

Dixie and Fishlake National Forests Forest Plan Revision



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REVISION TOPICS

Other issues we think need to be addressed...

In a preliminary review of the current forest plans, we identified some issues in addition to the "must do" list that we believe need to be addressed in our revision effort.

Sustainable Systems

Increasing human uses and conflicting expectations create concerns for the land. We need conditions on the land that meet people's needs for timber, recreation, forage, etc. while sustaining or restoring healthy ecological systems.

Roadless Area Use

Roadless areas have characteristics that many people value. We need to determine appropriate management direction for roadless areas..

Motorized Recreation Use

We need opportunities for motorized recreation use (such as OHV's) that do not create unacceptable resource impacts and are balanced with other recreation uses.

Dispersed Recreation

We need a variety of recreation opportunities outside of developed recreation facilities. They must be compatible with other uses of the forest, and must not unacceptably impact resources.

THE "MUST DO" LIST

The Dixie and Fishlake Forest Plans must, by law, make several decisions:

Wilderness Recommendations

The Wilderness Act of 1964 was enacted to preserve some of the country's most pristine areas for future generations. To be eligible, an area must meet six criteria. Forest plans must consider eligible areas to recommend to Congress for wilderness designation. (Congress designates wilderness; the Forest Service only recommends suitable areas.)

Wild and Scenic River Recommendations

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 provides for the preservation of some rivers in a free-flowing condition when they possess outstanding scenic, recreational, cultural, or other values. Rivers must meet identified criteria to be eligible for designation. Forest plans must recommend suitable rivers for Congressional designation.

Timberland Capability/Suitability

Forest plans must identify lands where timber harvest is not allowed, where harvest will be allowed for timber production, and where trees may be cut to achieve other resource



objectives such as improved wildlife habitat or reduced density of hazardous fuels.

Allowable Sale Quantity

Forest plans must estimate the amount of timber that can be sold annually on a sustained-yield basis, consistent with achieving desired conditions. Estimates must be made for both timber production and for timber cut to achieve other resource objectives.

Rangeland Capability/Suitability

Forest plans must identify lands where livestock grazing can be sustained, consistent with achieving desired conditions on the landscape.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

These topics are the starting point. Interested citizens working together on review of the current forest plans may identify more topics that need updating. You can help by participating in meetings or sharing your ideas with the planning team. See *How Can I Help?* in this packet for more information about opportunities to participate.