

# Forest Plan Revision

Welcome



# Goals/expectations for the evening:

- Provide an opportunity for community discussion on the planning process
  - Provide an overview of the 1996 planning process and what has happened since then
  - Outline the Forest Service planning requirements and other laws that affect plan revision
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# Goals/expectations for the evening (continued):

- Validate issues identified in the 1996 Public Planning Groups and identify any issues that have emerged since
  - Discuss the FLNF's proposed public planning process and timeline
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# History of Forest Plan Revision on FLNF





# History of Plan Revision

- Fall 1996 – Summer 1998 revision process started
    - Public meetings to kick-off process, identify issues and validate issue descriptions
    - Process included formation of Public Planning Groups (PPGs) around issues, and Technical Working Groups (TWGs) for information gaps and analysis related to issues
    - TWGs were never formed before process was halted, however local groups were formed
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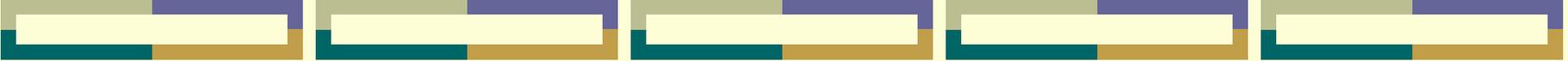


# History (cont.)

- FYs 1998 - 2000 Congress prevented funds from being spent on revision until NFMA regulations revised
  - Oct 2000, Congressional prohibition lifted, revision starts up again
  - Nov 2000, final rule on revised (“new”) NFMA regulations published
  - May 2001, new NFMA regulations determined by USDA Secretary to be “unimplementable”
  - Forests in revision will use old regulations until new ones are revised
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# Laws Governing the Forest Service





# 1960 Multiple Use Sustained Yield Act

- “National Forests are established and shall be administered for outdoor recreation, range, timber, watershed, and wildlife and fish purposes”
  - “Develop and administer the renewable surface resources of the National Forest for multiple use and sustained yield”
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# Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act, 1974

- Coordinate nationwide inventories of renewable resources on federal, state, local government and private lands
  - To use those inventories to prepare periodic assessments of the national supply and demand for forest and wildland products.
  - “...develop, maintain, and, as appropriate, revise land and resource management plans...”
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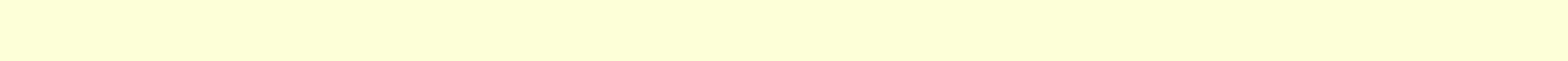


# National Forest Management Act (NFMA), 1976

- Addressed public involvement, planning procedures, reports to Congress
  - Biological diversity, harvest levels, clearcutting, reforestation and watershed and fisheries protection
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# National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 1970

- Federal agencies shall use “...a systematic interdisciplinary approach...in planning and decision making...”
  - Outlines environmental impacts of a proposed action, unavoidable impacts, alternatives, and irretrievable commitments of resources
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# Other Laws

- Wilderness Act
  - Wild & Scenic Rivers Act
  - Eastern Wilderness Act
  - Historical & Archaeological Resource Protection Laws
  - Endangered Species Act (ESA)
  - Clean Water Act
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# Other Laws (continued)

- Clean Air Act
- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)

FACA - Places controls on Federal Agency use of advisory committees. It also sets direction for public participation and agency decision making.





# Role of Public Involvement in Decision Making

- Issue exploration
  - Process development
  - Feedback
  - Share Information
  - Ideas
  - Creative solutions
  - Explore alternatives
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# BREAK – ICE BREAKER

- Talk to 2 people you do not know
  - What is the most important/special thing about the FLNF?
  - If you could change one thing about how the forest is managed, what would it be?
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# Issue Validation



# How will issues be used in the planning process?

- Identify areas of concern in forest management
  - Identify opportunities in management
  - Identify areas where change is needed or desired
  - Develop alternatives based on issues
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# How will issues be used in the planning process?

