

# **Early Implementation of the 2012 Planning Rule**

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# 2012 Planning Rule – our focus

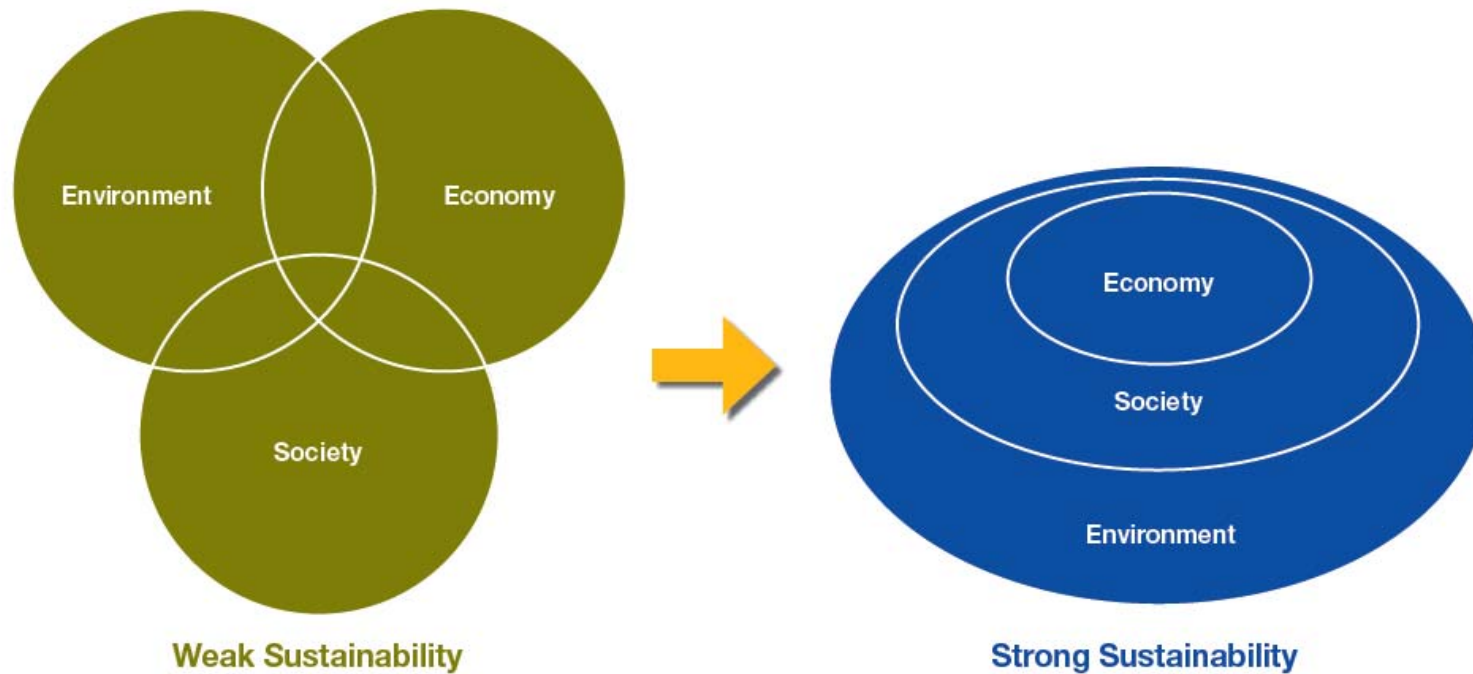
- Need ecological, social and economic integration to achieve sustainability
- All-lands approach
- Transparent, collaborative process
- Best available scientific information
- Landscape scale restoration
- Inclusion of youth and underserved communities



Volunteer Project Near June Lake, Inyo NF

# Triple Bottom Line

**Figure I-1.** Triple Bottom Line: interconnected and interdependent benefits.



Source: Maureen Hart—Sustainable Measures

# Why a New Approach?

## Efficiencies, Continuity, and Consistency

- Reduced budgets
- Planning horizon
- Networks
- Partnerships

# How we are integrating?

## Internally

- Regional Planning Team
- Steering Committee
- Topical teams across boundaries



# How we are integrating?

## Externally

- Collaboration and Communication Plans
- Sierra Cascades Dialog
- “Our Forest Place” and “Living Assessment”
- California Biodiversity Council
- Youth & Underrepresented Communities
- Tribal Consultation
- County Coordination

