

SENSE OF PLACE

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The McCool Rules: #10.

The Decision-Making Process Should Separate
Technical Description from Value Judgments



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Sense of Place

- An individual's connection and interpretation of a particular area
 - How we feel about places
 - Deeply rooted in our history
- “Where you are, is who you are”
- We all hold special connections to various places
 - “Mystique” of Amazon



Pico Da Neblina



Rio Botanical Garden







Pantanal Wetlands



kirk creek campground . big sur. los padres national forest . ca

spruce knob seneca rocks national recreation area.



mt. st. helens national volcanic monument . washington





midewin national tall grass prairie . illinois



bob marshall wilderness. chinese wall. lewis and clark national forest .
montana

chugach national forest . alaska



VALUE

America's
forests,
grasslands,
and other
open spaces
are integral
to the social,
ecological,
and economic
well-being
of the
Nation.

Communicating
and marketing
sense of place

Angels Rest Peak
Columbia River
Gorge National
Scenic Area

Pacific Northwest Region

■ Ecological Restoration

Sense of
Place
contributes
to
emotional
desire to
protect
and
restore
special
places

Ramona Creek
Mount Hood
National Forest

Pacific Northwest Region



Sense of place is affected by:

What we build.

Where we build.

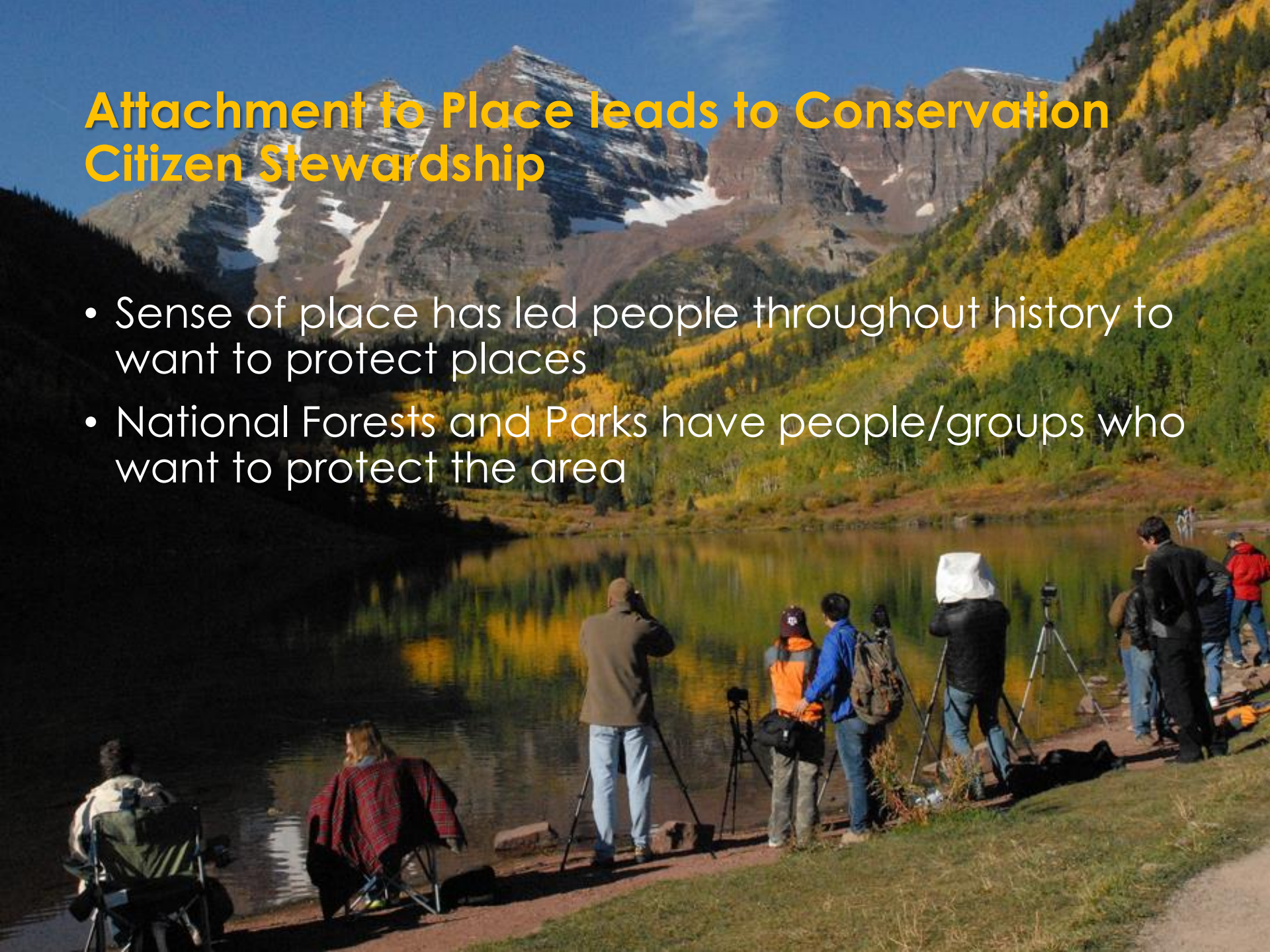
How we build, operate and maintain.



