


Directives


- FSM 1920 (Manual):
The Forest Service manual **lays out the policy** for implementing the Planning Rule. It is written **for various levels of line officers** and focuses on who is responsible for implementing each part of the rule.

FS Manual Examples


- **Responsible officials shall** ensure that the planning process, plan components and other plan content are within Forest Service authority, the inherent capability of the plan area, and the fiscal capability of the unit (36 CFR 219.1(g)).
- **Responsible officials shall** conduct all aspects of land management planning (assessment; development, amendment or revision; monitoring) in a timely and efficient manner.

FS Manual Examples 

- **1920.41 – Chief**
- **1. The Chief is responsible** for national planning, such as the preparation of the Forest Service strategic plan required under the Government Performance and Results Modernization Act of 2010 (5 U.S.C. 306; 31 U.S.C. 1115-1125; 31 U.S.C. 9703-9704).
- **2. The Chief reserves the authority** to approve the schedule for revising individual land management plans.
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FS Manual Examples 

- The **responsible official** may use available public and governmental information in developing the plan monitoring program where it is relevant and appropriate, including traditional ecological knowledge, land ethics, cultural issues and sacred and culturally significant sites, to help sustain provisions of services and benefits from national forests and grasslands for Tribes and other traditional communities.

Directives 

- **FSH 1909.12 (Handbook):**
The planning handbook contains **the procedures, techniques, and definitions** to be used by the **resources specialists and planning staff** doing the detailed work of forest planning.

1909.12 Handbook Chapters



- Ch 10 Assessments
- Ch 20 Plan Development, Revision and Amendment
- Ch 30 Monitoring
- Ch 40 Adaptive Framework, Science, Public Participation, and Consultation
- Ch 50 Objections
- Ch 60 Vegetation Management
- Ch 70 Wilderness
- Ch 80 Wild and Scenic Rivers
- Ch 90 References

FS Handbook Examples




- 2006 1909.12 Chapter 10 Land Management Plan
- 11.11 - Desired Conditions**
 1. Desired conditions (36 CFR 219.7(a)(2)(i)) are the plan component that describes the ecological, economic, and social attributes that characterize the desired outcome of land management.
 2. Desired conditions **should be** integrated to consider the needs of all relevant resources, ongoing activities, and natural processes. Desired conditions developed or expressed by adjacent agencies, landowners, or communities **should be considered** when establishing desired conditions for the plan area.
 3. Desired conditions **may** only be achievable in the long term. If desired conditions cannot be achieved or are no longer valid or relevant to the long-term multiple-use management of the plan, the **plan should be amended or revised**.
 4. Desired conditions **may** be the same as existing conditions.


FS Handbook Examples




- 2006 1909.12 Chapter 10 Land Management Plan
 - 13.13a - Recreation and Scenery**
- When modifying plan components, use the following criteria to consider recreational resources:*
1. Visitation to NFS lands to ensure that the levels of quality recreation and tourism experience for a region or specific geographic area are sustainable.
 2. High quality recreational opportunities, such as hunting, fishing, skiing, hiking, and scenery viewing on national forests, grasslands, prairies, or other comparable units should be desired conditions in plans where these experiences contribute to the local economies of NFS land-dependent rural communities.
 3. Relationship between potential wilderness values and other multiple uses, such as fuel reduction, recreation, wildlife, and vegetation, if determining management guidance for a potential wilderness.

FS Handbook Examples 

- 2006 1909.12 Chapter 10 Land Management Plan
- **13.13b - Heritage Resources**
Plans may identify desired conditions, objectives, or other plan components for heritage resources. When modifying plan components about or affecting heritage resources:
 1. Set priorities to protect the Forest Service's most significant heritage sites.
 2. Include protecting and interpreting heritage resources as desired conditions, if appropriate.

1909.12 Handbook Chapters 

- **Chapter 10 - Assessments**
 - *Describes the process and content requirements of the assessment. Focuses on rapid identification and evaluation of existing information on 15 topics and plan area's contribution to sustainability*
- **Chapter 20 - Plan Development, Revision and Amendment**
 - *Gives direction on the process for developing/revising/amending plans, required plan content, and technical guidance on how to develop plan content*

1909.12 Handbook Chapters 

- **Chapter 30 Monitoring**
 - *Provides direction on the process and content requirements for the plan monitoring program, broader-scale monitoring strategies, and the monitoring evaluation report.*
- **Chapter 40 – Adaptive Framework, Science, Public Participation, and Consultation**
 - *Gives direction on the Adaptive Framework and the best available scientific information (BASI), how it must inform the planning process, and how it is to be documented. It also provides direction on public participation, collaboration, and consultation, describing what's required throughout the stages of the planning process.*

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- Chapter 50 Objections
 - Gives direction on how to conduct the objection process and what's required at each point in the process.
- Chapter 60 – Vegetation Management
 - Provides direction on how to determine which parts of the plan area are non-suitable and suitable for timber production, how to calculate the long-term sustained yield capacity of the unit, and how to meet the NFMA requirements applicable timber harvest.

1909.12 Handbook Chapters



- Chapter 70 – Wilderness
 - Gives direction on how to identify and evaluate areas to be recommended for wilderness.
- Chapter 80 Wild and Scenic Rivers
 - Gives direction on how to identify and evaluate rivers as recommended wild and scenic rivers.
- Chapter 90 – References
 - Contains all references used in Handbook

Time Frames



Questions?