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## **2353 - NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM TRAILS**

### **2353.04 - Responsibility**

#### **2353.04h – Regional Office, Director of Public Services**

The Director of Public Services is delegated the authorities of the Regional Forester pertaining to National Scenic, Historic and Recreation trails to:

1. Designate a National Trail Administrator to provide trail wide coordination, guidance, and technical assistance to consult with managers that have physical site management responsibility.
2. Approve optimal locations of national trails and non-substantial relocations of National Scenic, Historic and Recreation Trails.
3. When in the public interest, entering into cooperative agreements with states, local governments, private landowners, private organizations, or individuals to develop, operate, and maintain any part of a National Scenic, Historic or Recreation Trail.
4. Authorize recreation event permits involving competitive use on National Scenic, Historic and Recreation Trails and areas on only when the event does not substantially interfere with the nature and purposes of the trail. (FSM 2302 and 2303). This may be delegated to the Forest Supervisor by the Director of Public Services.
5. Provide program coordination and management guidance for National Trails, including budget and policy development, data steward responsibilities, and maintaining any trail wide management coordination responsibilities for assigned trails.
6. Prioritize lands or interests within any national trail corridor to be acquired from willing sellers, as appropriate and consistent with policy direction, to further the purposes for which a National Trail is designated.
7. Encourage the use of volunteers and volunteer organizations in planning, developing, maintaining, and managing national trails (16 U.S.C. 1250).
8. Develop, approve use of, and monitor the National Trail marker, a unique symbol that represents each trail.