

# Recreation Facility Analysis RFA

# Overview





# Recreation Facility Analysis



## WHAT

An analysis process used to help forests align their recreation site facilities with current/expected demands.

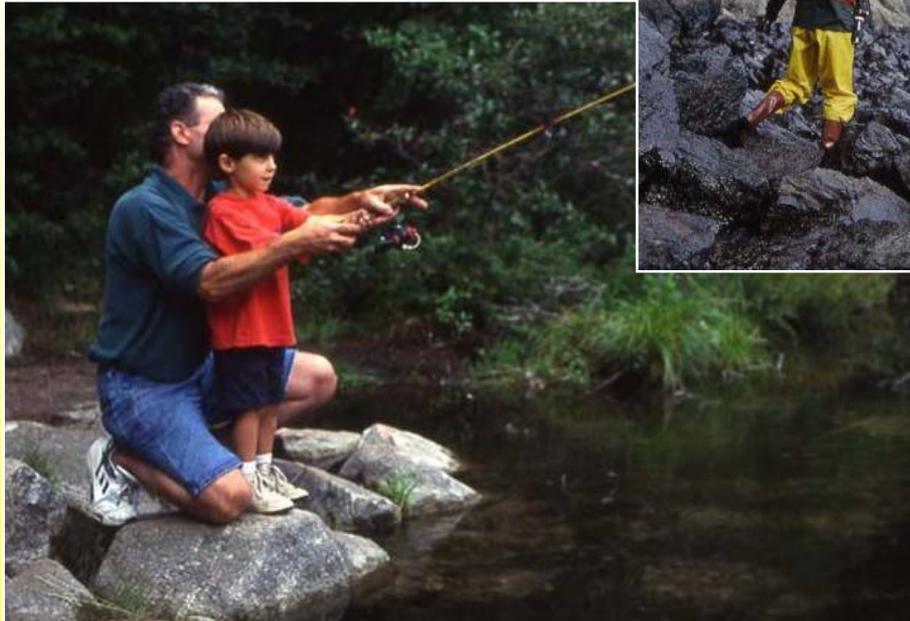


# Infrastructure Facts

- The majority of the Forest Service recreation site infrastructure was built in the 60's.
- Increasingly, water systems fail to meet quality standards.
- With current funding, national forests are able to manage about 25% of recreation facilities to standard.
- Backlog maintenance at national forest recreation sites is \$346 million.



# What Is a *Niche*?



A place,  
status,  
or activity  
for which a  
person or thing  
is best fitted.



# In terms of RFA - A *Niche* is:

The specific recreation focus of a forest incorporating public expectations **(demand)**

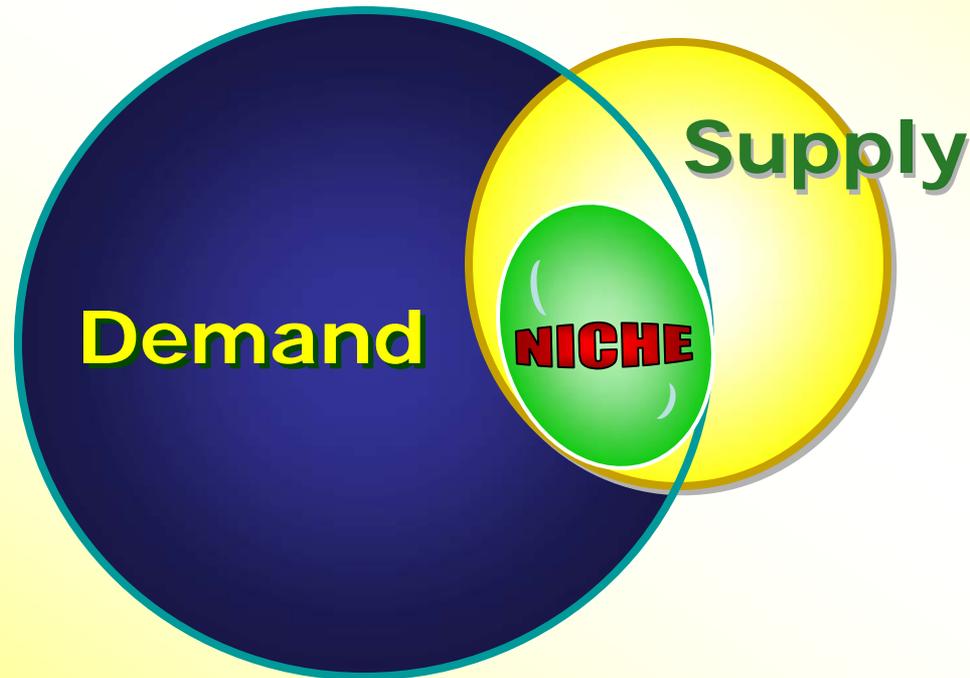
with unique social and ecological features of the land **(supply)**.





# Forest Recreation Program

## *Niche*





# Niche “Why”

- Helps to narrow our focus.
- Create the most public value with limited resources.





# Goals

- Provide opportunities consistent with the forest recreation niche or focus.
- Operate and maintain recreation sites to health and safety standards.
- Eliminate backlog maintenance at recreation sites.





# Objectives

## RFA will:

- Focus resources on sites that fit recreation niche and align with changing demands.
- Operate and maintain sites to 100% of regional required standards.
- Reduce backlog maintenance.



# Recreation Facility Analysis Steps



| DESCRIPTION        |   |
|--------------------|---|
| <b>7</b>           | Determine the appropriate site specific public involvement steps (NEPA, Recreation RAC's, etc.) based on tasks defined in the Program of Work.                                    |
| <b>6</b>           | Finalize the Program of Work, approve and make available to the public.   |
|                    | Work with the public to improve and refine the Proposed Program of Work.  |
| <b>5</b> *         | Review staff work and any additional public feedback; consider social, political and broader program goals to develop a Proposed Program of Work.                                 |
| <b>3 &amp; 4</b> * | Identify operational efficiencies, ways to align each site with the niche, and then prioritize sites using objective criteria.  |
|                    | Validate the recreation niche with the public.  |
| <b>2</b> *         | Create a recreation vision based on public desire and the unique characteristics of the forest. This focus guides the management of the recreation program for the coming decade. |
|                    | Learn from the public what they value about recreation on the forest and what they believe are acceptable management strategies for recreation sites.                             |
| <b>1</b> *         | Update and complete recreation site data resulting in the best information to make management decisions.  |
|                    | Make the public aware that the forest is undertaking Recreation Facility Analysis, what it is, and how to participate.  |
|                    | Assign Recreation Facility Analysis roles and tasks. Make employees aware of the process and how to be involved.  |

\* = Staff Work Sessions





# Public Participation in *Niche* Development

- Existing data (National Visitor Use Monitoring (NVUM), National Survey on Recreation and the Environment (NSRE), census, other studies).
- Use professional experience.
- Ask the public directly via sense of place mapping and forest plan revisions, etc.