

FINGER LAKES NATIONAL FOREST

WELCOME



GOALS FOR THE EVENING

- Review what has happened since last May (10 minutes)
- Review highlights of comments on the Notice of Intent (10 minutes)
- Improve understanding of the planning process (30 minutes)
- Interactive discussion (1 hour)

What does a Forest Plan Do?

- Multiple Use Goals and Objectives
- Management Standards
- Land Allocation
- Lands Suited for Timber Harvest and Grazing
- Monitoring and Evaluation Requirements
- Mineral Availability

WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING?

ASSESSMENTS

- Species Viability Evaluation – summary in July 2003.
- Water Resources – almost completed
- Vegetation Inventory on Newly Acquired Lands – data entry almost complete

WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING?

ASSESSMENTS

- Road Analysis Process – draft now available
- Situation Assessment - completed

Notice of Intent Comments

Purpose

- Gather additional issues that the public felt had been left out of the Notice Of Intent; or
- Confirm that the planning team had addressed all the issues currently facing the GMNF.

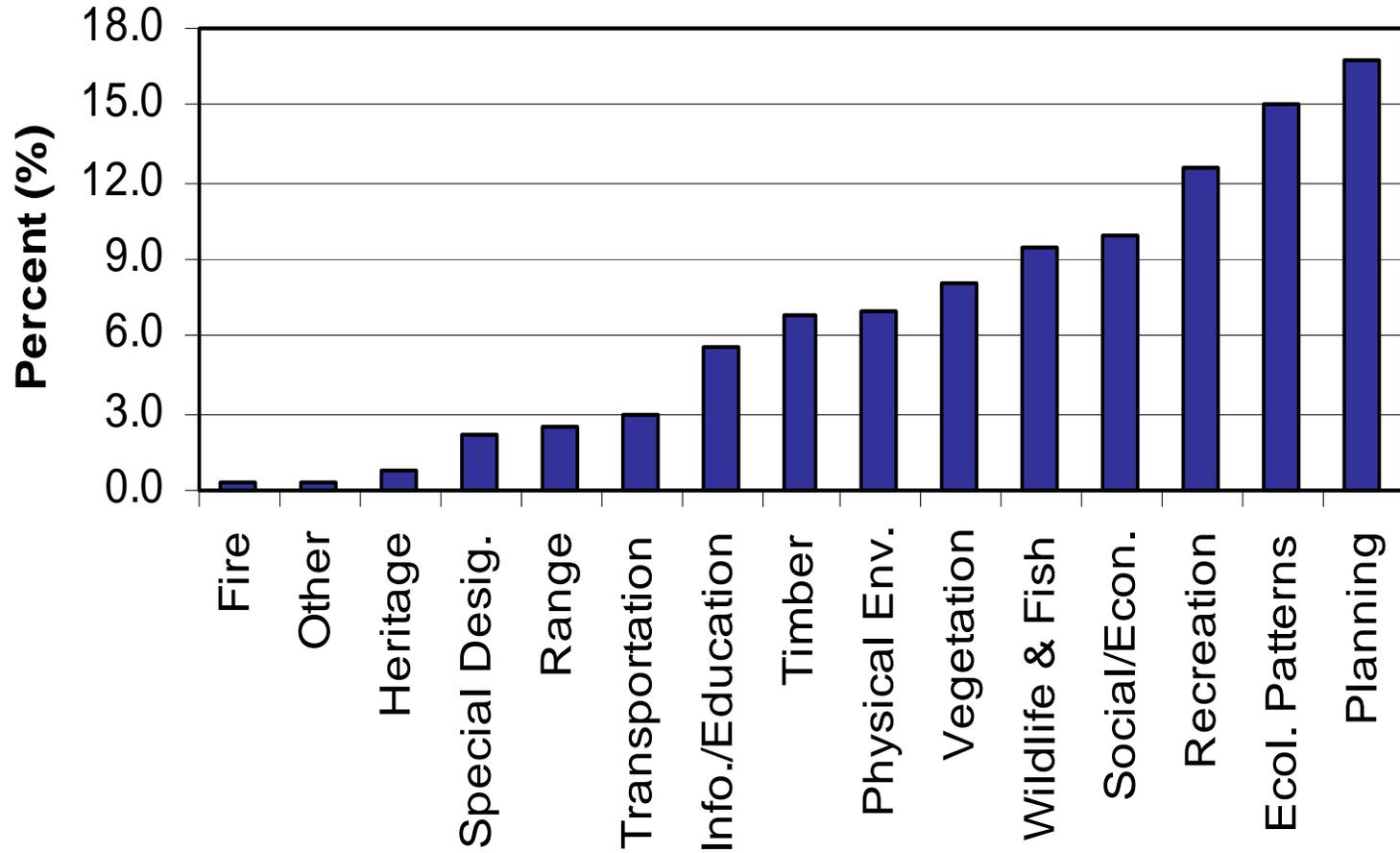
Notice of Intent Comments Process

- Each public response was reviewed by at least two members of the Forest Planning Team;
- Comments were analyzed to determine issues of public concern, they were not tallied as votes.

Notice of Intent Comments Summary

- Review of the public comments confirmed that the plan revision process will be covering the concerns of the public.
- The majority of the comments received dealt with public interest in planning (17%), ecology (15%), and recreation (13%).

Percent of Responses by Category



Notice of Intent Comments

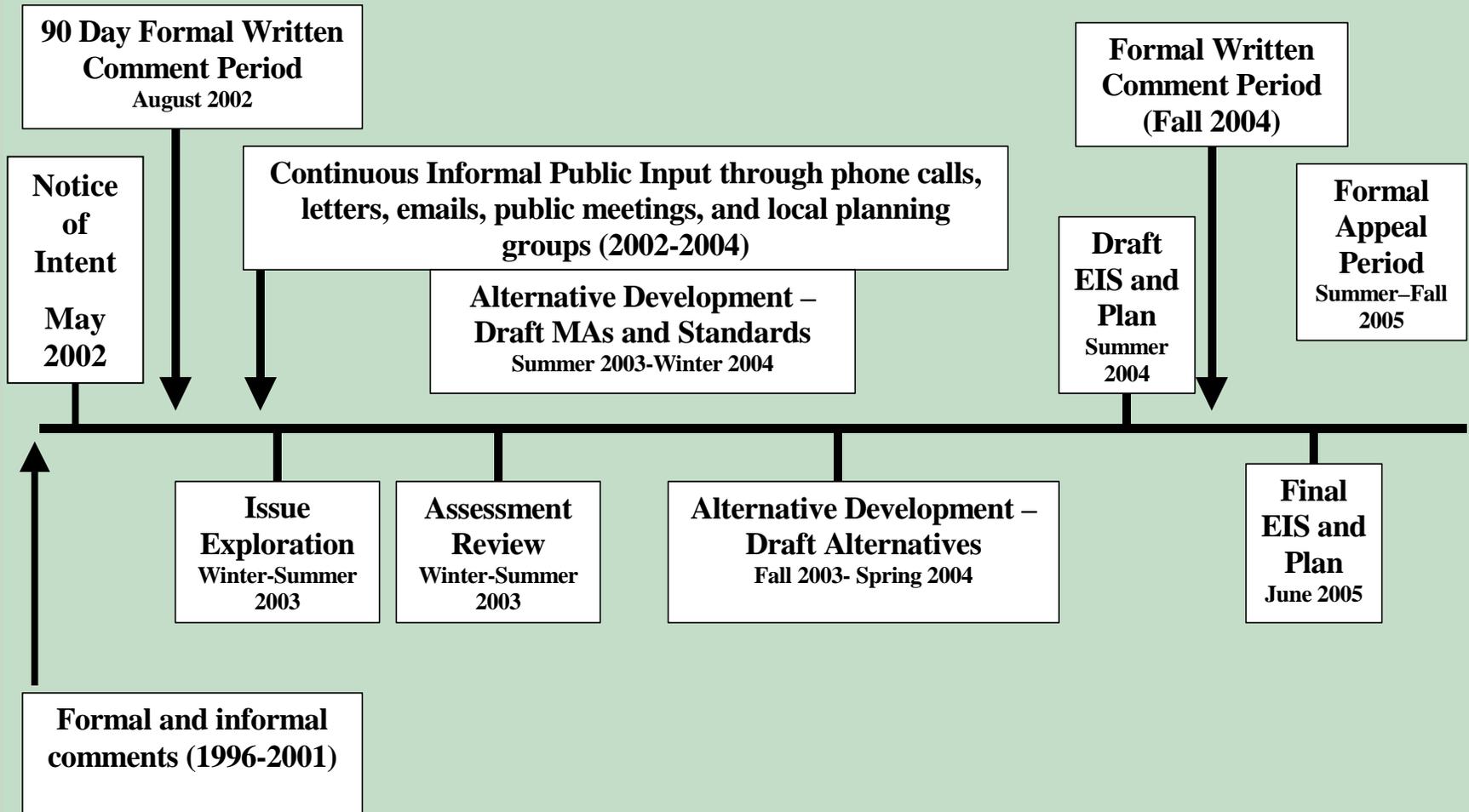
● How are your comments being used?

