Plan Revision Timeline

·Pre-planning · Tribal, County, State, and Agency outreach Initial public Involvement •30 Day comment of Draft Phase I: Assessment Report (2016-18) Develop New Draft Forest Plan NEPA – Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to develop new Forest Plan and Alternatives Phase II: Plan Development (2018-2022) Implementation of the new Forest · Conduct monitoring in accordance with new Forest Plan · Conduct biannual review of the

needed

Phase III: Monitoring

(2022+)

new Forest Plan and update if

Have questions about Plan Revision?

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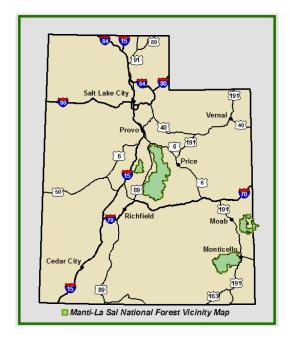
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What is a Forest Plan?

The National Forest Management Act (NFMA) of 1976 requires that each forest create a land management plan. Known as Forest Plans, these land management documents guide manage-

ment of National Forest lands to provide for multiple-uses and social, economic, and ecological benefits for the present and future.

the 2012 Planning Rule.



Photo: La Sal Mountains

The process for the development and revision of plans is outlined in planning regulations (36 CFR 219), often referred to as

Why is the Manti-La Sal National **Forest Undergoing Plan Revision?**

Written in 1986, the current Manti-La Sal National Forest Plan is outdated. Since its creation, natural resource and social conditions have changed; new scientific knowledge exists; and additional land management laws have been put into place. These changes, along with shifts in communities, economic activity, and changing patterns of land and resource use drive the need to revise the plan at this time.

Accomplishments:

Assessment Phase

An Assessment is a snapshot of current conditions and trends on the Forest. The Assessment report addresses 15 topics including social, ecological and economic resource areas. The 2017 Draft Assessment Report is available on-line here: https://goo.gl/AD424q

Need to Change

The preliminary Need to Change report helps to identify areas that could be improved through new, or different, management activities based on information gathered during the Assessment. The Need for Change report will be used to inform the development of the revised Forest Plan.

Current Status:

Developing a Forest Plan

Forest staff are currently developing draft Plan Components which include:

- **Desired Conditions**
- Objectives
- Standards and Guidelines
- Suitability of Lands
- Monitoring
- Management Approaches

The Wilderness evaluation and Wild and Scenic River processes are also happening concurrently with Plan development. Interested in learning more about the Forest Plan process? Watch a short video prepared by the National Forest Foundation here: https://vimeo.com/233516649

How can the Public Participate?

Public participation is a priority during each phase of Forest Plan Revision.

The Manti-La Sal National Forest uses public meetings and workshops, informal review and formal comment periods to engage the public throughout the planning process.

A set of public meetings and Cooperating Agency workshops are currently planned for Fall 2018. These meetings will provide updates on work completed to-date including: a Preliminary Need to Change Report, draft desired conditions and objectives, Wilderness Evaluation, Timber Suitability, and more.

Visit our website and click on the "Get Involved" tab to receive announcements for upcoming meetings or comment periods.

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Photo: Dark Canyon Wilderness