

# **Finger Lakes National Forest Forest Plan Revision**

Management Area Mapping

December 4, 2003

# Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions/Announcements (5 min)
- Overview of Plan Revision (10 min)
- Mapping instructions and examples (5 min)
- Discussion on current MAs and Strategy ( 15 min)
- Drawing Maps (1 hr 15 min)
- Finish drawing and look at other's maps (10 min)

# Announcements

- Meeting notes and information from past meetings
- Past issues or other issues
- Public input meetings – No Decisions

# NEXT PUBLIC PLANNING MEETINGS

Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

- Historic Presentation on Fossenvue (Caywood Point)

Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

- Draft Alternative management for FLNF

- ❖ Meetings are from 7:00-9:00pm at the Hector Fire Hall
- ❖ There is no Public Planning Meeting in January

# Goals for this evening:

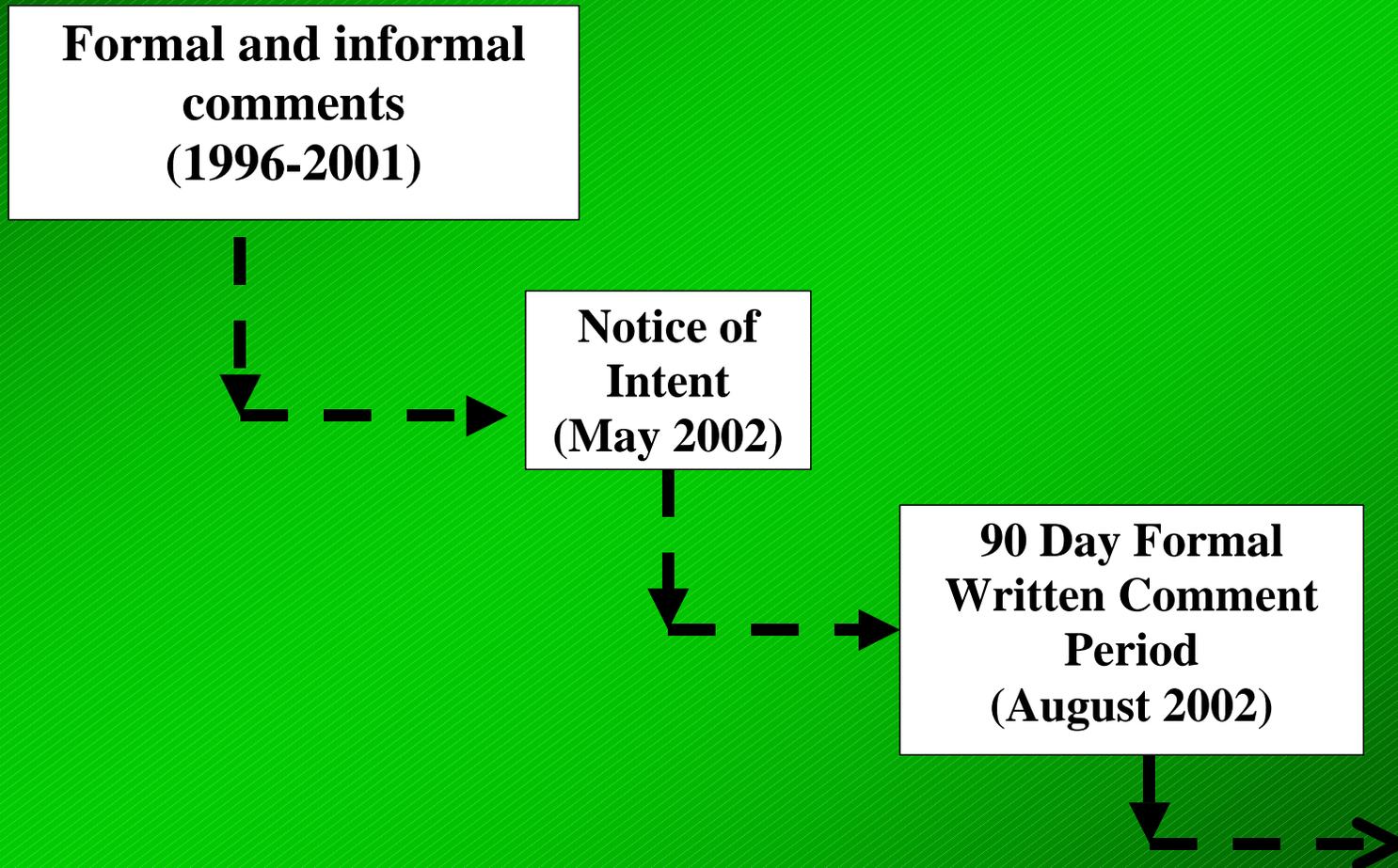
1. Discuss problems and suggested changes for current Management Areas (MAs) on the FLNF
2. Map out the FLNF to address issues
3. Prepare for developing different management alternatives

