

# Plan Revision

## An Introduction to Land Management Planning



# What is a Land Management Plan?

## Land Management Plans (LMPs):

- Provide strategic & programmatic guidance and management direction for national forests & grasslands.
- Does not commit any specific actions but provide sideboards that focus on the “what”, not the “how”
- Must meet the requirements of the National Forest Management Act (NFMA) & 2012 Planning Rule.



# Forest Plan Revision Phases



- Focus on an **outcome-based** planning
- Assess trends and risks to **sustainability**
- Develop monitoring program with **adaptive** management framework and thresholds
- Focus on a **collaborative** approach
- Expanded **public and Tribal** engagement process
- Require **integrated** resource management:
  - Sustainability ([§219.8](#))
  - Plant and animal diversity ([§219.9](#))
  - Multiple use ([§219.10](#))
  - Timber management ([§219.11](#))

# Required Concurrent Specialized Processes

- Identification of Species of Conservation Concern (1909.12 Chapter 20 Sec 21.22)
- Wilderness Recommendation (1909.12 Chapter 70 Wilderness)
- Wild and Scenic Rivers Eligibility (1909.12 Chapter 80 Wild and Scenic Rivers)
- Timber Suitability (1909.12 Chapter 60 Forest Vegetation Resource Management)
- Monitoring and Adaptive Management (1909.12 Chapter 30 Monitoring)



# What Makes up a Land Management Plan?

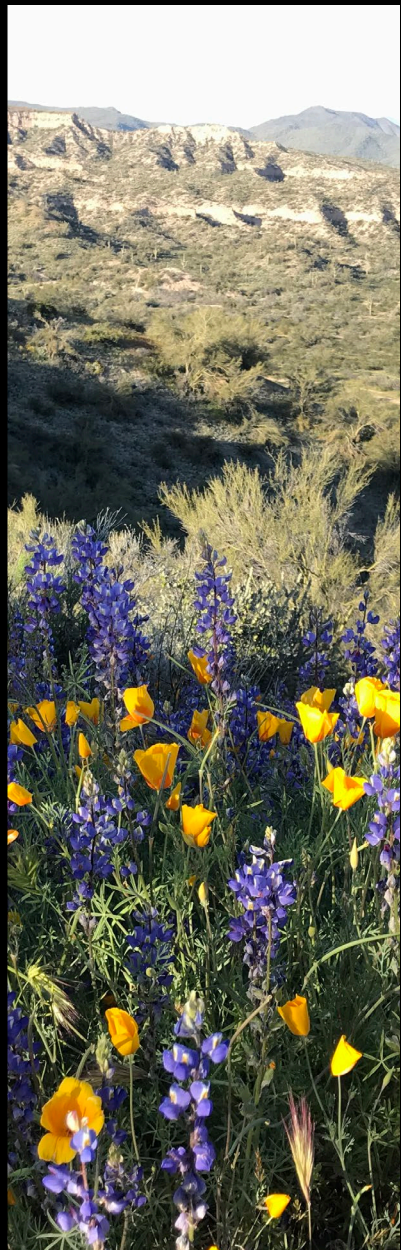
## Five required plan components:

- Desired Conditions (Vision)
- Objectives (Strategy, measurable)
- Suitability of Lands (Strategy, uses)
- Standards (Design constraints, mandatory)
- Guidelines (Design constraints, intent)

*Every project and activity must be consistent with these applicable plan components.*



# Engagement and collaboration



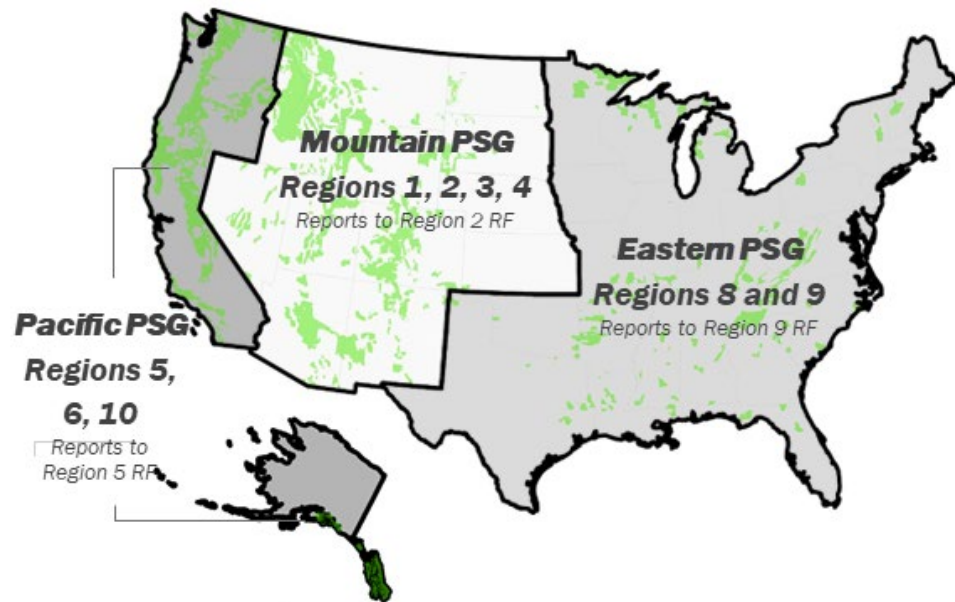
- Cooperating Agency Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with state of SD & WY, 7 counties & 2 natural resource districts.
- Tribal consultation/engagement letters sent to 16 consulting Tribes.
- Land Management Plan revision public open houses starting Spring of 2025.
- Land Management Plan revision webpage is active.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/blackhills/landmanagement/planning/?cid=FSEPRD955187>