- Identify issues
- Explore alternatives
- Identify environmental concerns and effects

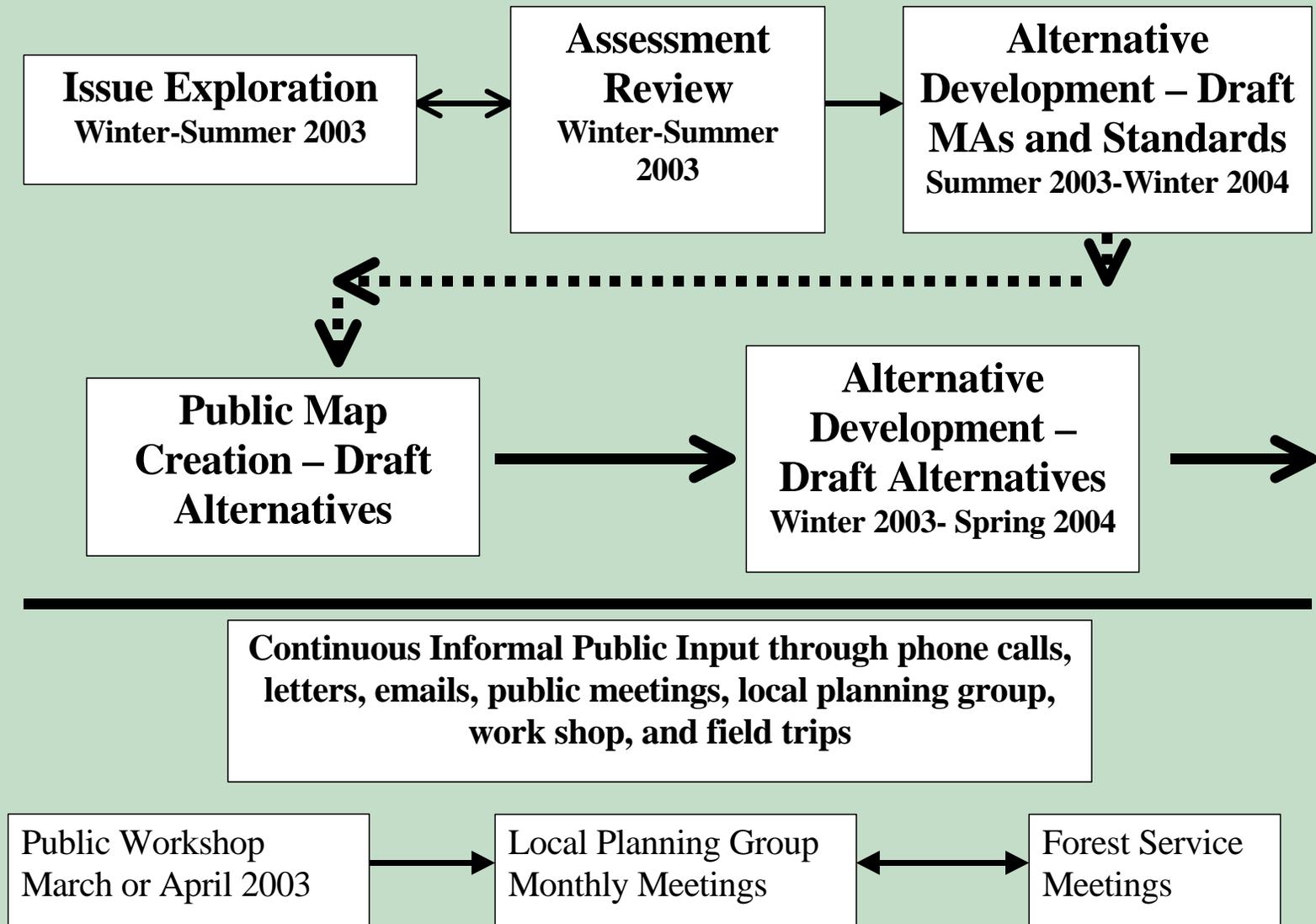
PLANNING PROCESS

- PUBLIC INPUT TIMELINE & OPPORTUNITIES
- DETAILED ROAD MAP

Public Involvement Timeline FLNF Forest Plan Revision



Public Involvement Timeline Winter 2003 - Spring 2004



Issue Exploration

Winter-Summer 2003

- Role of the FLNF
- Desired Future
- Goals and Objectives
- Recreation and Trails
- Sustainable Timber
- Biodiversity
- Wildlife
- Heritage Resources
- Ecosystems
- Socio-Economic
- Oil and Gas Availability
- Land Acquisition Priorities
- New Land Management
- Special Area Management

Issue Exploration (continued)

- Education and Information
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Management Standards
- Management Area Descriptions
- Management Area Delineations

Assessment Review

Winter – Summer 2003

- Forest ecology
- Species
- Water Resources
- Soils
- Recreation
- Socio-Economic

Draft Management Areas and Standards

- Forest Service will produce draft Management Areas and Standards
- Discuss in Local Planning Group Meetings
- Forest Service will refine MAs and Standards

Public Map Creation

- Local Planning Group create maps using MAs
- Forms basis for Alternatives

Draft Alternatives

- Forest Service will produce draft Alternatives
- Discuss in Local Planning Group Meetings
- Draft Forest Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Public Involvement Timeline Summer 2004 - June 2005

