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May 96	Public Comment Package Mailed to 1,000-1,500 people	Requested rating of 21 issues (Hi-Med-Low) for inclusion in this revision and rational for inclusion. Low-rated items were deferred for later action. 168 written comments were received (189 including duplicates). 68 people expressed interest in attending a workshop to discuss the issues.
May 96	Draft MOU	Discussion on amendments to a Draft MOU developing between the Leech Lake Band and Forest Service specific to Forest Planning consultation, General management cooperation, and mutual enforcement of laws, regulations and ordinances. (Executive Order 13007 passed regarding access to and ceremonial)use of sacred sites.
Dec 96	Tribal Consultation-Reference Paper	An overview and background paper on <u>American Indian Trust Responsibilities</u> related to Forest Plan revision was reviewed by members of the Leech Lake Band, FS Office of General Council, and the interdisciplinary planning team. Used in conjunction with public comments for inclusion of issues in this revision process.
Dec 96	One public workshop on 11 issues, lasting 2 days, and separate work with LLBO on a reference paper	Validated new information (described in a set of Reference Papers) and questions to be addressed through revision. 60 attendees addressed the 12 most controversial topics of the 21 proposed. There was a separate employee reference paper review meeting.
Jan-Feb 97	Workshop Follow-up	Participants were sent updated versions of Reference papers.
Feb – March 97	Tribal Consultation-9 Interdisciplinary Task Teams	Nine Forest Service working groups proposed recommendations to resolve questions and issues of nine most-controversial topics. (3 included a representative from MN Department of Natural Resources, or tribal gov't). Task Team Reports were provided to the Planning Team.
June 97	Revision Newsletter	Content: Purpose of Forest Plan and Revision, overview of process steps
Aug, 97	Pre-release	Pre-release of the draft Notice of Intent (CA letter #495)
Aug 97	Notice of Intent Issued Mailed to 2,070 people	Synopsis printed in the <u>Federal Register</u> . The NOI includes provisions specific to Indian Tribes and this is different from the old plan, a significant effort worth mentioning to show response to tribes input. 60-day comment period was extended to 90 days. 462 comments received, 16 issues raised.
Sept 97	14 Open Houses and Tribal Consultation	Notice of Intent introduced. Total of 93 attendees. Five separate open houses were held to reach Tribal audiences in Oct-Nov 97.
Jan 98	Revision Newsletter	Content: update on Notice of Intent, overview of process to develop Alternatives
April 98	Tribal Consultation	Leech Lake DRM selected an employee to assist planner with identification and mapping of areas of tribal significance.
April 98	Revision Newsletter	Content: Review of public response to Notice of Intent and Notice of Intent relationship to development of Alternatives, overview of revision process.
May 98	Content Analysis Report sent to 2,200 people	Summary of Public Comments to Notice of Intent: Most dominant request was to add roads and recreation to issues addressed by revision. (NOTE: Executive Order 13084 passed acknowledging the unique consultative relationship of US Government with tribal government.)
July 98	Revision Newsletter	Content: update on public workshops and development of alternatives.
Aug 98	3 Progressive Public Workshops & Tribal Consultation	Instructions for Developing Alternatives. 200 attendees created 30 alternatives using 7 established themes and based on comments to Notice of Intent. A workbook of background info was prepared in advance. Tribal representative participated in workshops.

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Sept 98	Public Letter	Content: Thank you to workshop participants.
Sept 98	Workshop Summary	Workshop notes available by request. Stated that the first set of preliminary alternatives would be disclosed when mapped.
Sept – Nov 98	Consultation with LLBO- 3 meetings	Development of desired future conditions for treaty rights, access and resource management.
Oct 98	NEPA Quarterly sent to whom, explain what this is	Separate public newsletter regarding projects on Chippewa and Superior sent to interested parties. Content includes update on Revision activities
Nov 98	Tribal Consultation- Survey	Leech Lake tribal members responded to a questionnaire to help identify important traditional resources, access and habitats.
Nov 98	Tribal Consultation – meeting	Met on topics of access, collecting leeches, minnow, wild rice, and fish habitat, riparian areas, and wetlands.
Dec 98	Tribal Consultation- meeting	Review of alternatives.
Jan 99	Public web site	Timeline and revision process descriptions go online
Jan 99	NEPA Quarterly	Separate public newsletter regarding projects on on Chippewa and Superior sent to interested parties. Content: Workshops resulted in 30 different proposals and we expect 6-8 alternatives to emerge. Work of the Alternatives Team is expected to be shared in February 99.
Feb 99	Revision Newsletter	Content: The Planning organization takes official Pause to consider how best to analyze and organize Plan Revision.
