Strategic Plan Summary

The Forest Service is accountable for sustaining the Nation’s forest and grassland resources on behalf of the American people. To make our efforts transparent to the people we serve, we regularly develop, publish, and implement a 5-year strategic plan designed to guide our efforts. We are accountable for making progress on the goals and objectives set forth in this plan, in accordance with our statutory authorities, regulations, and mission.

The strategic plan will help us keep on track, as well as allow us to respond to change while remaining faithful to the vision. It is essential because it clarifies our focus points and provides a clearer, deeper understanding of our work.

“Our commitment at the Forest Service is to work with partners to achieve “the greatest good of the greatest number” both now and for generations to come.” —Tom Tidwell

Forest Service Mission

The mission of the USDA Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation’s forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.

You can find the strategic plan at http://www.fs.fed.us/strategicplan.

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Apply Knowledge Globally

Outcome

Natural resource decisionmaking is improved through the use of reliable information and applications.

By exchanging scientific results, natural resource assessments, management trends, innovations, and best practices across natural resource management disciplines and jurisdictional boundaries, we will help the global natural resource community make better management decisions. The transfer of knowledge, technology, and applications will allow us to collectively care for all lands and deliver benefits to people.

Strategic Objectives

A. Recruit a diverse workforce
B. Promote an inclusive culture
C. Attract and retain top employees

Excelling as a High-Performing Agency

Outcome

Exemplary public service realizes customer-focused results.

Service is implicit in the Forest Service’s name and in our motto: “Caring for the land and serving people.” Striving for outstanding public service is part of our organizational culture. We are dedicated to organizational efficiency and cost-effectiveness. We are also committed to creating a workplace environment that can attract and retain top employees while meeting the needs of the people we serve.

Management Objectives

A. Recruit a diverse workforce
B. Promote an inclusive culture
C. Attract and retain top employees

Long-Term Results

Forest Service knowledge-based products and services improve global natural resource stewardship.

Technology and applications delivered to users meet expectations.

Exchange of natural resource expertise within the agency and with external partners improves forest and grassland resource management in our Nation and in the world.

Forest Service employees and the public are valued and respected for their diverse talents, ideas, backgrounds, and abilities.

Forest Service employee satisfaction continually improves toward the top 10th percentile among all Federal agencies.