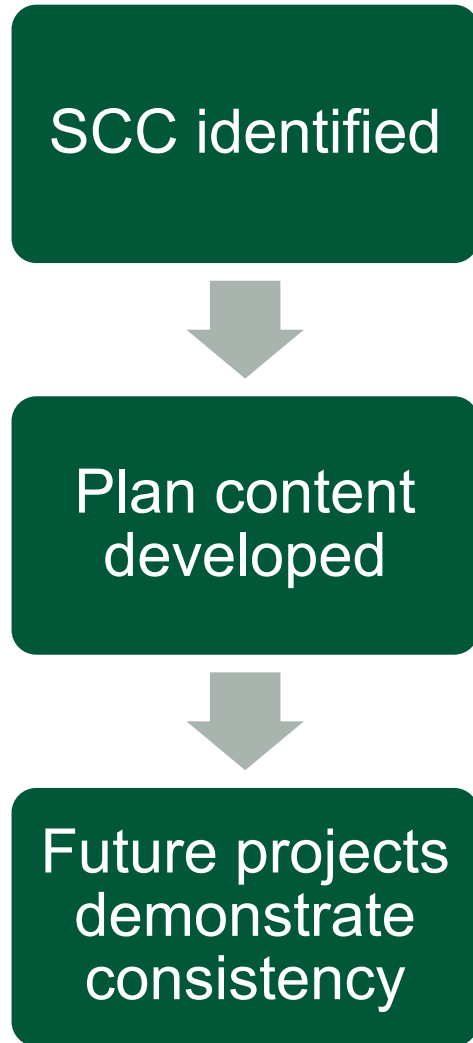
- **Changes**

- The **Regional Forester** may amend the Species of Conservation Concern list for a plan area at any time over the life of the plan

Species of Conservation Concern Identification and Planning are informed by participation and input from:

