

SECTION 2 - MONITORING REPORT

ECONOMICS

Item No. 1 - Quantitative Estimate of Performance Output or Services

Frequency of Measurement: Annual
Reporting Period: Annual

MONITORING ACTION

Present resource outputs and activities for FY03.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS / FINDINGS

See Table 1: Comparison of Outputs and Activities with those Projected in the Forest Plan for outputs and activities occurring in FY03, along with the percent achieved compared with Forest Plan projections. It is becoming increasingly difficult to make a direct comparison of outputs and activities described in the Forest Plan to present day activities due to changes in operational and accounting methods.

Item No. 17 - Document Cost of Implementation Compared with Plan Cost

Frequency of Measurement: Annual
Reporting Period: Annual

MONITORING ACTION

The Forest Budget and Finance Officer will compile actual costs for comparison with Forest Plan projected costs.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS / FINDINGS

See Table 2: Comparison between Yearly Expenditures (in thousands dollars) and Forest Plan Projections (in 2003 dollars) for a display of cost comparison. It is becoming increasingly difficult to make direct comparisons of yearly expenditures described in the Forest Plan to present day expenditures due to changes in operational and accounting methods.

Table 1: Comparison of Outputs and Activities with those Projected in the Clearwater National Forest Plan

Output or Activity	Unit of Measure	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	First Decade Average Annual from Forest Plan	FY03 % of Forest Plan Predicted
RECREATION ¹ Developed Use / Dispersed Use	MRVDs	366	304	456	467	483	201	240%
WILDLIFE & FISH Wildlife Habitat Improvement	Acres	900	1225	978	704	5000 ²	1,300	380%
Fish Habitat Improvement	Acres	238	29	87	54	41	219	19%
T&E Habitat Improvement	Acres	620	450	465	5	0	NA	NA
RANGE Grazing use	MAUMs	9.0	8.6	9.7	8.4	8.0	16.0	50%
Range improvement Non-structural ³	Acres	300	313	275	495	486	7,000	%
Structures	Str.	1	2	1	0	0	NA	NA
Noxious Weed Control ⁴	Acres	350	1,025	1,400	1,070	1,950	380	513%
MINERALS Minerals Management	Cases	92	107	104	100	100	265	NA ⁵
TIMBER Volume Offered Roaded Primary	MMBF	21.2	8.1	20.1	5.8	29.6	90	33%
Roaded NICS	MMBF	2.7	2.6	2.2	0	0	10	0%
Unroaded	MMBF	0	0	0	0	0	73	0%
Volume Under Contract	MMBF	68.6	55.5	57.4	49.3	36.6 ⁶	NA	NA
Reforestation							14,416	15%
Appropriate Funds	Acres	656	636	505	465	1193	NA	NA
KV Funds	Acres	1,456	1,031	556	462	951	NA	NA
Timber Stand Improvement							1,928	45%
Appropriated Funds	Acres	782	0	36	0	765	NA	NA
KV Funds	Acres	1	0	40	0	109	NA	NA
FUELS MANAGEMENT Natural Fuels Treatment	Acres	3,744	2,478	1,938	4,040	3,083	NA	NA
Brush Disposal	Acres	1,075	942	538	844	504	NA	NA
Wildland Fire Benefit	Acres	2,411	1	2,262	696	7,544	NA	NA
FACILITIES Trail Constr/Reconstr Road	Miles	50.1	18.2	22.5	3.2	5.2	14.0	37%
Construction	Miles	1.4	8.6	0	0	0	69.0	0%
Reconstruction	Miles	33.3	33.1	11.6	5.7	0.5	NA	NA
Obliteration	Miles	83.5	47.4	64.0	40.4	24.5	NA	NA

¹ Updated monitoring standards and policy indicate there is not sufficient accuracy in recreation estimates to report a separate figure for developed and dispersed.

² Includes 2000 acres treated with cooperative funding.

³ This figure represents the acres harvested by methods that provide a temporary forage base for range resources.

⁴ FY02 monitoring report figure was in error, it is corrected here.

⁵ Due to the changes in FY96 definitions of accomplishment, case numbers cannot be directly compared to Forest Plan estimates.

⁶ Late in the fiscal year sell of 20 million still to be awarded.

NA = The Forest Plan did not project an average annual output for this output or activities or it is no longer comparable.

