

Forest Plan Revision

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Lake Tahoe Federal
Advisory Committee



US Forest Service, Lake Tahoe
Basin Management Unit (LTBMU)

What is a Forest Plan?



Primary guiding strategic document for management of resources and uses on a national forest. Focus on achieving **desired conditions** within a framework for contributions to ecological, social and economic sustainability.

Specific **strategies** are developed to move toward the desired conditions and bounded by existing laws and regulations within set defined **design criteria**.



Key Laws, Regulations and Policies

Laws:

National Forest Management Act, 1976

National Environmental Policy Act, 1969

Regulations

Code of Federal Regulations, 36 CFR 219,
(2008 Planning Rule)

Policies:

Forest Service Manuals (FSM)

Forest Service Handbooks (FSH)



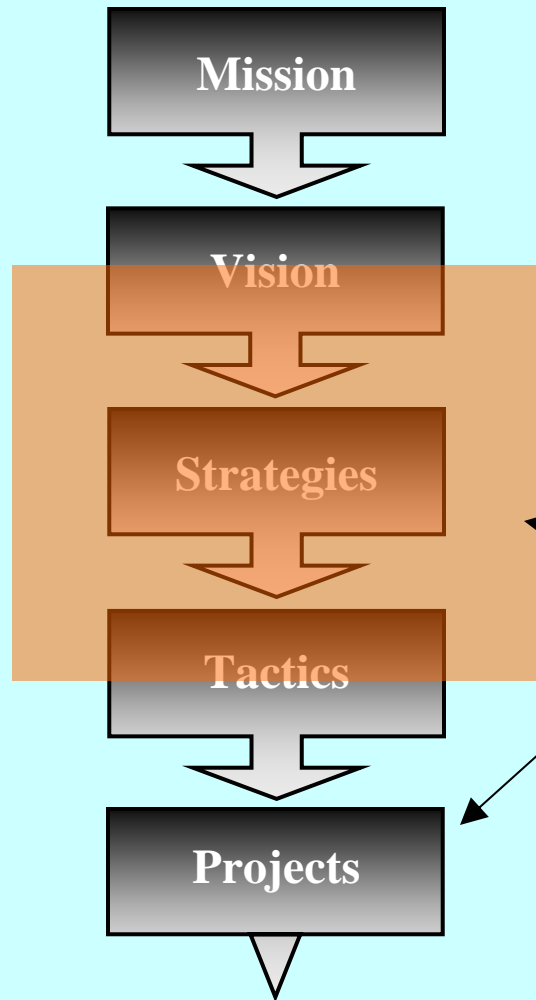
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Revision Approach

- Expands **upfront** public involvement and collaboration
- Fully complies with National Environmental Policy Act
- More responsive to changing environmental conditions and new advances in science and technology
- Use the National Strategy for Environmental Management System implementation



2008 Planning Rule



- New Format for Plan
- Focused at Strategic Level vs. Project Level

Forest Plan

Project Level examples:

- South Shore Fuels Treatments
- Access and Travel Management
- OSV/OHV Management
- Incline Lakes Long Term Management
- Recreation Residence Permitting



Forest Plan Structure



Part 1. Vision

- **Desired Conditions**

Part 2. Strategies

- **Objectives**
- **Suitability of Areas**
- **Special Areas**

Part 3. Design Criteria

- **Guidelines**



Table 1. LTBMU Forest Plan Contributions to Sustainability

Ecological Sustainability			Social and Economic Systems Sustainability		
Biological Diversity	Forest Health	Physical Resources	Social Benefits	Infrastructure Capacity	Economic Benefits
<p>Restore, sustain and enhance the Basin's ecosystem and species diversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Aquatic Habitat •Terrestrial Habitat •Threatened and Endangered Species •Species of Concern •Species of Interest 	<p>Restore, sustain and enhance the Basin's forests and vegetation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Forest Structure and Composition •Disturbance Processes •Fire and Fuels Management 	<p>Restore, sustain and enhance the Basin's physical resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Air Quality •Soil Quality •Water Quality •Water Use and Development •Stream Environment Zones (SEZ) •Minerals •Land Adjustments 	<p>Restore, sustain, and enhance outdoor recreation opportunities and sense of place. Promote community well being</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Recreation •Scenic Quality and Built Environment •Heritage Resources •Tribal Relations •Interpretive Services, Visitor Information and Education, and Conservation Education •Partnerships 	<p>Provide and sustain service delivery systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Travel Management •Administrative and Recreation Facilities •Utilities Easements and Rights of Way •Communication Sites •Highway Rights of Way and Support Facilities •Research and Monitoring Sites •Special Uses – Lands 	<p>Provide and sustain goods and services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Earnings & Employment •Recreation Outputs •National Forest Expenditures •Commercial Forest Products



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2004-2007: Past work informing Forest Plan Revision:

- Pathway public meetings in and outside basin
- PathwayForum engagement, surveys, focus groups
- Pathway Process Regional VisionEval Report, Tech Supl.
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Key Pathway Input

- Scientific analysis of resource conditions and trends
- Regional vision and desired conditions
- Regional transect approach to land use
- Regional Management System



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Public Participation Fall 2008

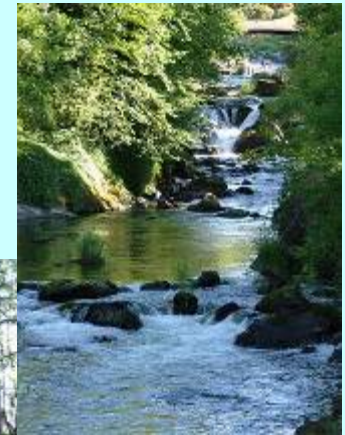
- Surveyed key stakeholders to determine how best to engage
- Conducted two initial workshops to introduce new planning approach and timeline and obtain broad input
- Held three additional workshops based on initial input
- Coordinated with agency partners
- Met twice with conservation groups
- Solicited comments through news media, LTBMU website, email list -- 90 comments to date



Public Workshops

Forest Health

- Fuels Reduction & Wildlife Habitat
- Fuels Reduction & Water, Soil, and Air Quality



Recreation Opportunities



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