# Forest Plan Revision

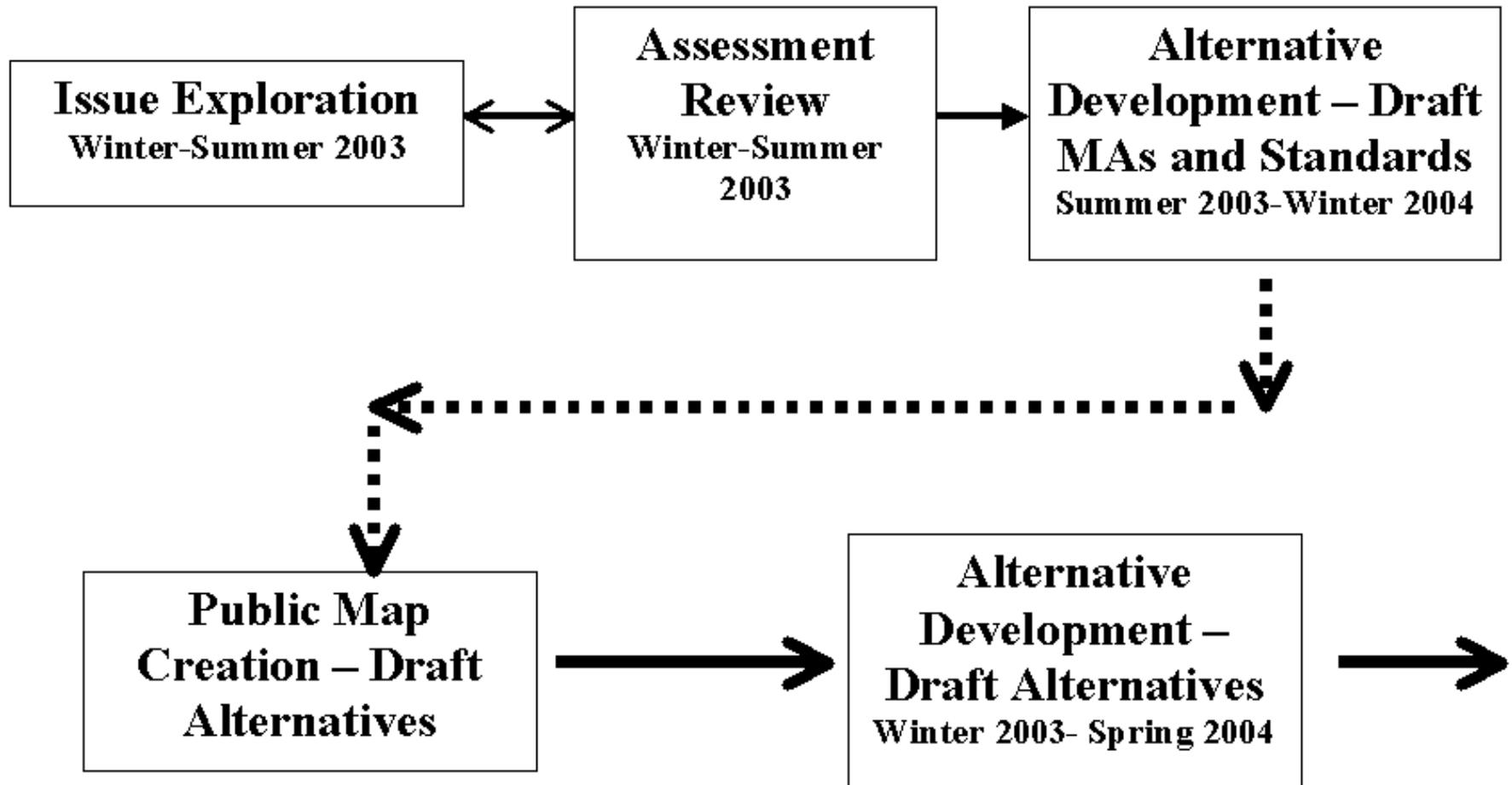
- Why are we revising the plan?
- How can you get involved?
- Where are we in the process?