Table 2: Comparison between Yearly Expenditures (in thousand \$) and Forest Plan Projections (in FY02 \$)

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FOREST PLAN	FY03 % of Forest Plan Predicted
General Administration	1207	599	NA	NA	NA	3333	NA
Fire Protection	2123	1899	2968	2849	3013	1347	227%
Fire Protection Fuel	376	259	624	520	408	386	107%
Timber Sale Prep/Admin	1602	1358	1059	1156	450	4011	11%
Timber Resource Plans	0	0	0	0	399	453	89%
Timber Silvicultural Exams	65	22	98	0	0	1330	0%
Range	40	34	31	46	101	161	63%
Range Noxious Weeds	97	94	78	107	142	44	324%
Minerals	99	118	142	137	337	261	131%
Recreation	1046	917	946	1241	1349	1608	85%
Wildlife and Fish	944	975	829	973	881	1685	53%
Soil and Water	778	458	241	390	490	607	82%
Maintenance of Facilities	255	275	550	290	347	746	47%
Special Uses	36	155	52	40	43	139	31%
Land Ownership Exchange	121	122	119	66	15	204	7%
Land Line Location	119	83	183	111	130	542	24%
Road Maintenance	1145	936	906	1174	1093	1263	88%
Trail Maintenance	336	265	195	566	867	668	132%
Co-op Law Enforcement	51	77	50	40	0	104	0%
Reforestation Appropriated	488	289	23	417	526	2708	20%
TSI Appropriated	270	40	51	128	260	635	41%
Tree Improvement ⁷	450	404	176	139	158	92	174%
KV Reforestation	1478	928	586	459	755	4184	18%
TSI KV	2	13	18	2	37	130	29%
Other KV	10	0	0	0	0	900	0%
Other CWFS Trust Fund	1257	1597	4630	1194	1753	1023	174%
Timber Salvage Sales	2180	1574	2147	1019	1527	458	338%
Brush Disposal	408	342	281	205	342	2495	14%
Range Betterment	4	4	4	2	3	12	26%
Construction Recreation Facilities	272	94	88	344	355	130	276%
Facility Construction	0	0	0	0	53	868	6%
Engineering Construction Supp	156	207	580	19	0	2567	0%
Construction Capital Investment	651	6	0	0	121	3876	3%
Trail Construction/Reconstruction	392	401	495	82	321	450	72%
Timber Purchase Road C/R	0	0	0	0	0	6870	0%
Land Acquisition	40	42	15	1514	625	98	648%
Insect/Disease Sup	80	29	8	56	174	0	NA
Economic Recovery	10	66	29	11	105	0	NA
Appeals/Litigation	48	27	33	0	0	NA	NA
Ecosystem Management	1069	1255	1126	1049	888	0	NA
Federal Highway Relief	205	0	0	0	0	0	NA
Flood Repair	106	0	0	0	0	0	NA
TOTAL	20,017	15,964	19,361	16,346	18,068	46,389	39%

⁷ Includes Lenore Seed Orchard management and genetic tree improvement program funds not in original Forest Plan projections.

NA = Either not originally planned for or discontinued accounting item.

EFFECTS

Item No. 22 - Effects of National Forest Management on Adjacent Land and Communities

Frequency of Measurement: Annual
Reporting Period: Annual

MONITORING ACTION

A report will be prepared to determine concerns and goals regarding Forest management.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS / FINDINGS

ISSUES AND CONCERNS: Primary concerns during FY03 included the following.



ROADS POLICY

Local interest continued in the agency's policy for managing road systems. A formal process and public discussion regarding Forest Service road management was initiated in 1998 with an interim rule that temporarily suspended road construction and reconstruction in certain unroaded areas.

A final rule was completed in January 2001. To ensure Forests made sound decisions regarding new road construction, reconstruction and decommissioning activities, it required Forests to conduct science-based roads analysis prior to issuing decisions that included the aforementioned activities. The requirement was effective July 12, 2001. It required Forests to complete a forest-scale road analysis by January 12, 2002.

After a review of the final rule and discussion with Forest Service units, timeframes were modified and interim direction issued. The requirement to conduct a roads analysis prior to issuing decisions regarding road construction, reconstruction, or decommissioning was extended to January 12, 2003. The Clearwater National Forest forest-scale roads analysis was completed on January 7, 2003.

LYNX FOREST PLAN AMENDMENT

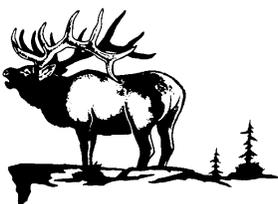
The Canada lynx, a rare, forest-dwelling cat, was listed as *"threatened"* by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in March 2000. In September, the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management unveiled a proposal to incorporate lynx conservation measures into existing land management plans. To help people understand what this could mean to Clearwater National Forest programs, the Forest issued a letter to individuals on a Forest Plan mailing list. It included information about the habitat needs of lynx, the proposed amendment, the amendment process and public involvement opportunities.