April 99	NEPA Quarterly	Separate public newsletter regarding projects on Chippewa and Superior sent to interested parties. Content includes update on Revision activities
April 99	Revision Newsletter	Content: The Pause is over; employees reviewed pool of Management Areas, The planning team is preparing information for benchmarks. Analysis of Management Situation should be available in May 99. Info meetings expected at Districts and other locations in July 99.
May 99	Tribal Consultation- 2 Meetings	Forest Service leadership meet with newly appointed LLBO leaders to set up monthly consultation. LLBO-DRM specialists review preliminary alternatives and request participation in developing minimum management requirements. Unique participation we followed up on – see original tribal consult table.
June 99	Tribal Consultation – letter	Tribal chairs asked to formally designate a representative to help refine preliminary alternatives.
July 99	Tribal Consultation - Meeting	Leech Lake DRM Director and the Executive Director present issues to the Chippewa Forest Leadership Team. Action items noted in a letter of August 1, 99. Director of Leech Lake DRM proposed for appointment as Forest Planning liaison
July 99	Tribal Consultation – Meeting	LLBO -DRM and LLBO Natural Resource Advisory Committee provide input on the preliminary set of alternatives and review minimum management requirements proposed for each alternative.
Aug 99	Tribal Consultation –Meeting	Continued discussion with the LLBO Natural Resource Advisory Committee on the preliminary set of alternatives as well as the initial standards and guidelines.
July 99	NEPA Quarterly	Separate public newsletter regarding projects on Chippewa and Superior sent to interested parties. Content includes update on Revision activities

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July 99	Revision Newsletter	Content: Forests reviewed the preliminary alternatives; government/agencies will review in July-Aug 99. Publics can expect opportunities to review later in year at open houses. The planning team is integrating Recreation, preparing the Analysis of Management Situation and mapping potential candidate Research Natural Areas.
Aug 99	Storm Recovery Begins	Storm Recovery work temporarily supercedes Plan Revision and will be incorporated. Weekly Storm Recovery fact sheets.
Sept 99	Inter-Governmental /Agency Review	MN State agencies, 7 counties, and 4 tribal governments review preliminary alternatives and set up for interagency data sharing.
Oct 99	Revision Newsletter	Content: July Wind Storm required reevaluating landscape changes, Governmental review of preliminary alternatives has begun, Public review expected to follow governmental review.
Oct 99	NEPA Quarterly	Separate public newsletter regarding projects on Chippewa and Superior sent to interested parties. Content: Proposal for New Planning Regulations released and national open houses planned for November 99, intergovernmental/agency Review of Alternatives continues.
Nov 99	Related - 2 National Public Meetings	Overview of National Planning Rule-making and introduction of roadless area initiative. (150 attendees)
Dec 99	Revision Newsletter	Content: Introduce new planning team members, Population Viability Assessment begins, meetings on new planning regulations expected, and information about roadless initiative.
Dec 99	Tribal Consultation – Meeting	Discussion of issues of importance between Superior National Forest and Fond du Lac, Bois Forte, Grand Portage, background of the planning process, and potential for tribal input. Distributed information on the Roadless Area Conservation Policy with a national comment deadline of Dec 19.
Dec 99	Tribal Consultation - Inter-organizational decision	Establishment of Quarterly NEPA Review Meetings between Chippewa National Forest and Leech Lake Tribal leadership and their respective program managers.
Jan 00	Tribal Consultation – Meeting	Quarterly Meeting with LLBO on current and proposed projects. Content: ongoing coordination with governments/agencies, public review of preliminary Alternatives expected soon, update regarding proposed changes to planning regulations.
Jan 00	NEPA Quarterly	Separate public newsletter regarding projects on Chippewa and Superior sent to interested parties. Content: ongoing coordination with governments/agencies, public review of preliminary Alternatives expected soon, update regarding proposed changes to planning regulations.
Jan 00	Public Letter	Content: Notification for 5 public meetings in Feb/March to introduce the preliminary Alternatives.
Jan 00	Species Expert Panels & Tribal Consultation	60 species experts convene to assess the needs of 200 species, groupings and priorities applicable to revision. Tribal reps from 4 bands contribute to 5 of 16 panels.
Feb 00	Tribal Consultation –Related National Issue	Separate and required public involvement occurred with tribes related to the Roadless Area Conservation Proposal with documented input Feb 22, 00 applicable to the revision process. Director of LLBO Natural Resources appointed as liaison for Forest Planning.
Feb 00	Public Letter	Content: invitation to Plan Revision Progress Report meetings.
March 00	Public Meetings in 5 locations	Content: introduced 7 preliminary alternatives and process that behind them.