- Some issues will fall outside the scope of the forest service and plan revision
  - Some management changes will not be driven by issues
  - Major issues are areas where there is a significant need for change – these will be used to develop alternatives
  - Secondary revision topics that are also important issues will also be addressed in the planning process
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# ISSUES

## ● Range and Grazing



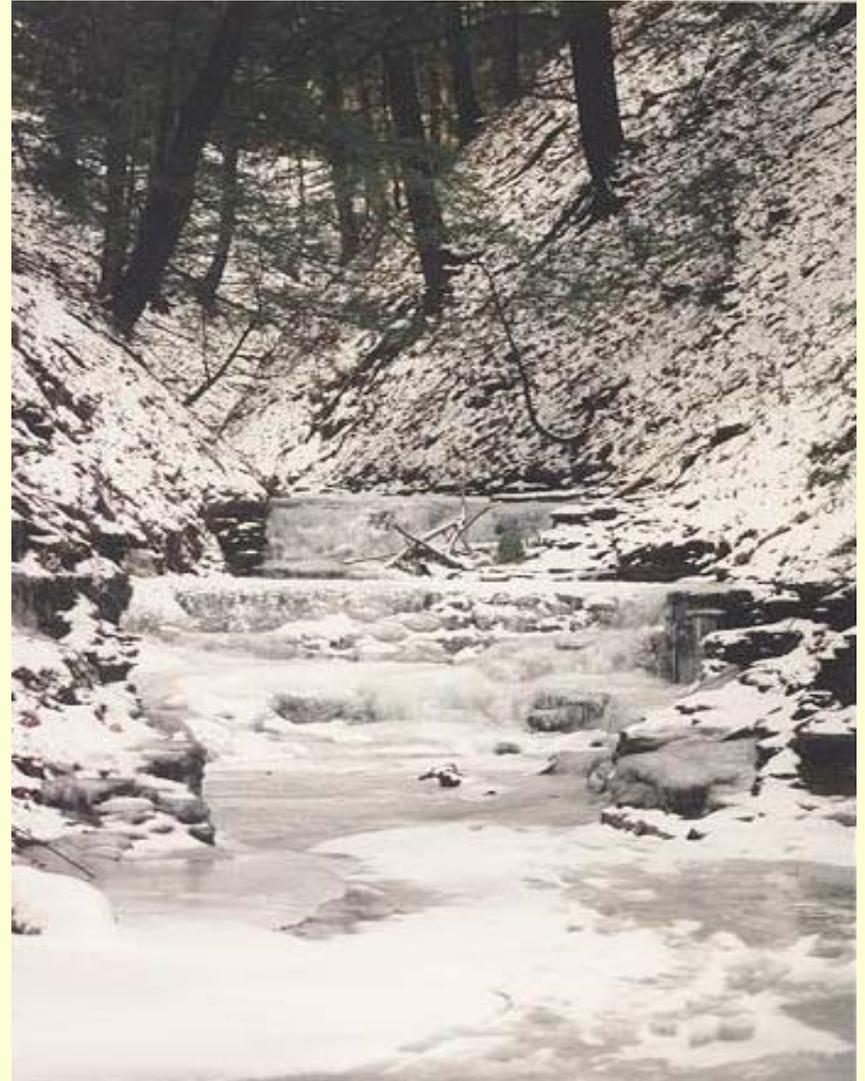
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## ● Land Adjustment



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- Areas of Significance-Special Designation Areas



