

APPENDIX 3

USFS Seven Questions for Directives Deliberation

1. What changes to the proposed FS Manual 1920 and FS Handbook 1909.12 do you recommend to make implementation of the 2012 Planning Rule more efficient and effective?
2. Do the proposed directives appropriately address or provide for uncertainty and risk (such as climate change) in implementation of the rule?
3. Did the agency take the right approach in the proposed directives to identify species of conservation concern?
4. Do the directives define and provide for an appropriate public engagement process including interactions with NEPA processes? Is the direction of the proposed directives appropriate regarding collaboration versus public engagement?
5. What, if any, additional guidance or direction is needed in regard to identifying and using social and economic science?
6. What changes would you recommend to make the direction and processes accessible to a range of users (including the public) while meeting the technical direction needed by the agency?
7. Based on the committee's knowledge of early adopter efforts, are there any gaps or unacceptable variability of interpretation of the directives that should be added or clarified?