

## APPENDIX H ACQUISITION CRITERIA

### INTRODUCTION

Acquisition of lands or interests in lands may be by such methods as exchange, purchase, donation, or public agency jurisdictional transfer.

Lands located in or adjacent to Category 1 will have priority for acquisition providing they meet one or more of the acquisition criteria listed below.

Exchange would be used as the preferred method of acquisition. Direct purchase would be limited to cases where no practical alternatives exist and high public values would be acquired.

Lands would be considered for acquisition if one of more of the following criteria is met and acquisition would:

- Facilitate access to public lands and resources
- Maintain or enhance the manageability of public lands and resources
- Maintain or enhance important public values and uses, especially

- o Special Status Species plant, animal and fish habitats
- o Significant cultural resources
- o Significant recreational opportunities
- o Traditional plant use areas or other properties important to Native Americans
- Maintain or enhance local social and economic conditions
- Facilitate implementation of other goals and objectives in the RMP

Avoid the following when considering acquisition proposals:

Acquiring lands or interests in lands that present management problems that outweigh the expected benefits of such an acquisition, including but not limited to:

- presence of hazardous materials
- abundance of noxious weeds
- access situation is inadequate for managing the property for the purpose(s) for which it would be obtained, etc.
- acquisition of small, isolated tracts