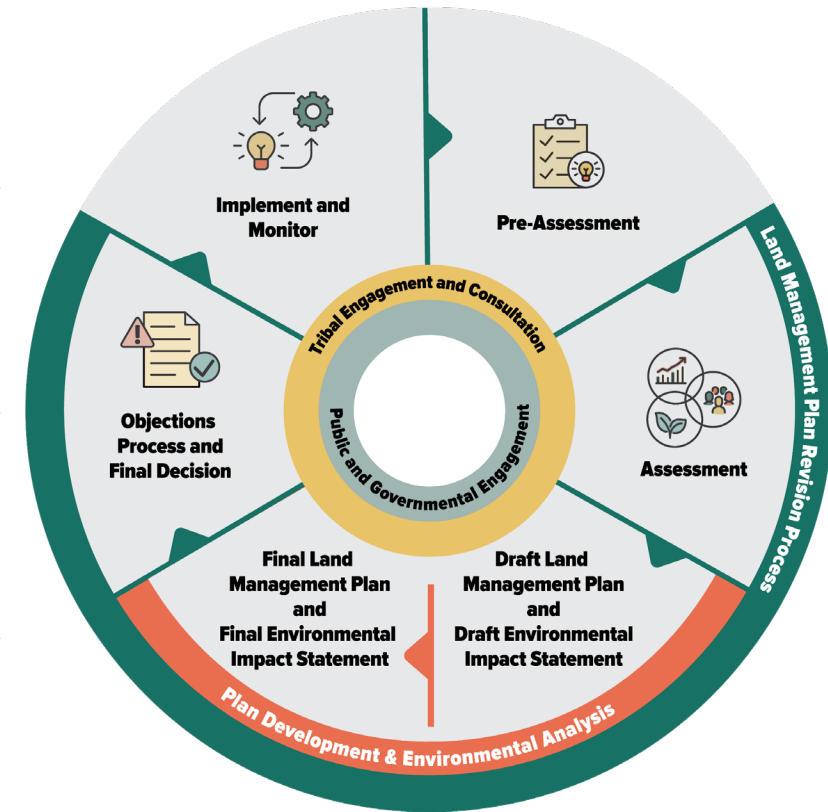
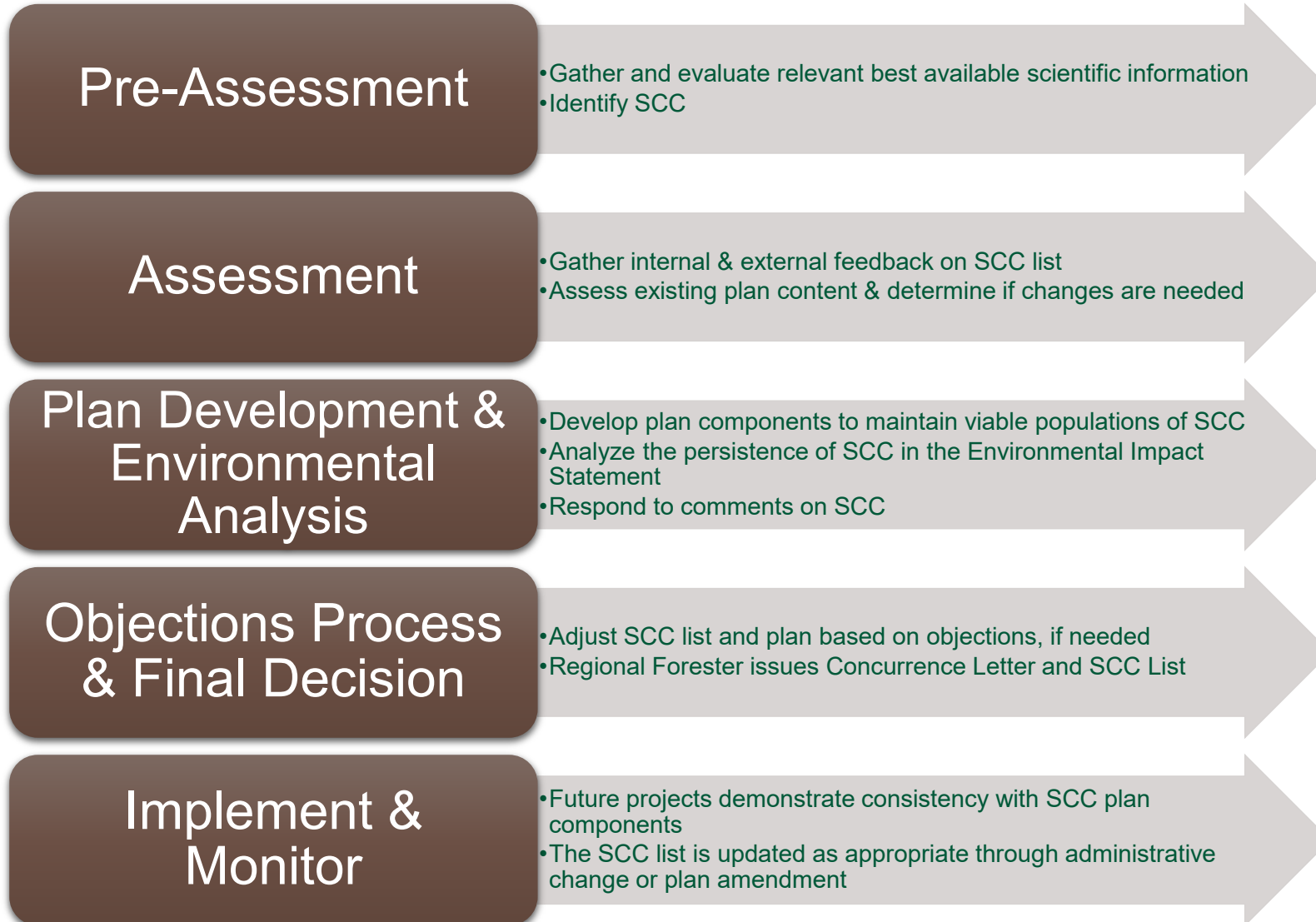
- Forest Service Unit & Regional Staff
- Planning Service Organization
- Tribes
- The Public
- Governmental Entities

# How Are Species of Conservation (SCC) Used?



- Species of Conservation Concern are identified using the best available scientific information, local expertise, and input from tribes, governments, and the public.
- Plan components are developed to maintain a viable population of each Species of Conservation Concern within the plan area
- Future projects will be implemented consistent with the revised plan, including components for Species of Conservation Concern

# When Are Species of Conservation Concern (SCC) Addressed In Land Management Planning?





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