



# Peer Review Plan

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Highly Influential Scientific Assessment Peer

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USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station

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Title of Review  
Timber Growth and Yield in a Changing Forest, Black Hills

Purpose of Review  
Ensure FS publication can inform National Forest Management actions



### Type of Review

Panel Review       Individual Review

1 FS technical review, 1 blind external review, 1 concurrent stakeholder/public/tribal review

Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review

01/27/2020

Start

1/27/2020

End

05/01/2020

3 or fewer

Number of Reviewers

4 to 10

More than 10

Primary Discipline/Types of Expertise Needed for Review

Western silviculture experience, forest vegetation simulator, timber production, forest policy

Reviewer Names and Affiliations

Review 1: 4 internal Forest Service technical reviewers: Shaw, Fried, Wilson, Fitzgerald; started 1/27/20  
Review 2: 3-5 external blind technical reviewers (academic); starting 3/15/20  
Review 3: Concurrent review by Black Hills NF (stakeholders (30-40) and general public/tribal groups (~95), 3/15/20 - 5/01/20

Expected Publication Outlet (Science or Similar Peer Reviewed Journal)

RMRS General Technical Report (less than 60 pages, an analysis of available FIA data)

Reviewers Selected by:  Agency

Designated Outside Organization

Organization's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Opportunities for Public Comment?  Yes       No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How: See above. Will be sent out to at least 130 individuals/organizations with interest in the Black Hills NF

When: Review period open from 3/15/20 to 4/15/20, revised opn period to 5/01/20.

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Commentary

Yes

No

**Summary of Peer Reviewers' Comments**

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel

Yes

No

**Other Comments**

Stakeholder/public listing includes environmental groups, industries, state foresters, congressional staffers, tribes, governor's offices, timber industries, and retired Forest Service employees.