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The Jefferson National Forest will restore Southern Yellow Pine open woodlands.



# PREFACE

This *Revised Land and Resource Management Plan* (Forest Plan) has been prepared according to Secretary of Agriculture regulations (36 CFR 219) which are based on the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act (RPA) as amended by the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (NFMA). The Forest Plan has also been developed in accordance with regulations (40 CFR 1500) for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). A detailed Environmental Impact Statement has been prepared as required by NFMA (36 CFR 219.10). The Forest Plan represents the selected alternative as identified in the *Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Revised Land and Resource Management Plan* (FEIS).

The document is divided into six major parts: the "Introduction to the Forest Plan," "Forest-Wide Direction," "Management Prescriptions," "Management Areas," "Plan Implementation," "Monitoring and Evaluation," and "Appendices."

Forestwide Direction applies to the whole Forest.

Management Area Direction applies to unique geographical sections of the Forest based on watersheds and social/ecological factors.

Management Prescription Direction applies repetitively across the Forest to areas with similar desired conditions.





The “Introduction to the Forest Plan” Chapter 1 provides background information that places the Management Direction into context with other management directives or procedures and trends occurring on the Forest. The information includes the purpose of a Forest Plan; the decisions made; the relationship of the Forest Plan to other important documents that also provide management direction; a forest description; a summary of the “Analysis of the Management Situation” and a summary of the significant issues.

The “Forest-Wide Direction” Chapter 2 provides management direction that applies to the entire Jefferson National Forest. This direction includes an introduction that explains how this direction was developed and defines goals, objectives and standards. The body of this chapter describes each resource on the Forest followed by the specific goals, objectives and standards related to that resource.

The “Management Prescriptions” Chapter 3 provides about 50 unique land allocations on the Jefferson. Within this section, management prescriptions are defined. Each prescription includes an emphasis, desired condition, objectives (if needed) and standards. In the pocket attached to the back cover of this Plan, you will find maps showing the location of each management prescription.

The “Management Areas” Chapter 3 describes ten unique sections of the Jefferson based on watersheds as well as social and ecological factors. Each management area shows existing conditions, desired conditions, (objectives (if applicable), acreage of each management prescription, and standards (if applicable).

The “Plan Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation” Chapter 5 includes information on the how the Forest Plan will be implemented and updated through monitoring and evaluation.

The “Appendices” section contains more detailed information that may be helpful in understanding the Forest Plan. They include items such as Monitoring Tasks, Research Needs, and our Old Growth Strategy.



The Jefferson Forest Plan is the result of extraordinary citizen involvement.