

## Chapter 2, Public Issues and Management Concerns



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## Issues and Concerns



### Recreation

- (1a) What kind and amount of recreation opportunities and facilities should be provided and emphasized, and where should they be made available?
- (1b) On what areas and trails of the PNF will off-road vehicle (ORV) use be permitted? Are there areas where the effects of ORV use on various resources will permit certain types of ORV's while excluding others?



### Visual Resources

- (2a) Should present visual quality objectives be maintained or how should they be altered?



### Cultural Resources

- (3a) What will the PNF do to inventory, protect, preserve, stabilize, enhance, or interpret cultural resources?



### Roadless Areas

- (4a) How should the five RARE II "further planning areas" and other roadless areas be allocated?

Resolution: The California Wilderness Act of 1984 created the 21,000 acre Bucks Lake Wilderness on the PNF and released all other unroaded areas from further study of wilderness

suitability. During Plan revision in 10-15 years, any of these areas retaining their wildland character must be considered for Wilderness designation at that time.



## Wildlife, Fish, and Sensitive Plants

- (5a) What kinds and amounts of fish, wildlife and plant habitat should be provided or protected and at what locations?



## Range

- (6a) What areas on the Plumas should be grazed by livestock? At what intensity should grazing occur?
- (6b) What amount of forage should be allocated to other uses such as wildlife, recreation, etc.?
- (6c) What grazing systems and improvement practices should be implemented on the PNF? What is the potential for producing more livestock forage?



## Timber

- (7a) What lands on the PNF are capable, suitable, and available for timber production and will be included in calculating the timber harvest amount?
- (7b) What silvicultural, logging system and other management practices will be used on lands capable, suitable, and available for timber harvesting?
- (7c) What levels of timber management intensity should be used and what rotation length should be used for lands in each management intensity group?
- (7d) Under what circumstances and to what extent should the PNF depart from the base harvest schedule?
- (7e) What should be the role of herbicides in management of the PNF?



## Christmas Trees

- (8a) Where and for what purposes (silvicultural, recreational or other) will Christmas trees be harvested on the PNF?



## Riparian Areas

- (9a) What kinds and amounts of riparian area protection should be provided and at what locations? 1/



## Water

- (10a) What should be the water quality, quantity, and timing objectives of the PNF?
- (10b) What management practices should the PNF use to provide public safety and property protection from the hazards of flooding, water quality degradation, channel erosion, and unstable channel side slopes?



## Soil

- (11a) Which areas of the Forest are prone to either natural or activity-caused erosion, and what level of ground disturbance is acceptable for those areas?
- (11b) What are the effects on soil of the various management practices, and how can the adverse effects be mitigated?



## Air Quality

- (12a) What changes in management practices, if any, will be needed to accommodate Forest uses and maintain air quality equal to or better than applicable Federal, State, and/or local standards?

1/ Derived from Issue 5a.



## Minerals and Materials

- (13a) Where are the areas on the PNF that mineral development, including common varieties, should be encouraged? What areas should be withdrawn from mineral entry to protect other resources? How can adverse effects of mineral development be mitigated?



## Geology

- (14a) Which areas of the Forest are prone to either natural or activity-caused slope failures, and what level of ground disturbance is acceptable for these areas? 2/
- (14b) What should be the groundwater quality and quantity objectives of the PNF? 3/



## Energy

- (15a) What should the PNF do to encourage the development and conservation of energy resources?
- (15b) What quantity and type of fuelwood will be available for user groups?



## Lands

- (16a) What land adjustments should the PNF implement to deal with the impact of intermingled private and National Forest land?
- (16b) What constraints in what areas should be placed on issuance of special use permits on the PNF?

2/ Derived from Issue 11a.

3/ Derived from Issue 10a.



## Facilities

(17a) What transportation systems are necessary to support the management of the PNF and intermingled private lands?



## Fire and Fuels

(18a) To what extent should prescribed fire be used as a management tool to enhance and/or protect resource values on the PNF?

(18b) What are the most cost-effective fire objectives that support resource management?



## Forest Pests

(19a) What should be the role of pesticides in management of the PNF.



## Special Areas

(20a) Where are the areas on the PNF which appear to be suitable for Research Natural Areas and are needed to help round out the national system?

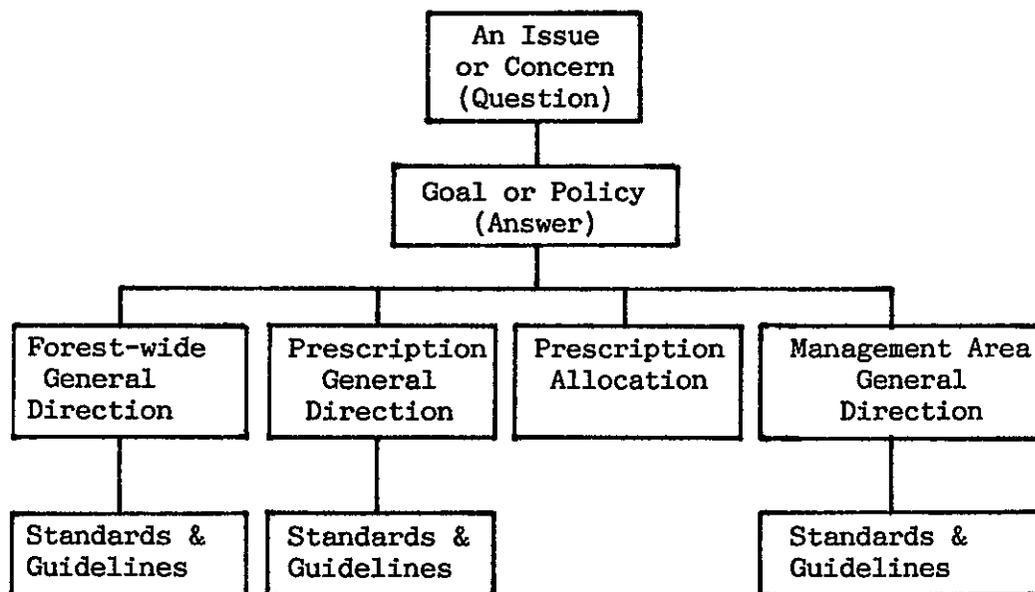
(20b) Are classified special interest areas needed and if so where should they be located and how should they be managed?

# Resolution of Issues and Concerns

Each public issue and management concern is explicitly addressed in this plan by the Forest Goals and Policies and the management direction that flows therefrom.

Each of the issue and concern questions above are answered by a Forest Goal and Policy statement, as given in Chapter 4, Forest Goals and Policies. All of the remaining management direction\* in Chapter 4 is implementation guidance in the form of "standards and guidelines" or allocation of land to management prescriptions. Each standard and guideline is preceded by a statement of "general direction," which ties the standard and guideline to the Goal and Policy it is implementing. The Goal and Policy numeration appears with each general direction statement to make the connection readily apparent.

Thus, the reader may ascertain in detail how each issue and concern is addressed in this plan by both general and specific management direction.



Issue resolution afforded by each management alternative, including this Plan (Alternative PRF), is presented in the EIS in Table 2-29, Summary Treatment of Issues and Concerns.

\* This direction is in three parts: (a) Forest-wide Standards and Guidelines, (b) Prescriptions (comprised of standards and guidelines) that are applied to various areas as shown on maps herein, and (c) Management Area Direction (comprised of standards and guidelines). See also introduction to Chapter 4.