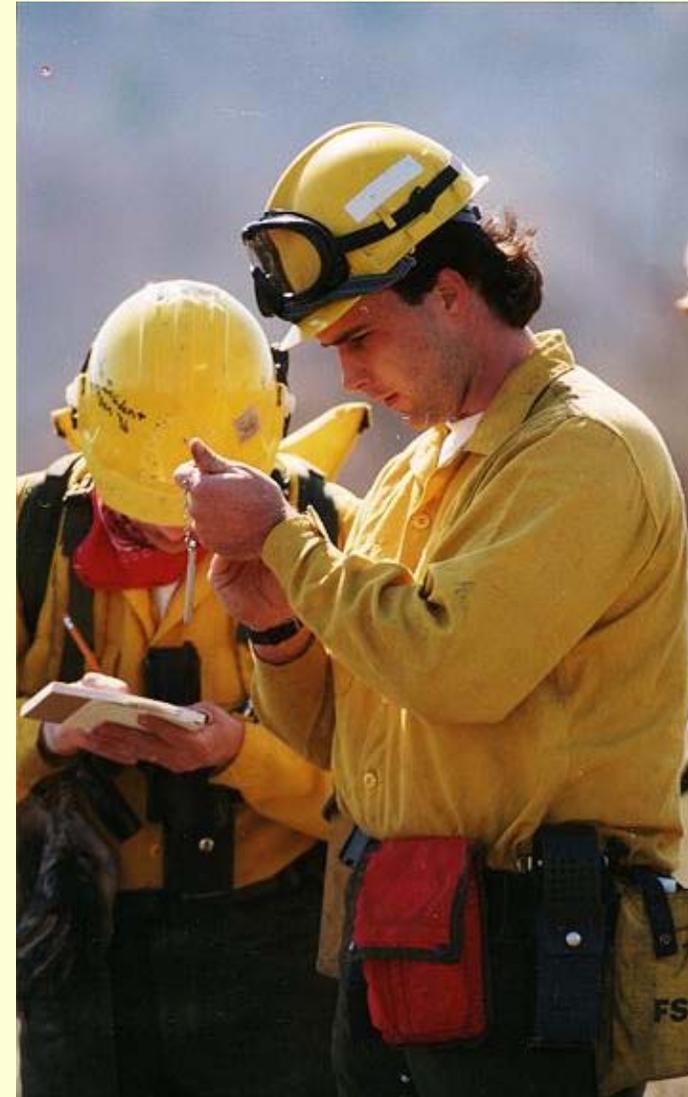
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## Special Uses