# FLNF Forest Plan Revision Timeline

## Where we have been...

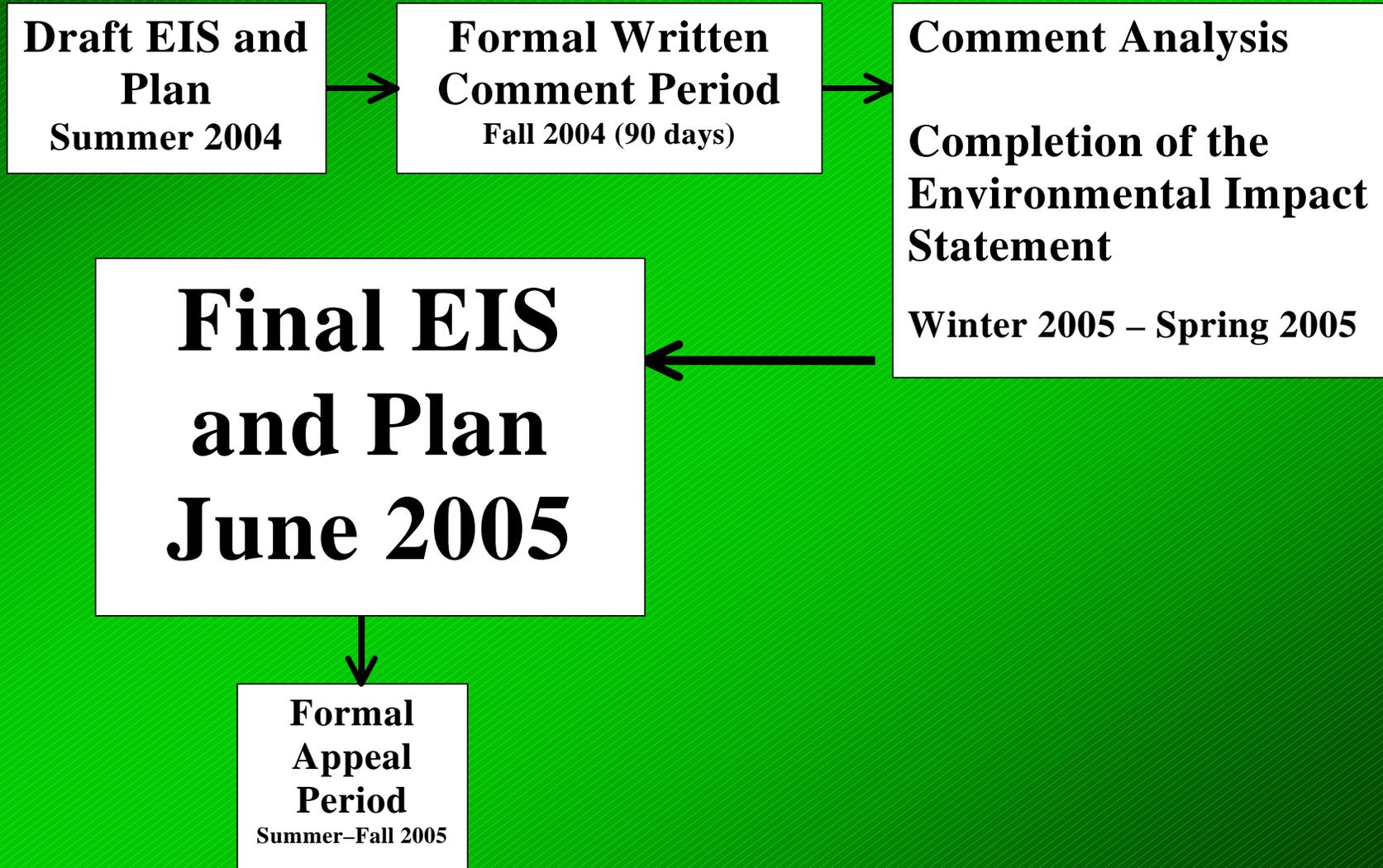


# Public Involvement Timeline Winter 2003 - Spring 2004



# Formal Public Involvement Timeline

## Summer 2004 - June 2005



# 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 are Management Areas?

- Forest Plan Zoning
- Describes Desired Condition of Land
- Describes Management Emphasis
- Describes Compatible uses
- Box of crayons (dry erase markers)

# Why are Management Areas important in Plan Revision?

- Allow for a variety of diverse habitats and uses across the landscape
- Different distributions create the “alternatives” in Plan Revision
- Helps configure the FLNF in different ways to respond to Plan Revision issues
- Helps land managers know what activities should happen in what areas
- It is a required part of a Forest Plan

# Pasture for Grazing (MA 1.2A)



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# Pasture - Compatible Uses and Benefits

- Livestock grazing
  - Wildlife habitat for forage and nesting
  - Recreation – biking, hiking, horseback riding, snowmobiling on trails, hunting, bird watching
  - Scenic values
  - Research and demonstration of ecologically sound pasture management
  - Revenue from grazing helps offset costs of grassland maintenance
  - Farmers in Hector Grazing Association benefit

# Grassland for Wildlife (MA 1.2B)



# Grassland - Compatible Uses and Benefits

- Wildlife habitat for forage and nesting
- Recreation – biking, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, fishing, bird and wildlife watching, snowmobiling on trails...
- Hay

# Shrubland (MA 1.3)



# Shrubland - Compatible Uses and Benefits

- Wildlife habitat for forage and nesting
- Recreation— hunting, fishing, wildlife and bird observation, fruit picking, trails
- Small amounts of firewood will be available
- Scenic variety and vistas

