



Northwest Forest Plan Amendment Update

The Northwest Forest Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement has been released!

On November 15th, the Forest Service released the [Draft Environmental Impact Statement](#) on the proposed amendment to all 17 land management plans that guide national forests within the Northwest Forest Plan area, which kicked off a 120-day public comment period. You can learn more about the 1994 Northwest Forest Plan and this current effort on our [website](#).

Process and Engagement Steps in Developing and Implementing an Amendment

Identify Need to Change

- Tribal and Federal Advisory Committee (FAC) input
- Publish Notice of Intent

Develop Proposed Amendment

- Consider prior public comment, tribal consultation, and FAC

Publish Draft Amendment & Consider Environmental Effects

- Publish Draft Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for public review
- Receive public comments

Publish Amendment

- Publish Draft Record of Decision and Final Environmental Impact Statement
- Objection process

Approve & Implement

- Sign Record of Decision
- Implement monitoring program

Coordination and Consultation with Tribes

We Are Here

We welcome your feedback on the proposed amendment!

The public comment period is your opportunity to offer input on the proposed amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Besides sharing your perspective with the us, comments submitted during the official comment period also give commenters eligibility to participate in a subsequent administrative review process, also known as the objection process. The objection process allows individuals and organizations to raise concerns before a final decision is made.

Here's a few tips for commenting:

1. Read the project documents to fully understand the scope and potential environmental impacts from the proposed action and other action alternatives.
2. Introduce yourself and your interest in the proposed amendment, identify specific areas of concern or support, and stay within the scope of the amendment.
3. Submit your comments before the comment period closes on March 17, 2025.

Online comment submissions are preferred and can be submitted at this [website](#). Please keep in mind, there is a 24-hour delay before your comment appears in the public reading room, so you only need to submit your comment once.

For more help on writing useful comments, please visit the [How to Comment](#) page on the project website. We look forward to hearing from you!

Building Outreach and Engagement

The Forest Service is reaching out to a wide variety of audiences to share details about the proposed amendment and how to provide input. Presentations have been made to Tribes, government leaders, partners, and the public to share the proposed amendment. We initially hosted public webinars to give an overview of the proposed amendment. If you missed the webinars, you can view the recordings here: [Stay Engaged! View Previous Webinars](#).

In-person public meetings are starting in January! We'll post more details about these meetings on our [website](#) as they become available. You can also [sign up](#) to receive regular updates.

Below is our preliminary schedule:

- *Olympic & Gifford Pinchot National Forests – 1/14/2025 – Olympia, WA*
- *Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest – 1/15/2025 – Everett, WA*
- *Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest – 1/16/2025 – Wenatchee, WA*
- *Klamath & Six Rivers National Forests – 1/21/2025 – Yreka, CA*
- *Modoc & Lassen National Forests – 1/22/2025 – To be determined*
- *Shasta-Trinity & Mendocino National Forests – 1/23/2025 – Redding, CA*
- *Umpqua National Forest – 1/28/2025 – Roseburg, OR*
- *Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest – 1/29/2025 – Medford, OR*
- *Fremont-Winema National Forest – 1/30/2025 – Klamath Falls, OR*
- *Gifford Pinchot & Mt. Hood National Forests, and Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area – 2/13/2025 – Stevenson, WA*
- *Siuslaw National Forest – Week of 2/10/2025 (exact date TBD) – Corvallis, OR*
- *Willamette National Forest – Week of 2/10/2025 (exact date TBD) – Springfield, OR*
- *Deschutes National Forest – Week of 2/10/2025 (exact date TBD) – Sisters, OR*



Continuing Dialogue with Our Partners

As we develop this amendment we are continuing to collaborate and consult with key partners, including other Federal agencies such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, State and local governments, Tribes, and interagency groups.

In addition, a multi-stakeholder Federal Advisory Committee provided unanimous recommendations to the Forest Service in July 2024 and continues to provide feedback on the proposed amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement. More information about the Federal Advisory Committee, including details and recordings of prior meetings can be found [here](#).

Stay informed! Check for updates on the [Northwest Forest Plan & Amendment website](#) and [subscribe](#) to receive email updates

For more information about the proposed amendment to the Northwest Forest Plan, including how to comment, scan the QR code or visit: www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r6/nwfp

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