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As previously discussed in the July 15, 2009, memorandum from Joel Holtrop (1570/1920), the Department has determined that the 2000 planning rule is now in effect. This includes its transition provisions as amended in 2002 and 2003 and as clarified by interpretative rules issued in 2001 and 2004 that allow you to use the provisions of the 1982 planning regulation to amend or revise plans. Below is a table showing the planning directives to use to carry out the 1982 planning regulation.

All Service-wide direction necessary for plan development, plan amendment, or plan revision using the 1982 planning regulation is in the Forest Service Manual (FSM) 1920 or Forest Service Handbook (FSH) 1909.12. Below I have included a table that shows which chapters or sections are applicable to plan revisions and plan amendments under the 1982 planning regulations.

FSM 1920, Land Management Planning, Section	FSH 1909.12, Land Management Planning Handbook Chapter
1920.1 – 1920.5, Zero Code	Chapter 70, Wilderness Evaluation
1923, Wilderness Evaluation	Chapter 80, Wild and Scenic River Evaluation
1924, Wild and Scenic River Evaluation	Chapter 90, References (paper copy only)
1926, Land Management Planning using Planning Regulations in effect before November, 9, 2000	

If you have questions about this guidance as applied to the forests in your region, please contact Ecosystem Management Coordination's Planning Assistant Director Richard Rine at (202) 205-1022.

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