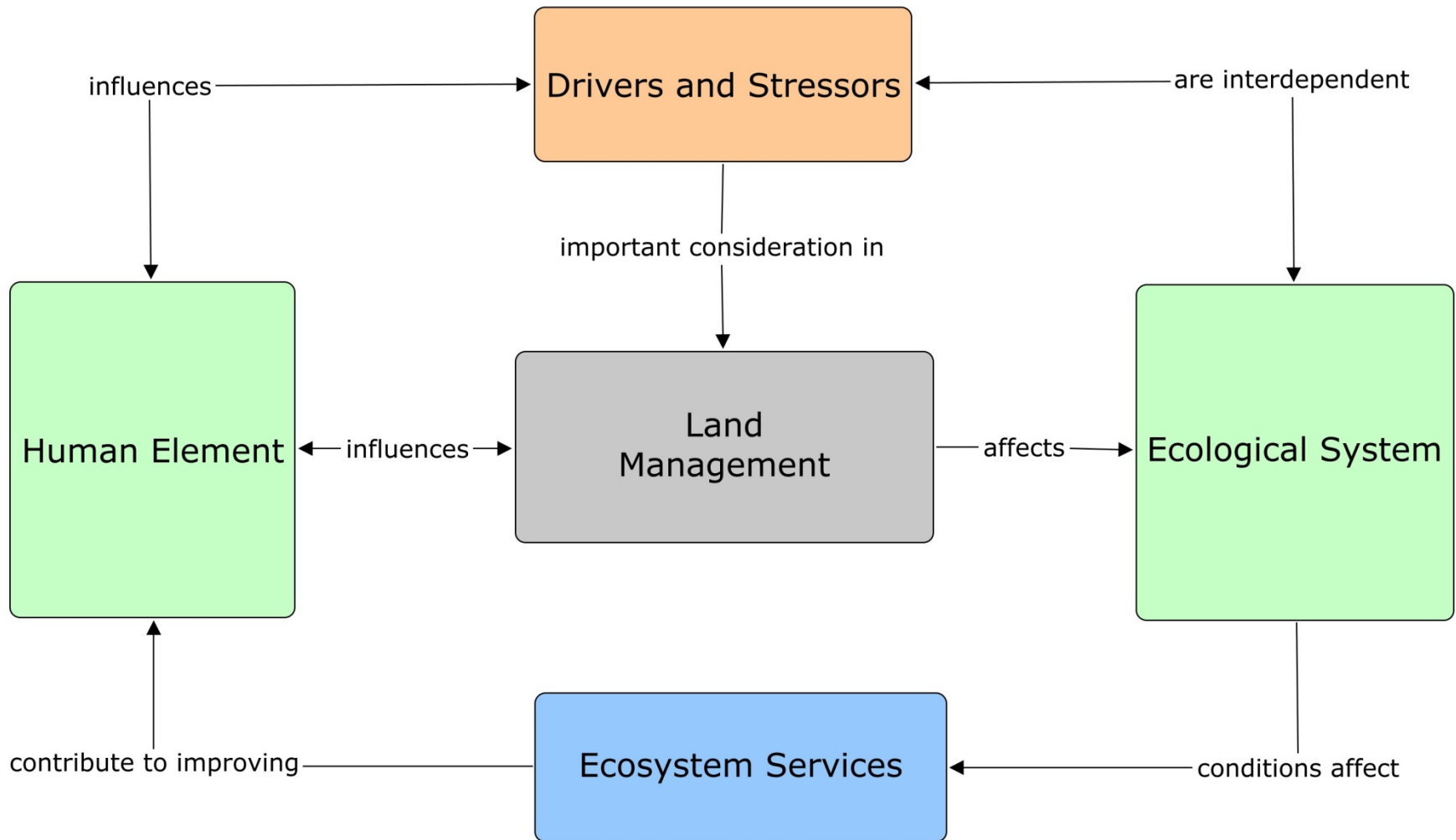


Sierra Cascade Dialog Session 4

# Integration Tool

- Framework to visualize linkages
- Transparent tradeoffs
- Identifies ripple effects of changes in system
- Communication tool
- Facilitates modeling







# Results to Date

- Partnership with PSW Research Station to develop a science synthesis that informs forest planning – final draft produced January 10, 2013.
- Assessing current conditions and trends at the forest –level on the Inyo, Sierra, and Sequoia National Forests – projected completion December 31, 2013.
- Assessing the Sierra Nevada as a bioregion - projected completion July 31, 2013.

# Challenges

- Defining clear roles and responsibilities
- Changing expectations
- Coordination among three early adopter national forests
- Managing stakeholder fatigue
- Link with 2004 Sierra Nevada Framework

# Questions

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