The Draft Environmental Statement was released in early January. In response, the Clearwater National Forest hosted an open house on February 12 in Orofino. This offered individuals an opportunity to speak with resource specialists about the DEIS.

The public comment period closed on April 15, 2004. The Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision are expected to be released in the Fall of 2004.

ELK HABITAT INITIATIVE

In portions of the Clearwater Basin, Idaho's renowned elk herd is in serious decline. Experts agree that habitat decline, hunting pressure, predators and harsh winters are the primary cause for the diminishing numbers.



The Clearwater Basin Elk Habitat Initiative was begun in 1998 to address the problem and to find solutions. It is a collaborative effort with state and federal agencies, and many private sector partners participating. A self-organized citizens group, the Clearwater Elk Recovery Team, is also working to find solutions.

The Clearwater National Forest continued a focused effort to improve wildlife habitat in the North Fork Clearwater sub-basin. The Forest decision on restoration options in the 156,000-acre Middle Black (Middle North Fork and Upper North Fork-Black Canyon area) were presented in the Middle-Black Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD). Implementation began in 2003 and is continuing.

LEWIS & CLARK BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE

From 2003-2006, thousands of visitors are predicted to visit Idaho to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Corps of Discovery's voyage. In preparation for these visitors, the Clearwater National Forest is making plans to welcome visitors, to provide information and services, and to protect natural resources.

In FY03, the Forest implemented a permit system to manage use in the high elevation portion of the Lolo Trail corridor during the bicentennial years. This system is designed to protect the rich cultural and fragile natural resources in the area. The Forest began publicizing the permit requirement and implemented a lottery in January of 2003.

In addition, the Forest, the Clearwater-Snake Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee and the Clearwater Economic Development Association implemented a seven-county public safety plan, securing funding for some of the identified needs. The supplemental Fire Evacuation Plan was used during the fires of 2003. Motorway Rangers monitored and protected the cultural and natural resources along the Lolo Motorway. Rangers also educated visitors about the permit system, and encouraged Leave No Trace camping.

Work continued on information and interpretation efforts related to the Bicentennial, with employees implementing components of an interpretive plan, developing text for new interpretive signs to be located along U.S. Highway 12 and completing a brochure titled *Following Lewis and Clark along the Lolo Trail*. Construction was completed on the new visitor center and rest stop located at Lolo Pass. Dedication occurred in June 2003. Interpretive displays are scheduled to be completed in 2004.

SPECIAL PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

RURAL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Forest continues to work with local communities to secure funds through the Farm Bill's Rural Community Assistance program. In FY03, grants were awarded to the following:

- Clearwater Unlimited, Inc.: \$5,000 for Clearwater Country Visitor Center - Phase II (land transfer), to initiate and support tourism development by creating a regional visitor center.
- Kooskia Revitalization Committee: \$20,000 for the Harpster Volunteer Fire Association building construction project to enhance response time to fires.
- City of Lapwai: \$4,987 for "Welcome to Lapwai" Signs.
- City of Craigmont: \$20,000 for construction of amphitheater and cedar band shell. This project is part of a total park renovation project and provides a location for the annual town picnic, summer concert series, picnics, meetings, and business promotions/appreciation barbecues.
- City of Kendrick: \$20,000 for the depot renovation and development of an historical museum enhancing the quality of living within the community by providing economic and recreational opportunities.

RECEIPTS TO COUNTIES

Through FY00, 25 percent of money received from the sale and use of a variety of national forest products and services was returned to the county on which the National Forest land was located. Those funds were dedicated to the upkeep and maintenance of roads and schools.

Due to changing programs, particularly a decline in federal timber sales, county receipts have been plummeting. This decline led Congress to pass the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393) to provide the opportunity for an increased, stable payment to local counties. The act gave counties the option of remaining with the current system or electing a payment based on an average of the state's three highest payments between 1986 and 1999. All counties represented on the Clearwater National Forest elected a payment based on the new formula.

Local counties receiving payments for FY03 include:

- *Benewah County* *\$30,608*
- *Clearwater County* *\$1,064,914*
- *Idaho County* *\$854,103*
- *Latah County* *\$318,298*
- *Nez Perce County* *\$119*
- *Shoshone County* *\$141,472*

Counties electing to receive full payment based on the new formula were required to reserve 15-20 percent of their funds for forest restoration, maintenance or stewardship if their payment exceeded \$100,000. By law, they were also required to form consensus-based Resource Advisory Committees (RAC) to recommend the special projects funded with this money.

Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman appointed the following individuals to serve on the North Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee which works with the Clearwater and Nez Perce National Forests:

NAME	TOWN	INTEREST
Paul E. Bartlett	Lewiston	Organized Labor
Ronald William Hartig	Pierce	Mining Interests
William Edward Mulligan	Lewiston	Timber Interests
Brett Thomas Bennett	Moscow	Timber Interests
Don Heckman	White Bird	Grazing Interests
David P. Bodine, Jr.	Grangeville	Replacement
Dennis William Baird	Moscow	National Conservation Interests
Porter (Kent) Henderson	Lewiston	Local Conservation Interests
Robert B. Hafer	Grangeville	Dispersed Recreation Interests
Donald D. McPherson	Kooskia	Dispersed Recreation Interests
Harlan Odell Opdahl	Pierce	Outfitter
Robert F. Abbott	Grangeville	Replacement
George H. Enneking	Cottonwood	Local Elected Official
David Louis Ponozzo	Orofino	Local Elected Official
John Allan Nelson	Troy	Local Elected Official
Susan Gail Borowicz	Elk City	School Official
Fred L. Trevey	Lewiston	Citizen at Large
David B. Johnson	Lewiston	Nez Perce Tribe

The RAC recommends public lands projects to the Secretary of Agriculture. (The public may suggest these to the RAC.) For a project to be recommended by the entire group, it must be approved by three of the five representatives in each membership category.

Projects identified for implementation on federal lands must comply with all federal laws and Forest Service land management plans. RAC meetings will be publicized and open to the public. The Forest continues to work with area counties and members of the RAC as this legislation is implemented.

Projects approved in FY03 included:

- Palouse Noxious Weeds - \$18,000 for cooperative weed management involving the Clearwater National Forest and Latah and Clearwater Counties.

- Gezel Creek NEPA - \$142,400 for planning restoration and forest management in Gezel Creek
- Clearwater Mark & Cruise - \$90,000 for contracting sale preparation on the Clearwater National Forest.
- Prescription Contract - \$27,000 for contracting silvicultural prescriptions on the Clearwater National Forest.

Item No. 23 - Effects of Other Agencies on National Forests

Frequency of Measurement: Annual
Reporting Period: Five Years

MONITORING ACTION

A report will be prepared to determine effects of the activities of other agencies on the Forest.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS / FINDINGS

The Clearwater National Forest believes in the value of coordination, cooperation and collaboration. Forest employees routinely work with many agencies through formal and informal processes. Key contacts include (but are not limited to):

Nez Perce Tribe: The Forest has a unique government-to-government relationship with the Nez Perce Tribe. The Forest communicates and consults directly with the Nez Perce Tribe regarding proposed projects and activities. The Forest and Tribe also partnership on an active road obliteration and monitoring program.

Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDF&G): IDF&G routinely provides advice regarding projects affecting fish and wildlife resources. Department personnel also enforce IDF&G laws on the Forest.

Idaho State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO): Clearwater National Forest personnel consult with SHPO regarding the impacts of proposed activities and projects on heritage resources.

Idaho, Latah and Clearwater County Sheriffs' Departments: Through a cooperative agreement these departments patrol campgrounds and forest roads and assist Forest Service law enforcement officers. These counties participated in the development of a Lolo Motorway public safety plan.

Natural Resources Conservation Service: This agency monitors precipitation stations on the Forest.

Idaho Department of Lands (IDL): Forest Service personnel coordinate with IDL when issuing burning permits. In addition, the agencies work together to train firefighters and suppress wildland fires.

National Park Service: The Forest coordinates with the Nez Perce National Historic Park regarding the management of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail and the Lolo Trail National Historic Landmark. The Forest also works with the Park in the development of interpretive materials and plans for the upcoming Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation: The Forest continues to apply to the Department's grant program and participate in the Park 'n Ski program.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: The Forest shares resource management information and expertise with Corps managers. Forest Service offices routinely provide information about Corps recreation sites.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Dworshak Hatchery: Forest personnel provide information about visitor information at this site. The Forest participated in Free Fishing Day activities with agency personnel.

National Marine Fisheries Service: The Forest consults with this agency on resource issues that potentially affect listed anadromous fish under the requirements of the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

U.S. Fish And Wildlife Service: The Forest consults with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on resource issues that potentially affect listed fish and wildlife under the requirements of the ESA.

Idaho Department of Transportation: The Forest coordinates with the Transportation Department primarily on issues related to U.S. Highway 12 and the Lolo Pass Visitor Center.