



Forest Service Planning Rule: Fourth National Roundtable

July 29-30, 2010

Renaissance DuPont Hotel

Draft Agenda

The purposes of this, the Fourth National Roundtable, are to:

- Share the conceptual approaches and rationale behind what the Forest Service rule writing team is tentatively proposing for key elements of the rule;
- Explain how and why these approaches reflect the feedback provided during the Science Forum and public meetings;
- Hear from stakeholders whether any of the proposed approaches are unclear, what they like, and whether there are any fundamental concerns or major gaps; and
- Obtain input about how any concerns or gaps might be addressed.

The meeting will include an online discussion concurrent with the in-person deliberations.

DAY ONE

8:00-8:30 a.m. Registration (During this time there will also be an optional orientation session for attendees who are new to the Roundtables.)

8:30 a.m. Welcome and agenda review – Connie Lewis, Meridian Institute

8:40 a.m. Opening comments and vision for 2011 planning rule – Chief Tom Tidwell

- How this rule differs
- Framework of the Rule

9:00 a.m. Rule overview – Tony Tooke, Director of Ecosystem Management Coordination

- Outline of the rule and brief explanation of each section
- The roles of the rule, the preamble, and the directives
- Explanation of what we are covering at this meeting and why

9:30 a.m. Plenary presentation and Q&A: key elements in the draft rule – Forest Service

For each of key elements, the Forest Service will share the conceptual approaches and rationale behind what the rule writing team is tentatively proposing. There will be Q&A following each presentation.

- Collaboration and public involvement
- Monitoring

- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Key elements presentation and Q&A continued
- Recreation and other multiple uses
 - Plant and animal diversity
 - Restoration and resilience
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Break-out groups
- Break-out groups (pre-assigned to ensure diversity of perspectives) will each discuss the key elements described in the morning plenary. Members of the Forest Service rule writing team will be present in each session. Note-takers will keep track of concerns, gaps and suggestions. Groups will take a break at their discretion.*
- For each topic, the break-out groups will:
- Identify concepts that need clarification;
 - Provide brief feedback on the concept;
 - Explore any fundamental concerns, gaps, implementability; and
 - Begin developing suggestions for how those concerns or gaps might be addressed.
- 5:30 pm Adjourn

DAY TWO

- 7:00 a.m. A document that consolidates the feedback from day one will be available.
- Overnight, Meridian will consolidate the feedback from day one into a summary document. This document will be available for review starting at 7:00 a.m. on day two.*
- 8:30 a.m. Overview of NFMA and the regulatory and legal framework for the 2011 planning rule
(see link to “History of Forest Planning” on the Planning Rule website (<http://fs.usda.gov/planningrule/>) for some helpful background information)
- 9:00 a.m. Refine feedback on the proposed rule (Format TBD, based on additional concerns or questions of the group)
- Identify commonalities and discrepancies in the feedback provided by different break-out groups; and
 - Explore if/how discrepancies can be reconciled and various suggestions synthesized
 - Identify and discuss any other issues
- 12:45 p.m. Closing remarks and brief discussion of next steps
- 1:00 p.m. Adjourn