

Finger Lakes National Forest Forest Plan Revision

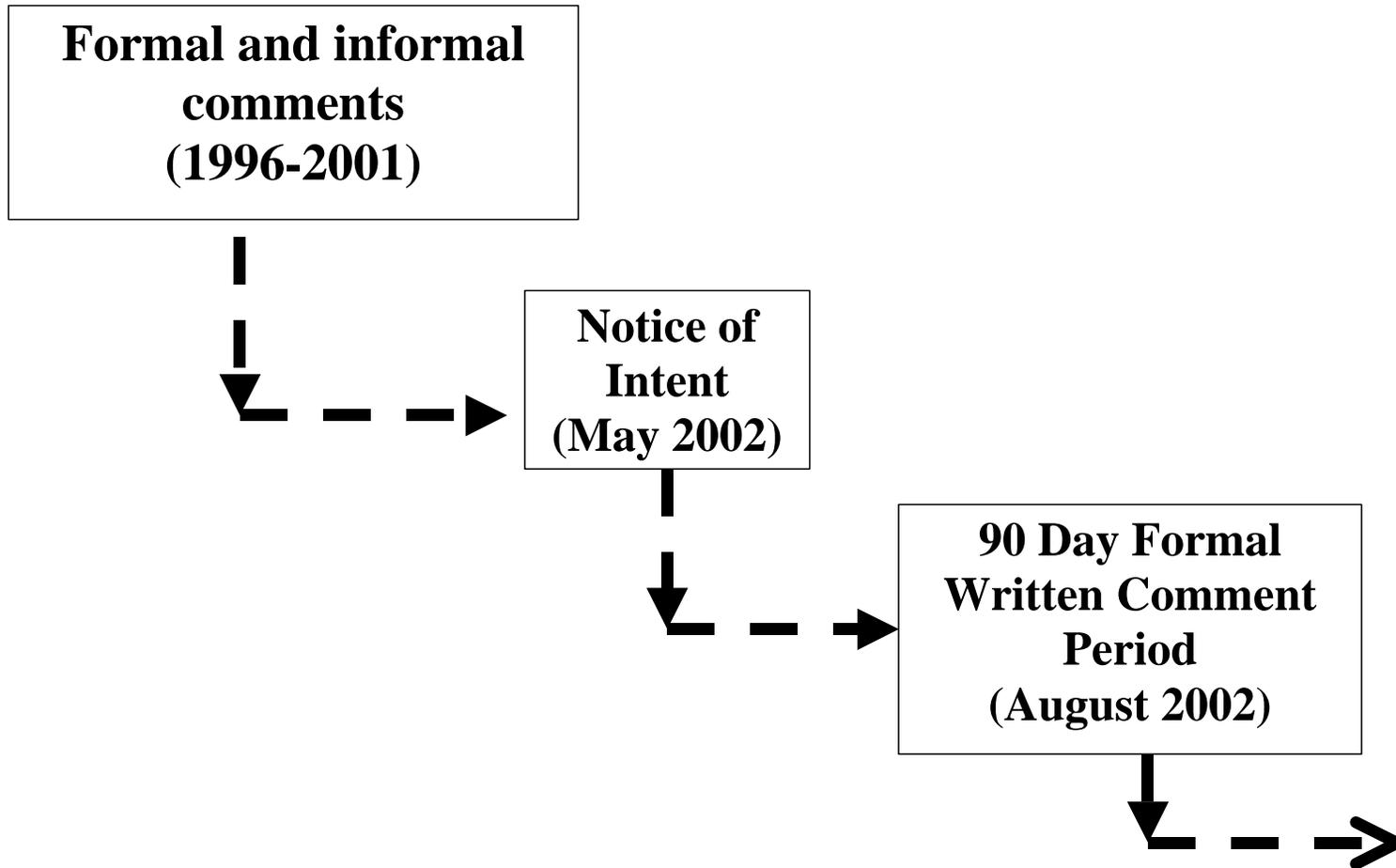
Forest Plan Goals
April 3, 2003

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