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Under Al Abee's capable leadership, the Monitoring and Evaluation Team fully discharged its responsibilities and delivered its products on schedule. With EMC's and the FS planning community's thanks, the team is now officially disbanded. MET products are available at <http://www.fs.fed.us/emc/met>.

Susan Yonts-Shepard chartered the Monitoring and Evaluation Team (MET) in January 2006, to:

...meet the spirit and intent of the 2005 Planning Rule, the Monitoring and Evaluation Team (MET) is chartered to develop a national framework for Land Management Plan (LMP) monitoring. The MET will develop a unified, multi-scale national framework for monitoring progress towards achieving both standard and unique LMP desired conditions and objectives on National Forest System (NFS) lands. This framework will form the foundation for a NFS monitoring and evaluation program within the agency resource information strategy.

The team's deliverables were the following:

A unified LMP monitoring framework; a core set of desired conditions, objectives, monitoring questions, indicators, and performance measures; and recommendations for future actions for improvement.

Steve Solem presented the framework along with MET's recommendations at the Regional Planning Directors meeting in Milwaukee earlier this month where we agreed to endorse the unified LMP monitoring framework. Therefore, all subsequent NFS land management monitoring programs should adopt the six themes of the framework and use the nine agency-priority sub-elements unless they are not applicable.

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