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## ● Fire Management



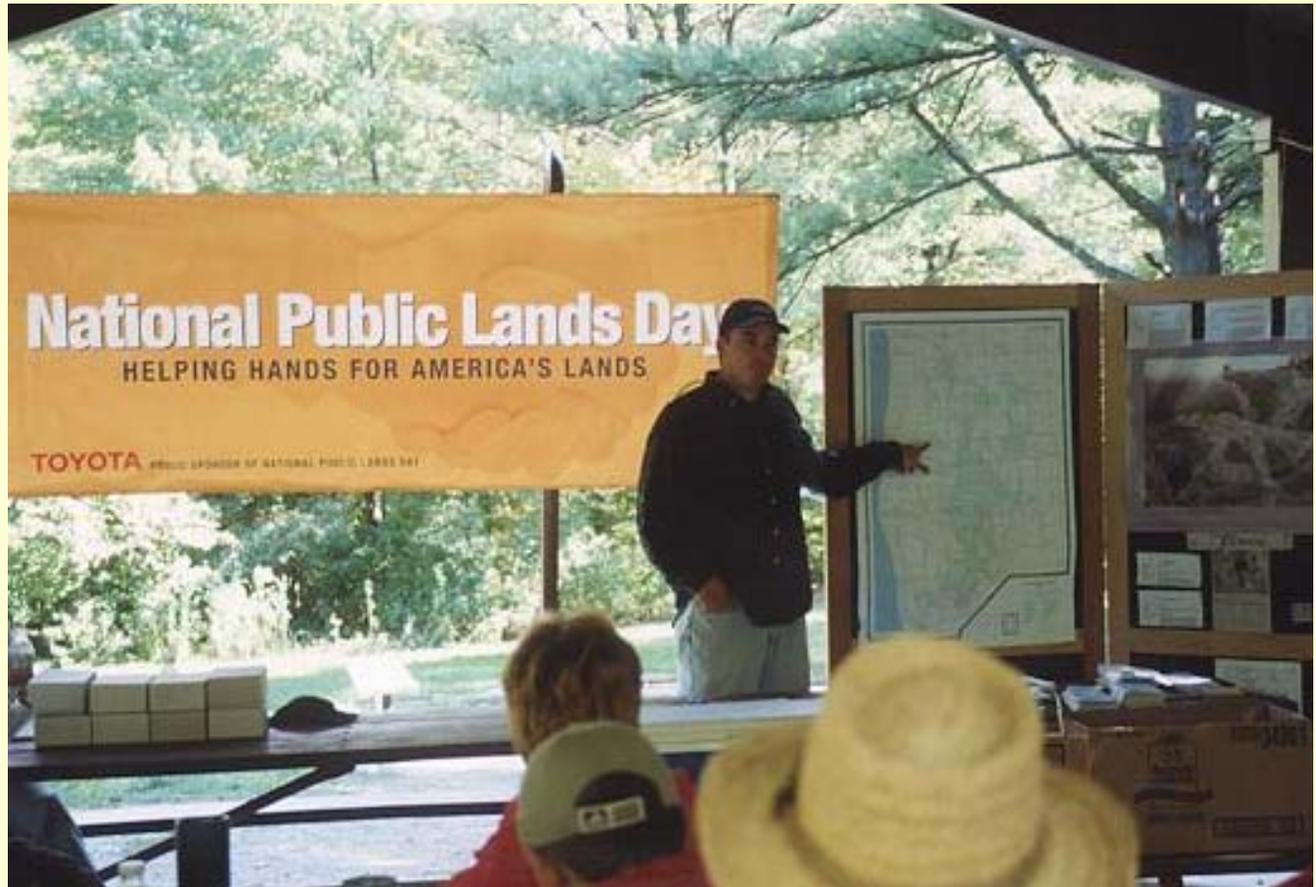
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## ● Partnerships and Volunteers



# ISSUES

- Information/  
Education



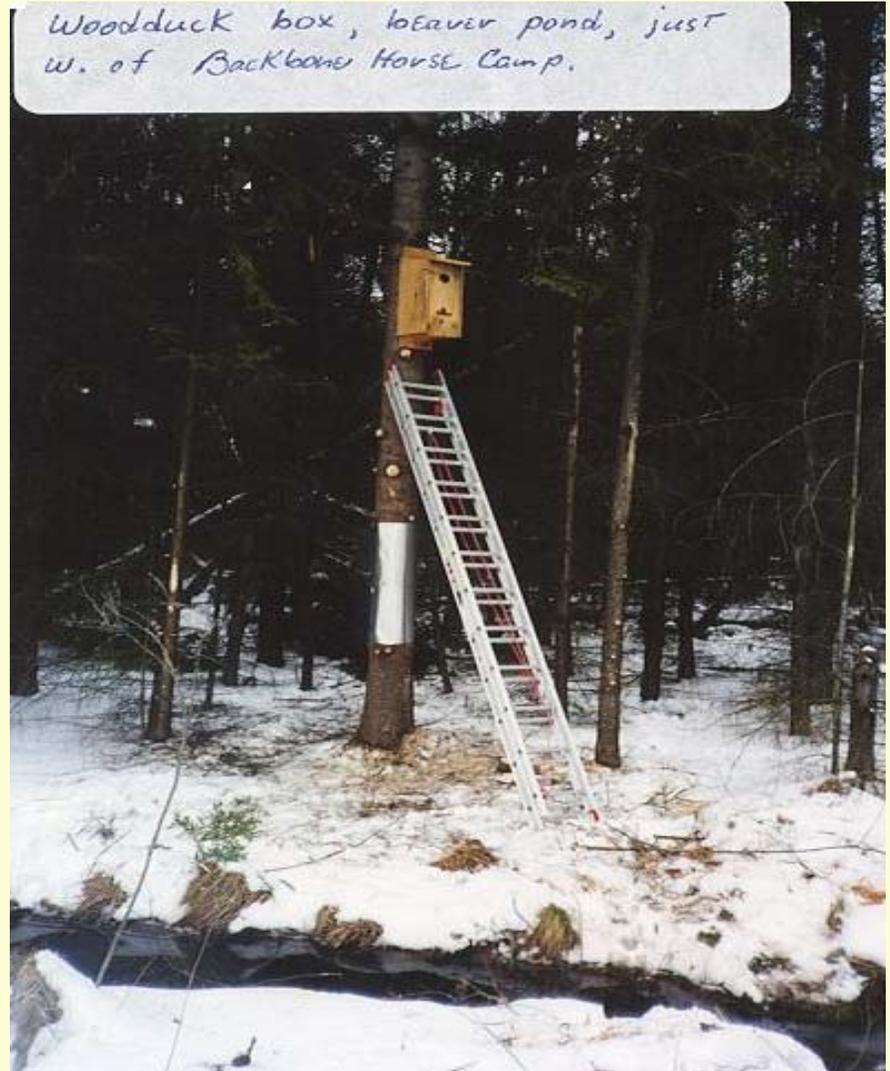
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## Timber Management



