



Blue Mountains National Forests Plan Revision—Economic Well-Being

The preferred alternative provides for a variety of goods and services.



Forest Products Desired Conditions

- Lands classified as suitable for timber production have a regularly scheduled timber harvest. Lands classified as unsuitable for timber production, but where harvest can occur, has an irregular harvest program that contributes to social and economic benefits.
- A predictable supply of timber outputs contributes to local forest products industry
- Small diameter biomass provides a variety of forest products such as hog fuel, fuel chips, pulp, small diameter roundwood, and firewood
- Non-timber forest products, such as berries and mushrooms, continue to be available for gathering in sustainable amounts

Land Ownership Desired Conditions

- Property boundaries are marked to standard and maintained to reduce the likelihood of future encroachments, title claims, and trespass.
- Road and trail easements are prioritized and obtained to continue access across private lands
- Priorities for land acquisition include congressionally designated areas and lands that support known populations of threatened, endangered, proposed, or sensitive species



Mineral and Geological Resource Desired Condition

- Exploration, development, and production of mineral and energy resources contribute to social and economic needs and are conducted so as to minimize adverse environmental effects on National Forest surface resources

Special Uses Desired Conditions

- Special uses authorizations are managed to protect natural resources values consistent with the ecological, social and economic desired conditions

Facilities and Infrastructure Desired Conditions

- Administrative Facilities are safe, efficient, cost-effective, and maintained to meet management needs
- Compliment and harmonize with the natural setting



Livestock Grazing Desired Condition

- Grazing allotments contribute to a predictable supply of livestock forage that contributes to local ranching operation sustainability and local community growth while maintaining or achieving ecological desired conditions

Water Use Desired Conditions

- Water is available in sufficient quantity downstream to meet human needs as well as the needs of aquatic species
- Water quality and quantity of groundwater resources is sufficient to provide for the extent and diversity of species normally associated with these habitats



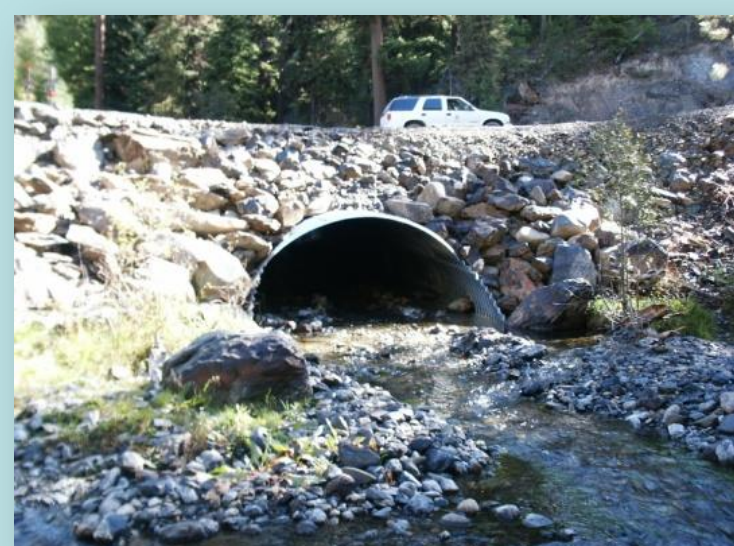
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Forest Plan Predicted Wage Income Contribution

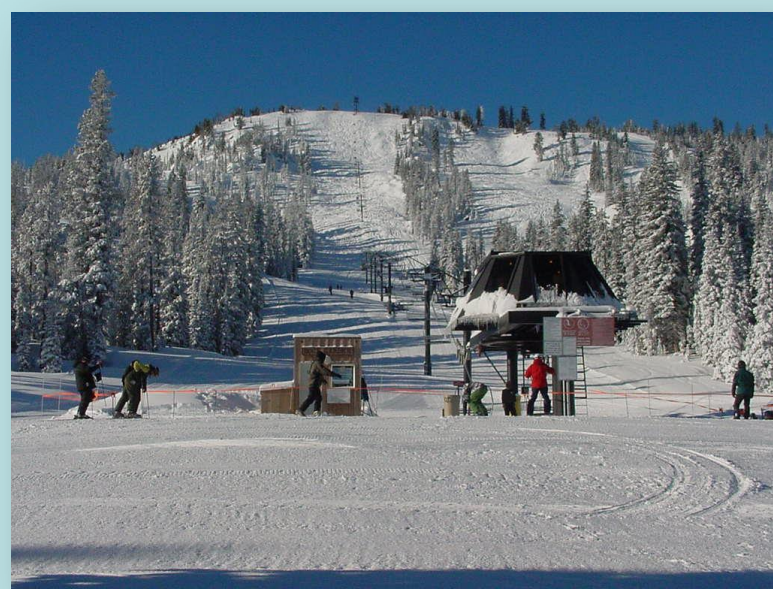
- Grazing: Estimated wage income predicted to remain the same for all three forests
- Timber harvest: Estimated wage income predicted to increase across all forests
- Restoration: Estimated budget expenditures predicted to increase across all forests
- Expenditures Salary and Non-salary: Estimated budget expenditures and related wage income contribution predicted to increase across all forests
- Recreation: No change in estimated recreation expenditures across all forests





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The Preferred Alternative predicted jobs by goods and services.

- Jobs supporting restoration/timber predicted to increase across all forests
- Jobs supporting grazing predicted to remain steady for the forests
- Jobs supporting ecosystem restoration predicted to increase across all forests
- Jobs supporting recreation predicted to remain around the same across all three forests
- Jobs supporting Forest Service work predicted to increase across all forests

