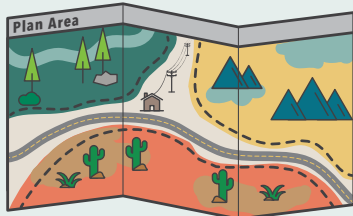


# Wilderness Recommendation Process

## Land Management Planning



Each step in this process requires public participation, intergovernmental coordination with State and local governments, and Tribal consultation.



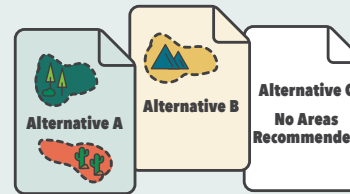
### 1. INVENTORY

Document on a map all Forest Service lands in the Plan area that may have “wilderness characteristics” such as lands that meet criteria related to roads, development, and size.



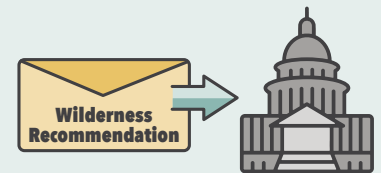
### 2. EVALUATION

Compile information about the “wilderness characteristics” of each area in the inventory from a variety of sources, including the public, State and local governments, and Tribes.



### 3. ANALYSIS

Design alternatives that include which areas, if any, to include in the Plan as “recommended wilderness”. As part of the National Environmental Policy Act process, publish information about effects of each alternative.



Only Congress has the authority to make final decisions on wilderness designation.

### 4. RECOMMENDATION

Decide which areas, if any, to recommend to Congress for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System.