

Wayne National Forest Plan Revision Newsletter

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steps in Forest Plan
revision process**

**Summer 2002
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period**

**Fall 2003
Development of
Alternatives**

**Fall 2004
Draft Environmental
Impact Statement
comment period**

Public Participation is Critical at Three Steps in the Process of Revising a National Forest Plan

Step 1. Notice of Intent

Last summer we held public meetings throughout the state to explain and gather input on the Notice of Intent to Revise the Plan as published in the April 4, 2002 Federal Register. Many of you commented at these meetings or through the mail and over 600 comments were received during the 90-day comment period. These were summarized in the Content Analysis Summary, posted on the website or available by mail.

Step 2. Development of Alternatives

Forest planning is an issue driven process. From the comments received in Step 1, the forest planning team is identifying the issues that will be addressed in detail during the analysis. Issues will then be used to develop a range of alternatives. The issues will soon be posted on the web site and a printed copy or a CD will be mailed as requested.

Alternatives respond to issues. The Forest can be managed to emphasize different conditions. Each alternative is a collection of management options. The development of alternatives is a critical time for the public to be involved. It is during this step that the public has an opportunity to affect how their principal concerns regarding management of the Wayne National Forest are addressed

Step 3. Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Proposed Revised Plan

Once alternatives are finalized work begins on evaluating the impacts of the alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The Forest Service will identify a preferred alternative and develop the proposed Revised Plan based on the preferred alternative. There will be a formal three months comment period for the DEIS and proposed Revised Plan.

Stay Involved...

Opportunities for participation in alternative development will be publicized in the media, on the web site and by mail by late summer or early autumn. The mailing list is constantly being updated; let us know if you would like to continue to receive this newsletter or any other information.

How To Stay Involved

1. **Keep Current with Revision Updates.**
2. **Review the web page regularly — www.fs.fed.us/r9/wayne.**
3. **Be sure your mailing address is current on the Plan Revision Mailing list.**
4. **Attend public meetings and workshops when offered.**
5. **Read the Press Releases on the website.**
6. **Provide feedback and information to the Forest Plan Revision Team.**

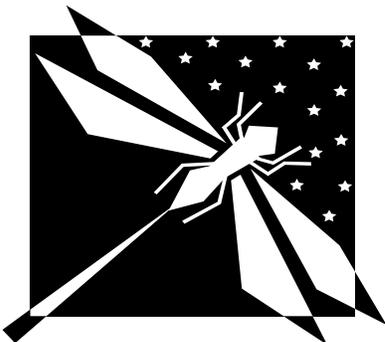
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