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April 00	NEPA Quarterly	Separate public newsletter regarding projects on Chippewa and Superior sent to interested parties. Content: Report from public meetings, Roadless initiative, Roads Mgt Rule
April 00	Tribal Consultation - Workshop	DRM and FS present a Forest Plan Revision Progress Report to tribal members including national forest and treaty history, pertinent laws affecting revision, status of maps and descriptions of preliminary alternatives. About 6 people attended.
May 00	Related National activity	Leech lake commissioner participates in Draft Report of the National Task Force on tribal Relations as presented to the National Leadership Team.
May-June 00	4 National Public Meetings/ Hearings	Explanation and comment session on Roadless Areas Proposal (300 attendees)
July 00	NEPA Quarterly	Separate public newsletter regarding projects on Chippewa and Superior sent to interested parties. Content includes update on Revision activities
July 00	Tribal Consultation – Meeting	Quarterly Meeting with LLBO on current and proposed projects
July 00	Congressional Hearing	Senators Gram and Wellstone hear feedback on effectiveness of Storm Recovery response and future planning (350 attended)
Sept 00	NEPA Quarterly	Separate public newsletter regarding projects on Chippewa and Superior sent to interested parties. Comment period closed for proposed changes to planning rule.
Oct 00	Related National activity	Leech lake reps visit with Deputy Chief Sally Collins about band history and relations with national forest.
Nov 00	Tribal Consultation – Meeting	Leech Lake Tribal Historic Preservation Officer attends Chippewa leadership meeting. Agreement to share future agendas.
Dec 00	Work Session	Met with LLBO to draft initial Standards and Guidelines related to tribal interests
Dec 00	NEPA Quarterly	Separate public newsletter regarding projects on Chippewa and Superior sent to interested parties. Content: Team working on draft Chap 1, answering questions for modeling, benchmarks, and defining management objectives.
Jan 01	Meeting	Quarterly Meeting with LLBO on current and proposed projects
Jan 01	Interagency Meeting & Tribal Consultation	LLBO Tribal Council, FS Leadership (local, regional and national), and state agency identify consultation problems and potential corrections. See original tribal consult table.

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April 01	Tribal Consultation - Meeting	Quarterly Meeting - Discussion between Chippewa National forest and LLBO prior to initiating Roads Analysis Process.
April 01	NEPA Quarterly	Separate public newsletter regarding projects on Chippewa and Superior sent to interested parties. Content: Implementing adopted Road Management Regulations
May 01	Tribal Consultation-meeting	Review of projects and status of programmatic agreement sensitive to Section 106 of Historic Preservation Act .FS Representative on the Advisory Council on historic Preservation provided comments on the 1997 Draft MOU between LLBO and Chippewa National Forest.
June 01	Work Session	Meeting with LLBO on Section 106/Programmatic Agreement progress. Decision to separate Programmatic Agreement from revision consultation and MOU development and accomplish in stages.
July 01	Related Regional activity	Regional Office staff checks the course of Minnesota and Wisconsin's revision efforts and validate next steps using the re-established 1982 Planning Rule. Draft Recommendations provided.
Aug 01	Revision Meetings	Overview of Roads Analysis Process, provided descriptive flyers available of dates, purpose etc. (Contracted with Rural Development Commissions) Chippewa held 5 meetings, 100 people attending. Superior held 3 meetings with 16 attendees.
Sept 01	Tribal consultation – meeting	Chippewa Forest Supervisor addresses LLBO Tribal Council to discuss consultation procedures.
Oct 01	Tribal Consultation – Meeting	Quarterly Meeting with LLBO on current and proposed projects
Nov 01	Tribal Consultation –Meeting	Quarterly Meeting with LLBO on current and proposed projects
Oct 01	NEPA Quarterly	Separate public newsletter regarding projects on Chippewa and Superior sent to interested parties. Content: Summer accomplishments included integrating wilderness evaluations and initial species viability into preliminary Alts, designing maps, establishing Desired Future Condition for Management Areas and finalizing modeling rules.
Dec 01	Revision Newsletter	Content: Review Notice of Intent, key issues, overview of process, Landscape Ecosystem approach, Range of Natural Variability,
Dec 01	NEPA Quarterly	Content includes update on Revision activities
Jan 02	Tribal Consultation – letter	Tribe provided comments on National Task Force Team Draft Consultation Policy.
Jan – Feb 02	Tribal Consultation – meeting	Regular meetings deferred.
March 02	Revision Newsletter	Content: Summary of preliminary alternatives and management areas, species viability evaluation, wilderness evaluation, announce public open houses.