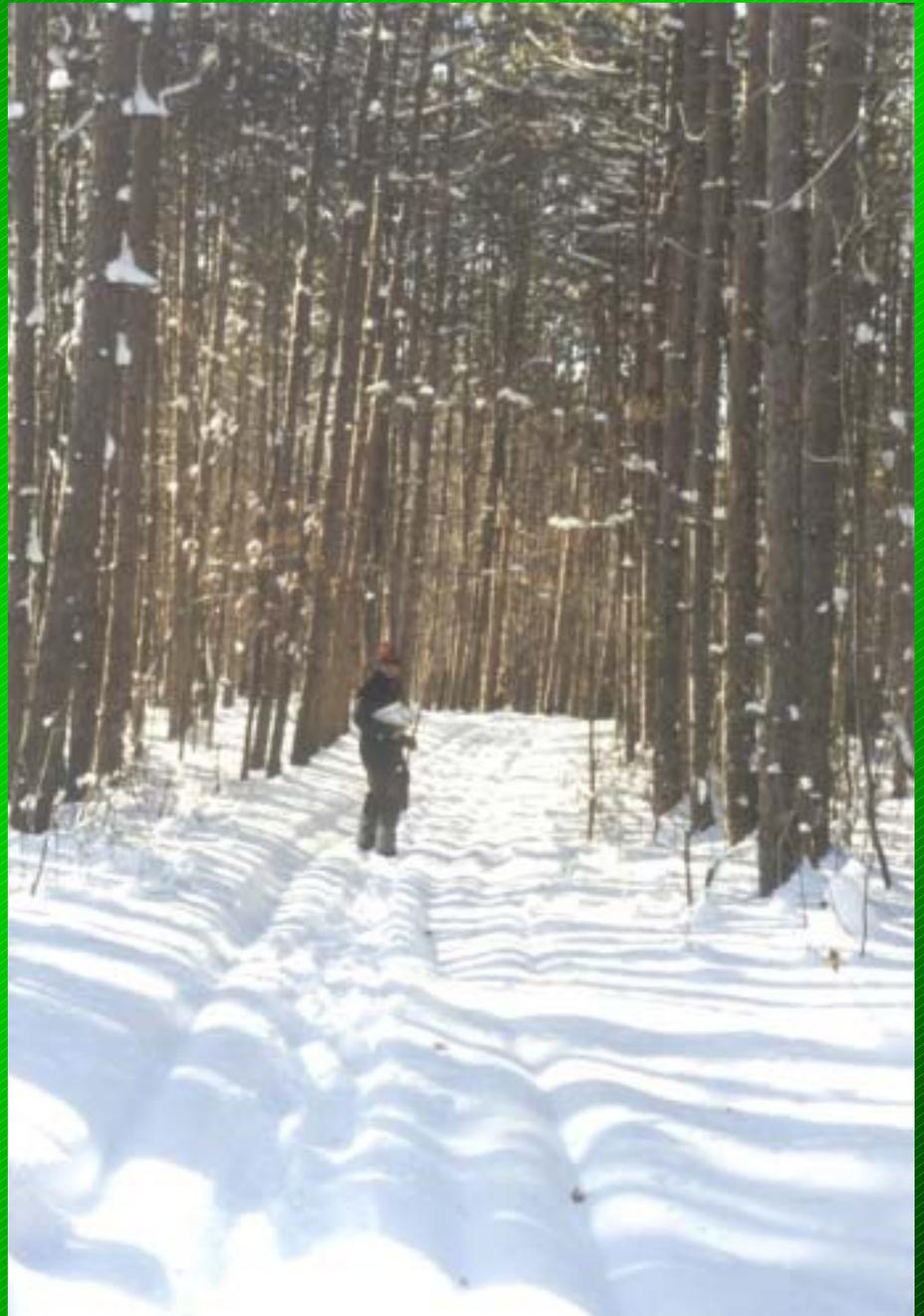
# Continuous Forest Canopy (MA 2.1)



# Continuous Forest Canopy - Compatible Uses and Benefits

- Protects scenic character
- Recreation – camping, hiking, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, hunting, wildlife observation
- Provides another habitat type to increase wildlife habitat diversity
- Timber and firewood