# ISSUES

- Wildlife Management



# ISSUES

## ● Socio-economic Concerns



# ISSUES

- Mineral Management



# ISSUES

- Recreation Management



# ISSUES

## ● Open Wells



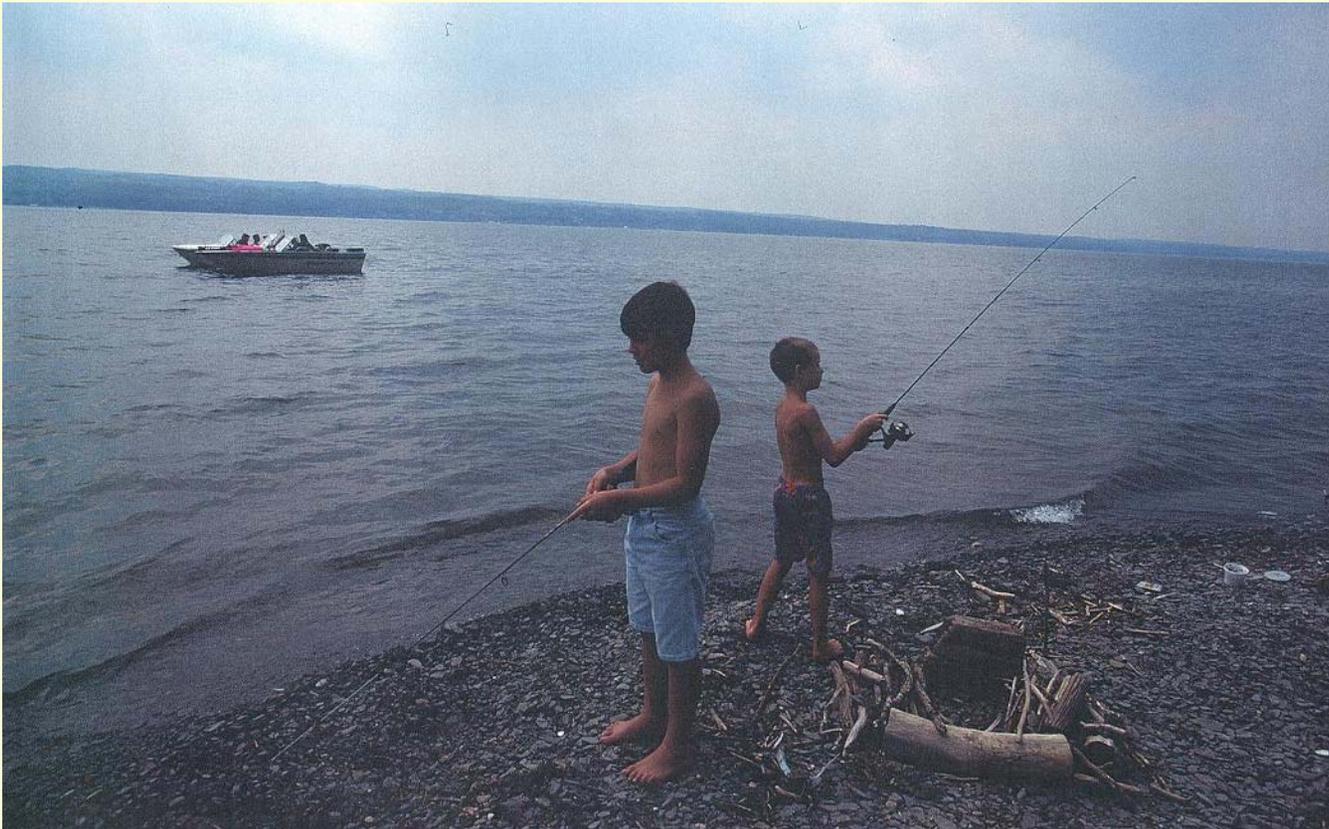
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## Accessibility