March 02	7 Public Open Houses	Update and overview of revision process, provided fact sheets, maps (200 attendees)
March 02	NEPA Quarterly	Separate public newsletter regarding projects on Chippewa and Superior sent to interested parties. Content includes update on Revision activities
March 02	3 Leech Lake Band Public Meetings (independently held meetings at tribal Districts)	Status of Forest planning was one of 3 topics addressed. Described the issues that LLBO would like incorporated into revision, showed maps of alternatives. Follow-up meetings between DRM and CNF are planned for April 16, May 16 and June 20.

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March 02	Tribal Consultation – letter	Letter to Chief on timber harvest and effects on future trust responsibilities (and response Aug 02 - WO Correspondence)
March 02	Tribal Consultation – meeting	Chippewa Planner and Traditional Resource Coordinator met with LLBO Director of Resource Mgt (DRM) to present revision update. Provided potential wilderness maps and GIS plots of preliminary Alternatives. Agreed to work with DRM to draft tribal standards and guidelines for Forest Leadership consideration into Propose Plan.
April 02	Public Workshop	Concurrent groups focused on specific questions regarding recreational motor use, Range of Natural Variability, modeling, special Management Areas designations. (33 attendees) NOTE: Species Expert Panels also convene during April to evaluate the extent that Alternatives to Minnesota and Wisconsin's proposed alternatives provide adequate habitat for 160 species.
May 02	Revision Newsletter	Content: overview of modeling for plan revision, social assessment.
May 02	Tribal Consultation-Meeting	Monthly meeting with LLBO, Forest Plan Revision update
June 02	Tribal Consultation-Meeting	Monthly meeting with LLBO, Forest Plan Revision update
June 02	Tribal Consultation – meeting	Chippewa finalizes Tribal Liaison position description with LLBO, pending budget availability.
June 02	Tribal Consultation –meeting	Introduction between Leech Lake Tribal Chair and new Region 9 Forester.
July 02	Revision Newsletter	Content: status of new Planning Rule, Roads Analysis process, Recreation Opportunity Spectrum.
July 02	Tribal Consultation –meeting	Monthly meeting with LLBO, Forest Plan Revision update
Aug 02	Tribal Consultation –meeting	Monthly meeting with LLBO, Forest Plan Revision update
Sept 02	Revision Newsletter	Vegetation Management Objectives, Recreational Motor Vehicle Management, Update, Definition of Preferred Alternative.
Sept 02	Tribal Consultation –meeting	Monthly meeting with LLBO, Forest Plan Revision update
Oct 02	Tribal Consultation-meeting	Monthly meeting with LLBO, Working group on tribal standards and guidelines,
Oct 02	Tribal Consultation-meetings	Superior National Forest establishes quarterly meetings with Fond du Lac, Bois Forte, Grand Portage bands of the Ojibwe.
Jan 03	Revision Newsletter	Present matrix of alternatives by issue. Announce Social Assessments, Roads Analyses, benchmark analysis, wilderness inventory. Overview of Proposed National Rule. Request for response to receive documents.
Jan 03	Tribal Consultation –meeting	Monthly meeting with LLBO, Forest Plan Revision update
Jan 03	NEPA Quarterly	Separate public newsletter regarding projects on Chippewa and Superior sent to interested parties. Content: announce release of documents expected by Spring 2003; encourage review and comment. Request for response to receive documents. .
March 03	Tribal Consultation –Meetings	Anticipate pre-release of DEIS and Proposed Plans with tribal government and agencies.

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April 03	Distribute Draft EIS and Proposed Plans	Documents were mailed at the time of printing to approximately 500 individuals, agencies, libraries, private organizations, and government officials who had made advance requests. An estimated additional 300+ copies of the documents have been distributed at the public meetings and in response to individual requests since the original mailing.
April 03	Revision Newsletter	Announce release of documents, list of public meetings, tips for review and comment.
May 03	8 Public Open Houses	Forest Service meetings to announce and provide Draft EIS and Proposed Plans and information about content and review of the documents (43 attendees)
May 03	2 Open Houses co-sponsored w/LLBO	Informational meetings about content and use of the DEIS and Draft Plans (16 attendees)
June 03	Public Meetings	Public meetings held at six locations in Minnesota to provide opportunity for people to talk with planning team about specific questions and concerns. (217 attendees)
July 03	Special Mailing	Mailed corrected text to list of people who received paper copies of the Draft EIS. (Electronic copies and web info was accurate)
July 03	Revision Newsletter	Reminder about timeline and tips for commenting, explain content analysis, notify of error in paper copy of Draft EIS and reference web site.
August 03	Comment Period extended	Regional Forester extended the comment period 30 days in response to requests from industrial and environmental interest groups.
August 03	Comment Period ends	Over 5,200 letters received via email, fax and mail. Analysis of contents conducted following process developed by national analysis team.
Sept 03	Revision Newsletter	Update on numbers of comment letters received, look ahead to next steps, reference national planning rule, and discuss response to comments.