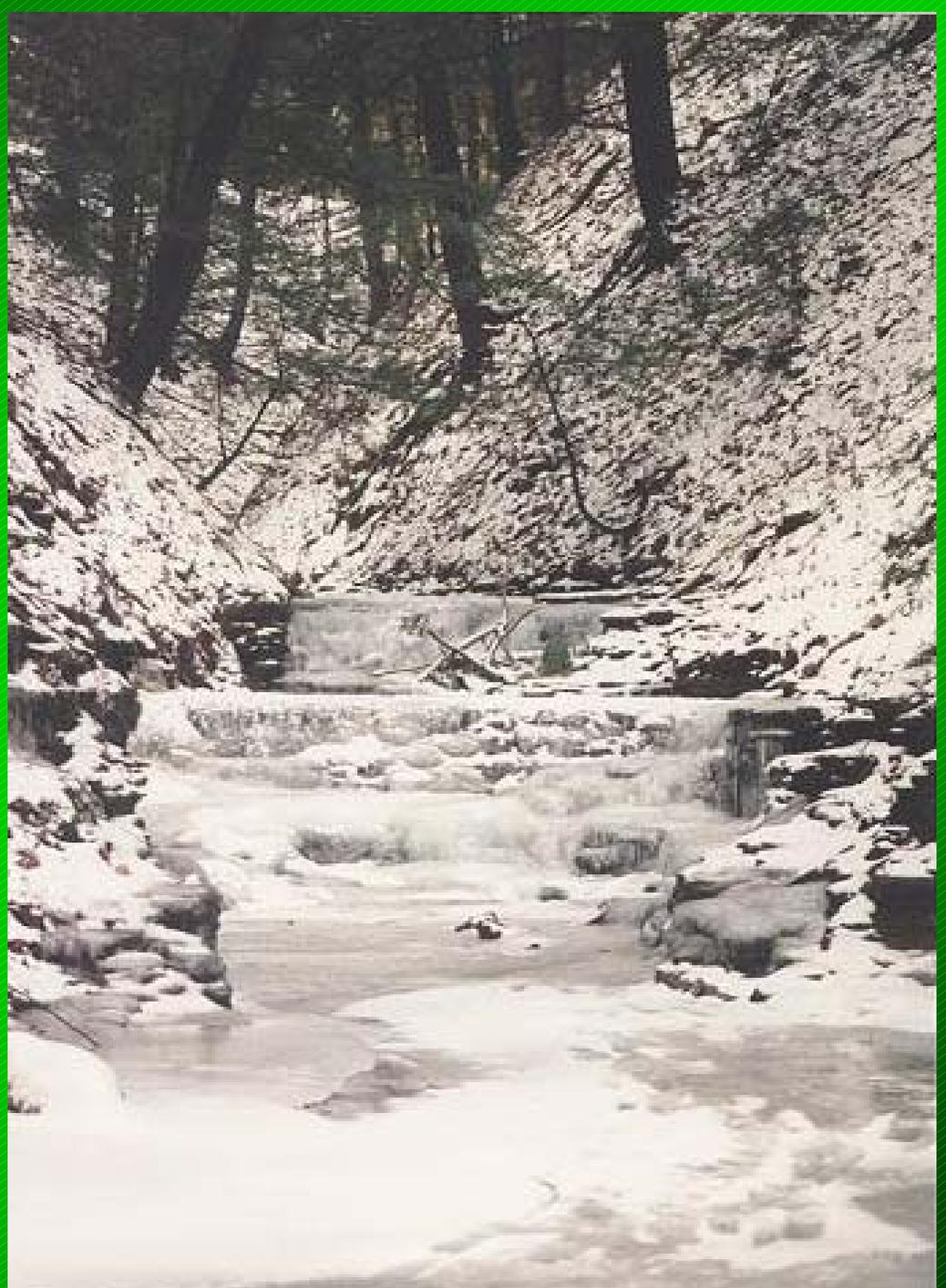
# Mosaic of Forest Ages (MA 3.1)



# Mosaic of Forest Ages - Compatible Uses and Benefits

- Habitat diversity from temporary forest openings to mature forest
- Recreation - camping, hiking, cross-country skiing, biking, horseback riding, snowmobiling, hunting, wildlife and bird observation
- Production of high quality saw-timber
- Scenic vistas
- Firewood and Fence posts

# Special Area (MA 8.1)



# Special Area - Compatible Uses

- Protection of uncommon or outstanding values for public education and enjoyment (Other uses are secondary)
- Recreation - camping, trails, hunting, wildlife and bird observation

# Newly Acquired Lands (MA 9.2)



# Summary of MAs on FLNF

Management Area	Acres of FLNF	% of FLNF	Uses – Main emphasis
Pasture for Grazing (1.2A)	5,900	36	Livestock grazing, Farmers Wildlife, Recreation
Grassland for Wildlife (1.2B)	640	4	Wildlife, Recreation
Shrub opening (1.3)	1,600	10	Wildlife, Recreation
Continuous Forest Cover (2.1)	390	2	Scenic Values, Recreation, Wildlife, Timber
Mosaic of Age-classes (3.1)	6,200	38	Wildlife, Recreation, Timber,
Special Areas (8.1)	370	2	Biological, Geology, Cultural, Recreation
Newly Acquired Land (9.2)	1,300	8	Resource Protection while studied

# Possible New Management Areas

- General Forest
- Restoration Grassland
- Interior Forest
- Research Natural Area

# FS Constraints/Flexibility

- Biodiversity – Habitat types can't be eliminated but amounts and locations could shift
- Different arrangements creates different “alternatives” in Plan Revision
- Alternatives need to be feasible with budgets

# Mapping Instructions

- **Discuss Current MAs**
- **Strategy for Map**
- **Focus on changing current MAs (9.2?)**
- **Resolve issues and concerns**
- **MA Colors on posters**
- **Lines don't have to be exact**
- **Group activity**
- **Document reasons and disagreements on map and flip chart**
- **Have fun!**

**Example...**

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