# The Planning Service Organization

*A new business model to efficiently and effectively revise our land management plans*

## 3 Planning Service Groups (PSGs)



...supported by a national Planning Service Center - Reports to WO-EMC



Objections Team



Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Team



Adaptive Management Team

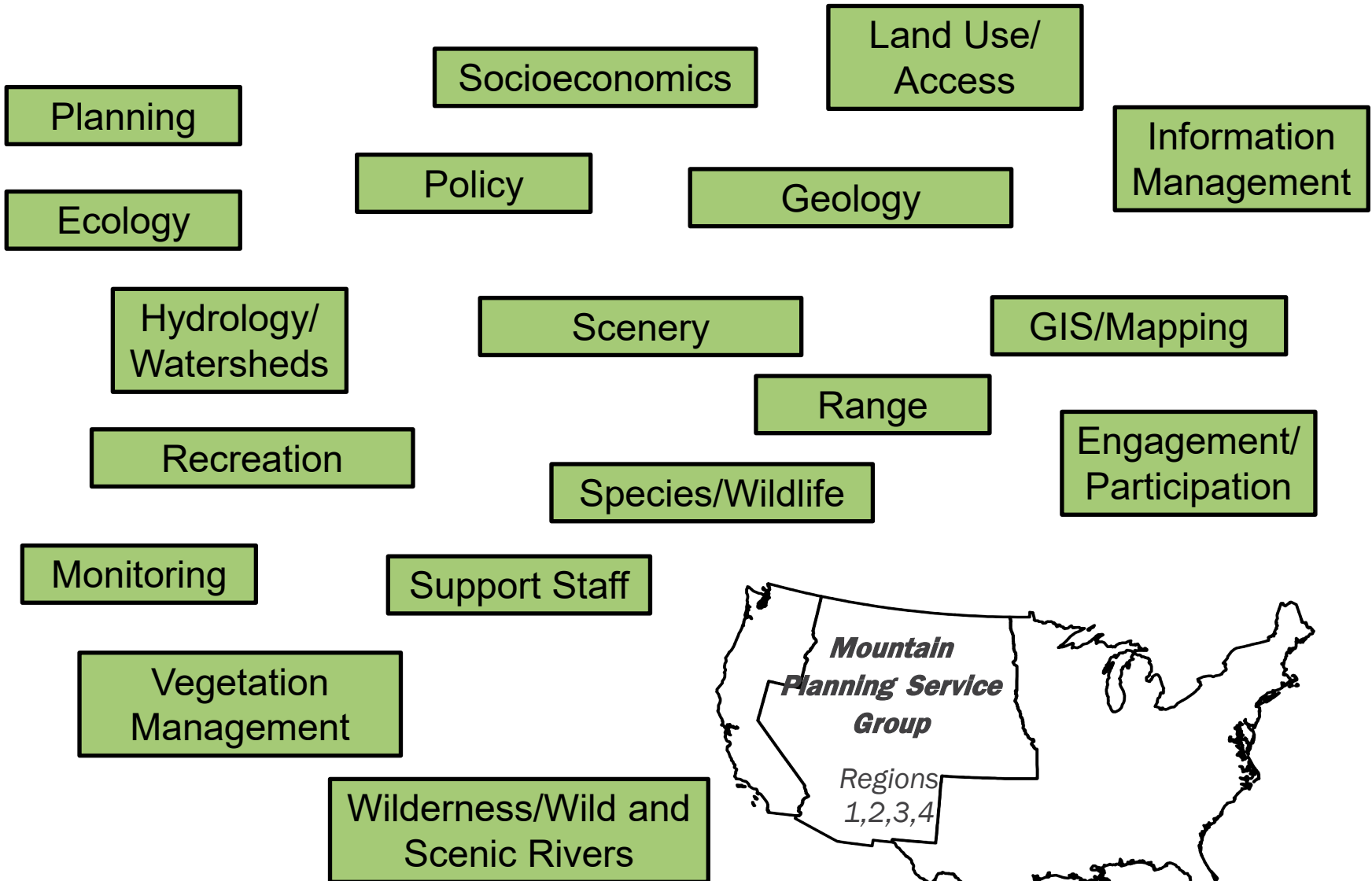


Species of Conservation Concern Team



Support Staff

# Mountain Planning Service Group



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