



Land Management Planning, Assessment, and Monitoring: Current List of Forest Management Plans and Comprehensive River Management Plans Requiring Revision or Completion, along with a Proposed Course of Action and Timeline for Compliance with the Underlying Statute

Introduction

The Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022, Division G Explanatory Statement included the following language:

The Service is directed to report to the Committees within 180 days of enactment of this Act on the current list of forest management plans and comprehensive river management plans requiring revision or completion, a proposed course of action, and a timeline for compliance with the underlying statute.

Current List of Forest Management Plans Requiring Revision or Completion

Table 1 includes the current list, as of January 2023, of Forest Management Plans that require revision or completion.

Table 1. Current list of Forest Management Plans requiring revision or completion. Plans highlighted in yellow are currently being revised.

Region	State	Unit	Last Revision
01	ID	Nez Perce National Forest ^a	1987
01	ID	Clearwater National Forest ^a	1987
01	MT	Bitterroot National Forest	1987
01	MT	Lolo National Forest	1986
01	ND/SD	Dakota Prairie Grasslands	2002
02	CO	Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grasslands	1998
02	CO	Grand Mesa Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests	1983
02	CO	White River National Forest	2002
02	CO/KS	Pike-San Isabel National Forests and Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands	1984
02	NE/SD	Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands	2005
02	SD/WY	Black Hills National Forest	1997
02	WY	Bighorn National Forest	2005
02	WY	Medicine Bow National Forest ^b	2004
02	WY	Routt National Forest ^b	1998
02	WY	Thunder Basin National Grassland ^b	2002
03	AZ	Tonto National Forest	1985
03	NM	Gila National Forest	1986
03	NM	Lincoln National Forest	1986

Region	State	Unit	Last Revision
04	ID	Boise National Forest	2003
04	ID	Caribou National Forest ^c	2003
04	ID	Targhee National Forest ^c	1997
04	ID	Curlew National Grassland ^c	2002
04	ID	Payette National Forest	2003
04	ID	Salmon National Forest ^d	1988
04	ID	Challis National Forest ^d	1987
04	ID	Sawtooth National Forest	2003
04	NV	Humboldt National Forest ^e	1986
04	NV	Toiyabe National Forest ^e	1986
04	UT	Dixie National Forest	1986
04	UT	Fishlake National Forest	1986
04	UT	Manti-La Sal National Forest	1986
04	UT	Uinta National Forest ^f	2003
04	UT	Washatch-Cache National Forest ^f	2003
04	UT/WY	Ashley National Forest	1986
04	WY	Bridger-Teton National Forest	1990
05	CA	Angeles National Forest	2005
05	CA	Cleveland National Forest	2006
05	CA	Eldorado National Forest	1989
05	CA	Klamath National Forest	1995
05	CA	Lassen National Forest	1993
05	CA	Los Padres National Forest	2005
05	CA	Mendocino National Forest	1995
05	CA	Modoc National Forest	1991
05	CA	Plumas National Forest	1988
05	CA	San Bernardino National Forest	2005
05	CA	Sequoia National Forest	1988
05	CA	Shasta-Trinity National Forest	1995
05	CA	Sierra National Forest	1992
05	CA	Six Rivers National Forest	1995
05	CA	Stanislaus National Forest	1991
05	CA	Tahoe National Forest	1990
06	OR	Deschutes National Forest	1990
06	OR	Fremont National Forest ^g	1989
06	OR	Winema National Forest ^g	1990
06	OR	Malheur National Forest	1990
06	OR	Mt. Hood National Forest	1990
06	OR	Ochoco National Forest ^h	1989
06	OR	Crooked River National Grassland ^h	1989
06	OR	Rogue River National Forest ⁱ	1990
06	OR	Siskiyou National Forest ⁱ	1989
06	OR	Siuslaw National Forest	1990