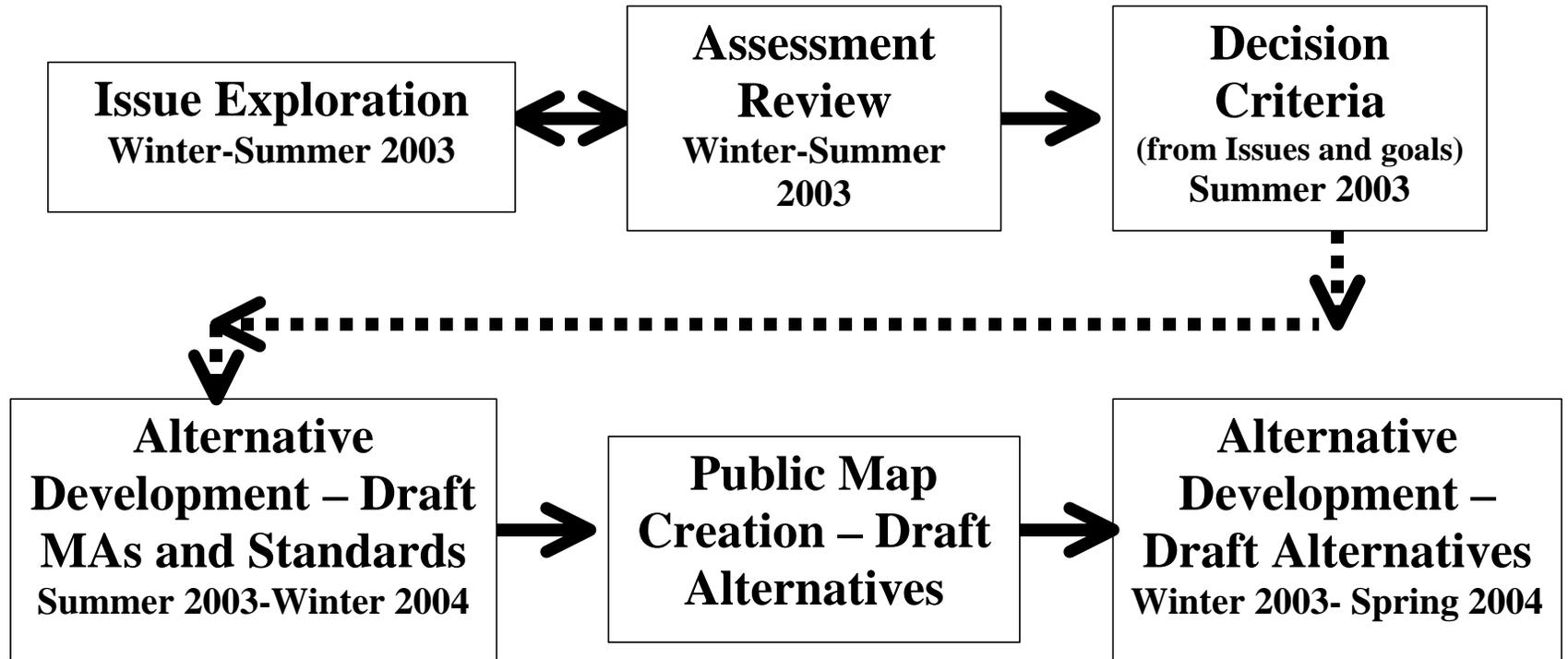
- Why are we revising the plan?
- How can you get involved?
- Where are we in the process?

FLNF Forest Plan Revision Timeline

Where we have been...