buhoma visitor center
bwindi impenetrable national forest
concept plan . uganda . 2011

Attachment to Place leads to Conservation Citizen Stewardship

- Sense of place has led people throughout history to want to protect places
- National Forests and Parks have people/groups who want to protect the area





Partners and volunteers contributed 1.2 million hours of trail work valued at \$26.5 million.

This represents nearly 28% of the work completed by volunteers in 2012.



Nearly 108,000 volunteers and service participants gave 4.3 million hours to the Forest Service last year.

These contributions were worth over \$93 million, and represented the work of nearly 2,400 full-time employees. Over 80% of these contributions have been in the areas of recreation, trails, and wilderness.

Over 9,500 youth aged 15-24 were engaged through employment and stewardship programs.

From facility maintenance and trail work to timber data collection, urban youth are supporting the Forest Service mission and becoming the next generation of conservationists.



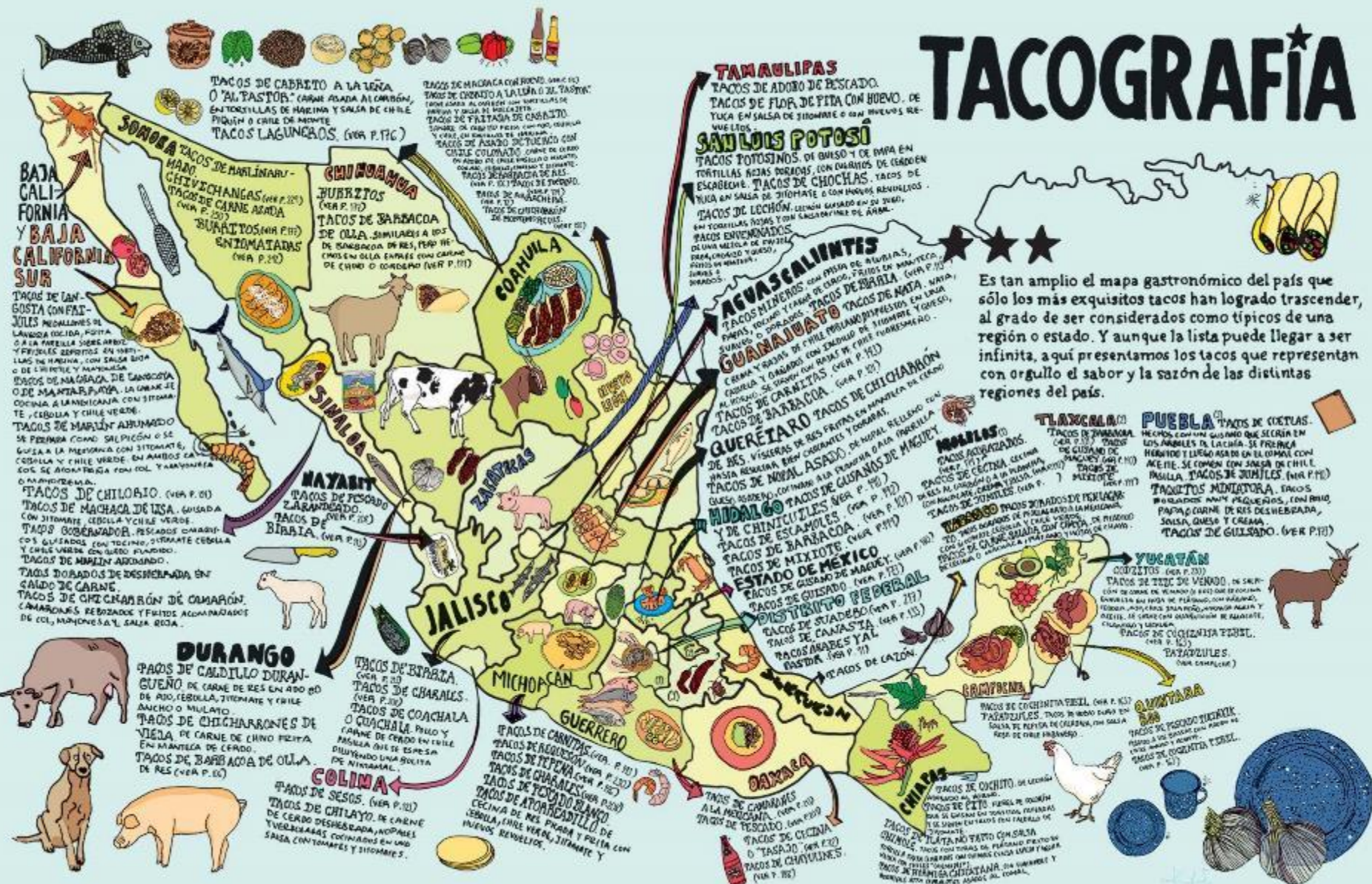
Participant Connection – Public Engagement