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06	OR	Umpqua National Forest	1990
06	OR	Wallowa-Whitman National Forest	1990
06	OR	Willamette National Forest	1990
06	OR/WA	Umatilla National Forest	1990
06	WA	Gifford Pinchot National Forest	1990
06	WA	Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest	1990
06	WA	Okanogan National Forest ^j	1990
06	WA	Wenatchee National Forest ^j	1990
06	WA	Olympic National Forest	1990
08	AL	National Forests in Alabama	2004
08	AR	Ozark-St. Francis National Forest	2005
08	AR/OK	Ouachita National Forest	2005
08	FL	National Forests in Florida	1999
08	GA	Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests	2004
08	GA	Cherokee National Forest	2004
08	KY	Daniel Boone National Forest	2004
08	KY	Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area	2005
08	LA	Kisatchie National Forest	1999
08	NC	Croatan National Forest ^k	2002
08	NC	Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests ^k	1987
08	SC	Sumter National Forest ^l	2004
08	TX	National Forests and Grasslands in Texas	1996
08	VA	Jefferson National Forest ^m	2004
09	IL	Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie	2002
09	IL	Shawnee National Forest	2006
09	IN	Hoosier National Forest	2006
09	MI	Hiawatha National Forest	2006
09	MI	Huron-Manistee National Forests	2006
09	MI	Ottawa National Forest	2006
09	MN	Chippewa National Forest	2004
09	MN	Superior National Forest	2004
09	MO	White Mountain National Forest	2005
09	MS	Mark Twain National Forest	2005
09	NY	Green Mountain National Forest ⁿ	2006
09	NY	Finger Lakes National Forest ⁿ	2006
09	OH	Wayne National Forest	2006
09	PA	Allegheny National Forest	2007
09	WI	Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest	2004
09	WV	Monongahela National Forest	2006

^a The administrative unit is the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests.

^b The administrative unit is the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest and Thunder Basin National Grassland.

^c The administrative unit is the Caribou-Targhee National Forest.

^d The administrative unit is the Salmon-Challis National Forest.

^e The administrative unit is the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

- ^f The administrative unit is the Uinta-Washatch-Cache National Forest.
- ^g The administrative unit is the Fremont-Winema National Forest.
- ^h The administrative unit is the Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland.
- ⁱ The administrative unit is the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest.
- ^j The administrative unit is the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest.
- ^k The administrative unit is the National Forests in North Carolina.
- ^l The administrative unit is the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests.
- ^m The administrative unit is the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests.
- ⁿ The administrative unit is the Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests.

Forest Management Plans: Proposed Course of Action and A Timeline for Compliance

The Forest Service (Agency) has studied and is aware of the many challenges ensuring land management plans are revised timely and efficiently. Beginning in fiscal year 2022, the Forest Service began standing up the Planning Service Organization, a new staffing model for land management plan revision to address the backlog of out-of-date land management plans. This new organization will provide dedicated staff and resources toward expediting plan revision timeframes and increasing the number of concurrent land management plan revision efforts. With the Planning Service Organization, the Forest Service expects that all land management plans will eventually be current and in compliance with the 15-year National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1604(f)(5)) requirement.

Of the list of plans that need revision, there are 12 plans currently being revised (highlighted in yellow in table). The current land management plan revision schedule includes starting five new revisions in fiscal year 2023 and an additional 33 new revisions starting through fiscal year 2028. Under full operations of the Planning Service Organization, the Forest Service expects to reach a steady state of all land management plans meeting the 15-year revision cycle in 15-20 years. However, it is important to acknowledge that achieving this target is contingent upon factors outside the control of the Forest Service, including available appropriation levels, litigation, and catastrophic events such as wildfires, floods, hurricanes, and other severe weather events. At this time, the Forest Service does not have a mechanism to track land management plan amendments (smaller in scope than revision and permissible under the 2012 Planning Rule, 36 CFR 219), but the Agency is exploring a new electronic management system that will allow for tracking amendments, plan revisions, and projects.

Forest Service Comprehensive River Management Plans (CRMPs): Completed Since 2018 and Other Ongoing Planning Efforts

The Forest Service has made significant progress since 2018 on the completion of statutorily required CRMPs for wild and scenic rivers, as well as pursuing needed updates to previously completed CRMPs. The table below lists the specific wild and scenic rivers for which the agency (1) has completed such planning work since 2018, or (2) is currently in the process of developing/revising CRMPs (as of February 2023).