**Draft EIS and
Plan**
Summer 2004

**Formal Written
Comment Period**
Fall 2004 (90 days)

Comment Analysis

**Completion of the
Environmental Impact
Statement**

Winter 2005 – Spring 2005

**Final EIS
and Plan**
June 2005

**Formal
Appeal
Period**
Summer–Fall
2005

TOPICS FOR LOCAL PLANNING GROUPS

- Role of the FLNF
- Desired Future Conditions and Goals for the revised Plan
- Objectives for the revised Plan
- Recreation and Trails
- Sustainable Timber Program
- Biodiversity and Wildlife

TOPICS FOR LOCAL PLANNING GROUPS

- Ecosystems
- Socio-Economic Concerns
- Mineral Management – Oil and Gas Availability
- Land Acquisition priorities
- Newly acquired land management
- Special Area Management

TOPICS FOR LOCAL PLANNING GROUPS

- Heritage Resources
- Education Information
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Management Standards
- Management Area Descriptions
- Management Area Delineations (map creation)

Public Involvement



GROUP BREAK OUT

■ Introductions

- ↳ Name, why you are here, and what do you like about the FLNF forest?

■ Key Questions

- ↳ Discuss questions you may have on the public involvement timeline. Can anyone in your group answer those questions?
- ↳ What days and times work out best for public meetings?
- ↳ What are some suggestions for a public workshop?

NEXT LOCAL PLANNING GROUP MEETING

- March, Date to be determined.

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THANK YOU!