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## ● Management of Caywood Point



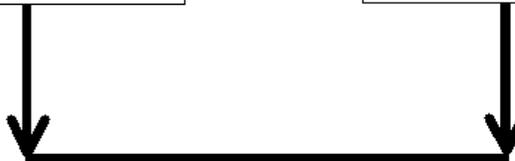
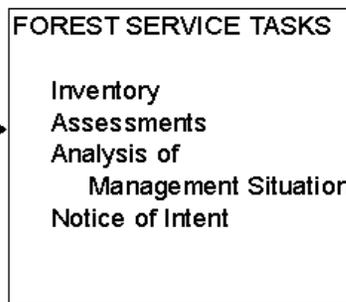
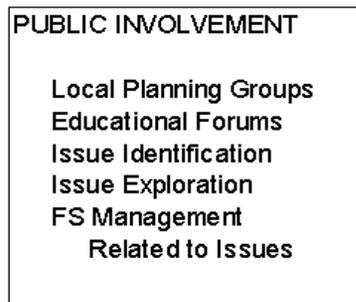
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Identification of issues that  
have emerged since the Public  
Planning Groups

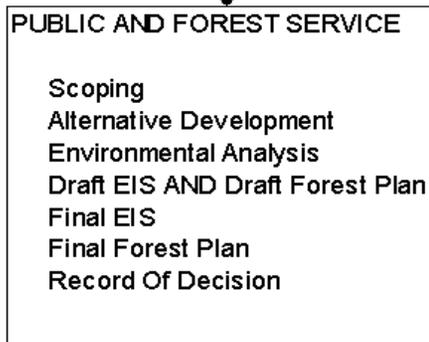
# Planning Process

# FOREST PLAN REVISION - PROCESS DIAGRAM

**PHASE 1**



**PHASE 2**



**PHASE 3**



# Plan Revision Time Line – Phase 1

PHASE 1 ACTIVITY	Winter 2002	Spring 2002	Summer 2002	Fall 2002	Winter 2003	Spring 2003	Summer 2003	Fall 2003
<b>PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT</b>								
First set of Public Meetings	■							
Role of the Forest Meeting	■	■						
Educational Forums		■	■	■				
Local Planning Group Meetings		■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<b>INVENTORIES AND ASSESSMENTS</b>								
Analysis of Management Situation	■							
Soil, Air and Water Resource Assessments	■	■	■					
Cultural and Historic Resources	■	■	■					
Terrestrial Vegetation	■	■	■	■				
Inventory of newly acquired lands	■	■	■	■	■			
Species Viability Analysis	■	■	■	■	■			
Scenery Management	■	■	■	■	■			
Transportation, Roadless, RAP	■	■	■	■	■			
Lands Unsuitable for Timber				■	■	■		
Socio-Economic Assessment				■	■	■	■	
Special Area Analysis					■	■	■	■
<b>NEPA</b>								
Notice of Intent to Revise the Forest Plan		■						