Public Involvement Timeline Winter 2003 - Spring 2004

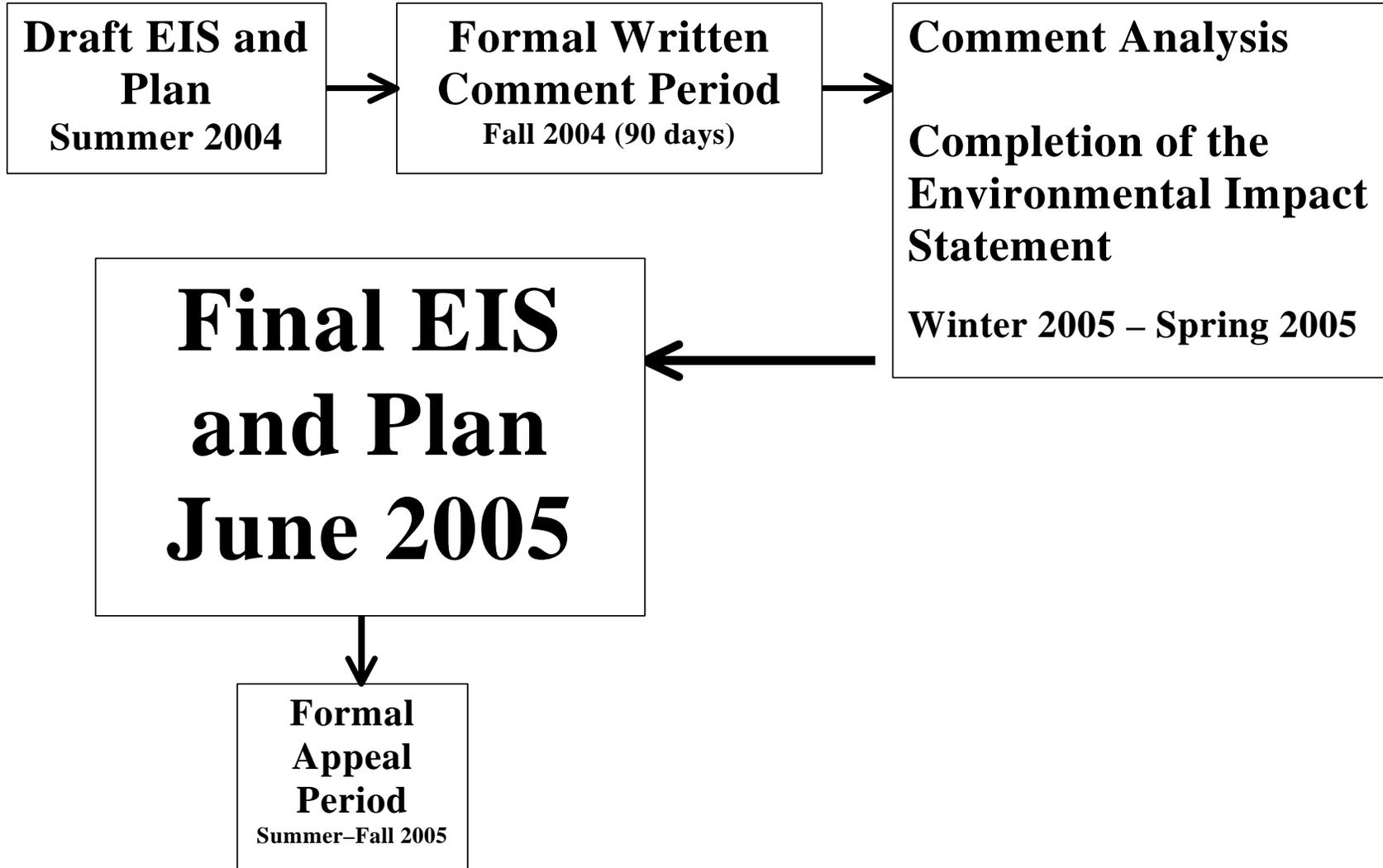


Continuous Informal Public Input through phone calls, letters, emails, public meetings, local planning group, work shop, and field trips



Formal Public Involvement Timeline

Summer 2004 - June 2005



Issue Exploration

Spring-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

What is in a Forest Plan?

- Goals and Objectives
- Standards and guidelines
- Management Areas
- Land suitable for timber harvesting and upper limits on timber sales
- Monitoring and Evaluation Requirements

What Is A Goal?

- *Concise Statement of Future Conditions*
- *Broad General Terms*
- *Timeless*
- *No Set Dates*

Example:

Maintain long-term soil productivity

What is an objective?

- *Concise Statement*
- *Timeless*
- *Measurable results*
- *Respond to established goals*

Example

Goal:

- Maintain long-term soil productivity

Objectives:

- (1) Minimize soil displacement, erosion, rutting, nutrient loss, and compaction
- (2) Restore and re-vegetate disturbed areas.

USDA Forest Service Mission

To sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations

USDA Forest Service Goals

- Promote Ecosystem Health
- Provide Multiple Benefits to People
- Provide Scientific and Technical Assistance
- Provide Effective Public Service

A Forest Plan Goal...

- Identifies the major areas of emphasis
- Forms our management structure
- Forms basis from which objectives are developed
- Not a specific directive or action
- Not a regulatory or policy statement

BEYOND GOALS – FEDERAL LAW

- Clean Water Act
- Clean Air Act
- Threatened and Endangered Species Act
- National Forest Management Act
- National Historic Preservation Act
- Multiple Use and Sustained Yield Act

Developing New Goals for the revised Forest Plan

- Public input on issues
- Resource Assessments
- Forest Service staff input

- Forest Service will then use this information to draft a set of goals for the revised Plan

1987 FOREST PLAN GOALS

- Open House – 4 goals stations
 - All goals are numbered
 - 60 minutes
 - Wrap-Up

What do we want in this meeting?

- Comments on the goals
- If you do not agree with a goal, how would you change it?
- Suggestions for other goals

NEXT PUBLIC PLANNING MEETINGS

- **April 26th 9:00am – 1:00pm**

Watkins Glen High School Cafeteria

Meeting Topics

Vegetation and Timber management

Plus, Teamwork skills

- **Thursday, May 1st 7:00-9:00pm**

Hector Fire Hall

Meeting Topic

Recreation (not including trails)

Land Acquisition and Adjustment

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THANK YOU!