Table 2 Forest Service CRMPs: Completed Since 2018 and Other Ongoing Planning Efforts (as of February 2023)

Region	State	National Forest	Wild & Scenic River	Date of Designation	Current Status of CRMP Development/Revision	Completion Date
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1	MT	FLATHEAD	3 FORKS OF THE FLATHEAD	10/12/76	Ongoing Revision	TBD
1	MT	CUSTER GALLATIN	EAST ROSEBUD CREEK	8/1/18	Ongoing	TBD
3	AZ	COCONINO	FOSSIL CREEK	3/30/09	Completed	1/20/2021
4	WY	BRIDGER-TETON	SNAKE RIVER HEADWATER RS	3/30/09	Completed	7/12/2018
5	CA	MENDOCINO	BLACK BUTTE	10/17/06	Completed	3/1/2018
5	CA	SAN BERNARDINO	BAUTISTA CREEK	3/30/09	Completed	2/25/2022
5	CA	SAN BERNARDINO	FULLER MILL CREEK	3/30/09	Completed	2/25/2022
5	CA	SAN BERNARDINO	NORTH FORK SAN JACINTO	3/30/09	Completed	2/25/2022
5	CA	SAN BERNARDINO	PALM CANYON CREEK	3/30/09	Completed	2/25/2022
5	CA	INYO	COTTONWOOD CREEK	3/30/09	Objections review	TBD
5	CA	INYO	OWENS RIVER HEADWATER RS	3/30/09	Objections Review	TBD
5	CA	SAN BERNARDINO	DEEP CREEK	3/12/19	Ongoing	TBD
5	CA	SAN BERNARDINO	WHITEWATER	3/12/19	Ongoing	TBD
5	CA	ANGELES	PIRU CREEK	3/30/09	Ongoing	TBD
6	OR	MT HOOD	COLLAWASH	3/30/09	Completed	5/23/2022
6	OR	MT HOOD	EAGLE CREEK	3/30/09	Completed	5/23/2022
6	OR	MT HOOD	EAST FORK HOOD	3/30/09	Completed	5/23/2022
6	OR	MT HOOD	FIFTEENMILE CREEK	3/30/09	Completed	5/23/2022
6	OR	MT HOOD	FISH CREEK	3/30/09	Completed	5/23/2022

6	OR	MT HOOD	MIDDLE FORK HOOD	3/30/09	Completed	5/23/2022
6	OR	MT HOOD	SOUTH FORK CLACKAMA S	3/30/09	Completed	5/23/2022
6	OR	MT HOOD	SOUTH FORK ROARING	3/30/09	Completed	5/23/2022
6	OR	MT HOOD	ZIG ZAG	3/30/09	Completed	5/23/2022
6	OR	DESCHUTES	CRESCENT CREEK	10/28/88	Completed	11/26/2019
6	OR	WILLAMET TE	ELKHORN CREEK	9/30/96	Ongoing	TBD
6	OR	SIUSLAW	FRANKLIN CREEK	3/12/19	Completed	1/12/2023
6	OR	SIUSLAW	WASSON CREEK	3/12/19	Completed	1/12/2023
6	WA	MT BAKER- SNOQUALM IE	MIDDLE FORK SNOQUALM IE	12/19/14	Completed	10/6/2022
6	WA	MT BAKER- SNOQUALM IE	PRATT	12/19/14	Completed	10/6/2022
6	WA	GIFFORD PINCHOT	UPPER WHITE SALMON	8/2/05	Completed	9/18/2018
8	MS	NFs IN MISSISSIPPI	BLACK CREEK	10/30/86	Ongoing Revision	TBD
8	KY	DANIEL BOONE	RED	12/2/93	Completed	9/7/2022
9	MO	MARK TWAIN	ELEVEN POINT	10/2/68	Completed	3/14/2022

*TBD: Planning efforts are ongoing and do not yet have an estimated completion date.