# Plan Revision Time Line – Phase 2

PHASE 2 ACTIVITY	Summer 2002	Fall 2002	Winter 2003	Spring 2003	Summer 2003	Fall 2003	Winter 2004	Spring 2004	Summer 2004	Fall 2004
<b>PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT</b>										
Local Planning Groups	[Activity bar spanning Summer 2002 to Fall 2004]									
<b>SCOPING</b>										
Public Involvement	[Activity bar spanning Summer 2002 to Winter 2003]									
Issue Development	[Activity bar spanning Summer 2002 to Winter 2003]									
<b>ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT</b>										
Development of Alternatives			[Activity bar spanning Winter 2003 to Spring 2004]							
Public Involvement			[Activity bar spanning Winter 2003 to Spring 2004]							
Environmental Analysis				[Activity bar spanning Spring 2003 to Summer 2004]						
Develop Draft EIS					[Activity bar spanning Summer 2003 to Winter 2004]					
Develop Draft Plan					[Activity bar spanning Summer 2003 to Winter 2004]					
<b>DRAFT EIS AND DRAFT PLAN</b>										
Public Meetings						[Activity bar spanning Winter 2004 to Spring 2004]				
Public Comment Period						[Activity bar spanning Winter 2004 to Spring 2004]				
Analysis of Comments							[Activity bar spanning Spring 2004 to Summer 2004]			
Adjust EIS and Plan							[Activity bar spanning Spring 2004 to Summer 2004]			
<b>FINAL EIS AND FINAL PLAN</b>									[Activity bar spanning Summer 2004 to Fall 2004]	
<b>RECORD OF DECISION</b>										[Activity bar in Fall 2004]

# Local Planning Groups



# Vision for Local Planning Groups

- Geographic – community oriented groups to problem solve on issues
  - Representatives of many community interests
  - Share information and knowledge
  - Cross fertilization of ideas and perspectives
  - Explore issues and alternatives
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# Educational Forums



# The Purpose of Educational Forums

- Learn about the topic from different perspectives
  - Share information
  - Have an open discussion
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# Educational Forums – Possible Topics

- Recreation planning
  - Ecosystem management
  - History of FS and FLNF
  - Other educational activities like Field Trips
  
  - What other topics would be of interest?
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# Discussion on Proposed Process

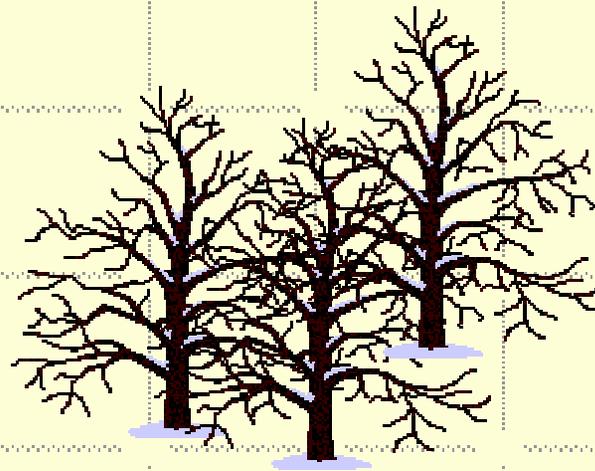




# NEXT STEPS

- Role of the Forest meetings
  - Educational Forums
  - Field Trips
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Thank you for coming!





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