- **Your sense of place!**
- *(Pick your neighborhood, forest, lake, city, country, etc.)*
- 1. How are you **defined** by your place?
- 2. How do you/can you **accept responsibility** of your place?
- 3. What **history** do you know of your place?
- 4. How do you find **pleasure/happiness** in your place?
- 5. How do you **relate to your surroundings** of your place?
- 6. How do you **take responsibility** of your place?
- 7. Why do you think **empowerment** is important in **protecting/preserving** your place?

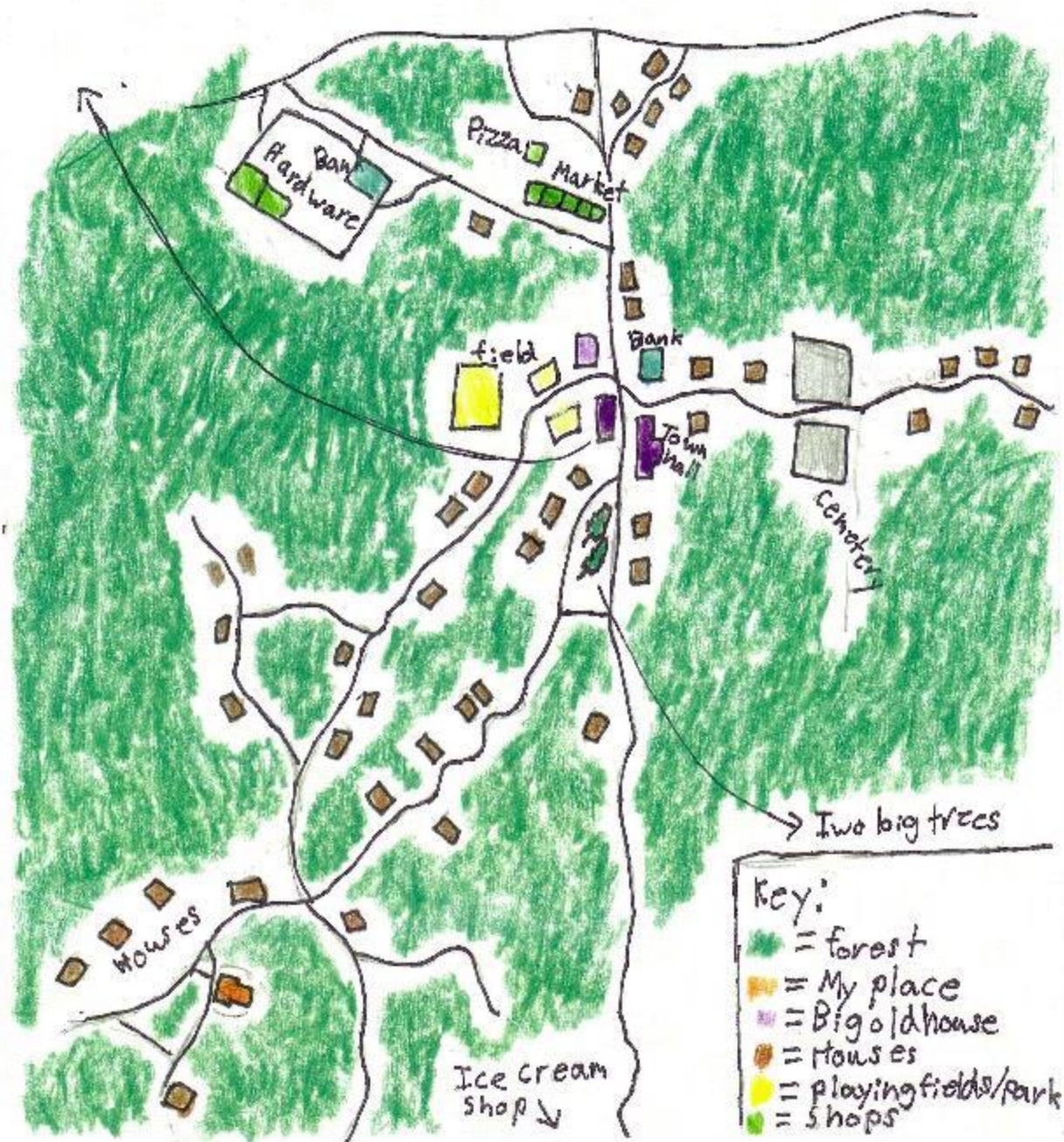


Place mapping

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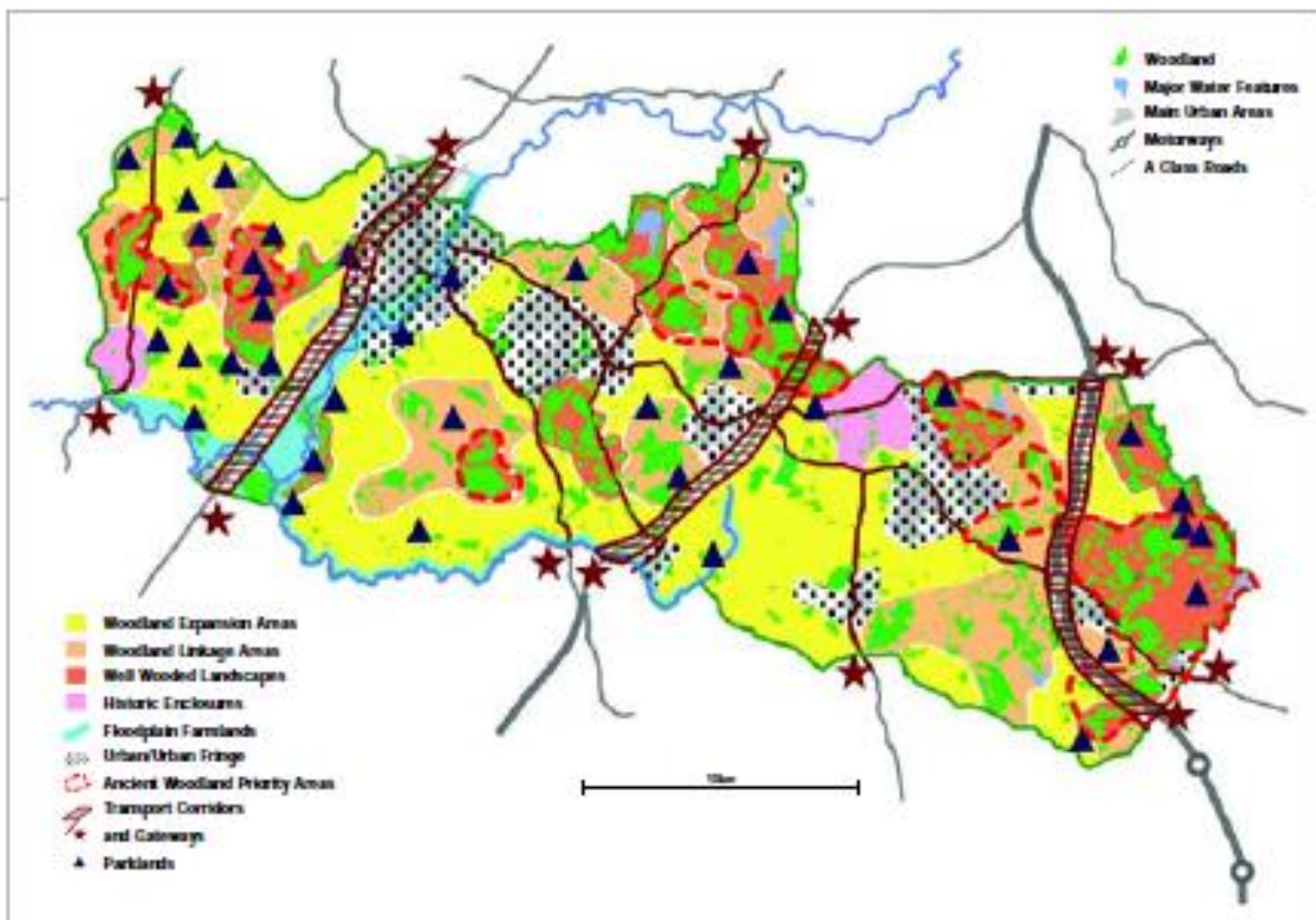






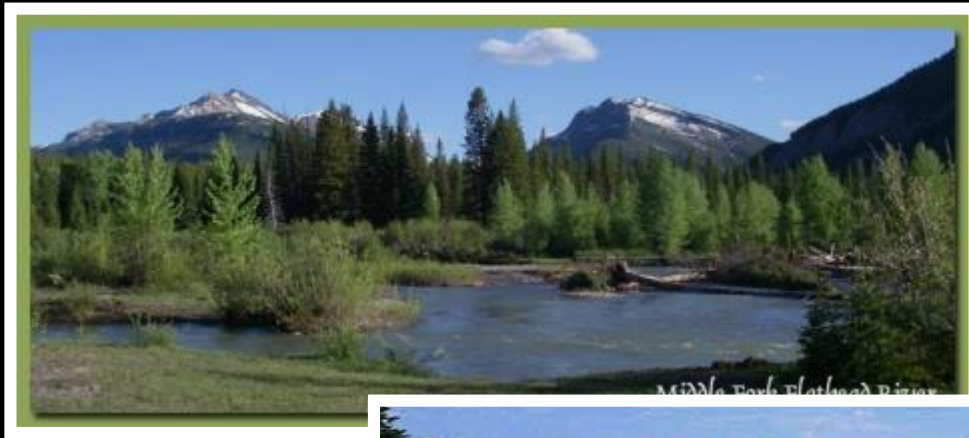






“Niche”... a starting point

Flathead National Forest:



Water, Wilderness & Wildlife

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Sharing the name of the lake and rushing rivers that wind through it, the Forest is a **critical piece of an incredible intact ecosystem** that sustains the grizzly bear and the quality of human life.

Whether visitors trek deep into world-renowned Wilderness or **view** the towering mountains from their **backyard**, the Forest is a “**tap root**” essential to the communities.

Forest visitors experience self-reliance, challenge and renewal in rustic settings along Wild and Scenic Rivers, mountain lakes, and Wilderness.