



# Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision

Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman  
National Forests



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# What do Forest Plans do?

- Establish desired conditions to be achieved
- Provide management direction for the many uses of a National Forest
- Identify what uses are appropriate where



# Format for Revised Plans



# Components of a Forest Plan

- Vision (Desired Conditions)
- Strategy
  - Objectives
  - Special Designations
  - Suitable and Unsuitable Uses
- Design Criteria
- Monitoring and Evaluation



# Where do Forest Plans fit?

## **Programmatic Decisions**

(Land and Resource Management Plans)



## **Site-Specific Decisions**

(Timber Sales, Range Fencing, Trail Construction)



# Why Revise the Forest Plan?

## Resource Planning Act

- Revise when “conditions on a unit have significantly changed”
- At least every 15 years

## Current Forest Plans:

Wallowa-Whitman	April 23, 1990
Malheur	May 25, 1990
Umatilla	June 11, 1990



# Guiding Principles for the Revised Forest Plan

- Outcome-based (focus on the vision)
- Descriptive
- Emphasize “why”
- Focused on sustainability  
(social, economic, & ecological)
- Start with current plans
- Use existing work



# Forest Plan Revision Timeline

<i>Collaboration</i>	Summer '04	Current Management Situation Develop Proposed Action
	Spring '05	Proposed Action for Revised Plan
	Spring '06	Draft Environmental Impact Statement
<i>Public Involvement</i>	Spring '07	Final Environmental Impact Statement
	Sept. '07	Decision on Revised Plan



# Two-Phase Public Engagement Strategy

## **January, 2004 to March, 2005**

Proposed Action is developed

Collaboration is emphasized

Informal process

Public helps define draft management direction

## **March, 2005 to September, 2007**

Proposed Action is presented

Public review and involvement

Formal process

Forest Supervisors make decision on  
management direction

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*Questions?*



# What we would like to do tonight.

- Create the Vision for the National Forests of the Blue Mountains
- Gather information to help identify Geographic Areas

