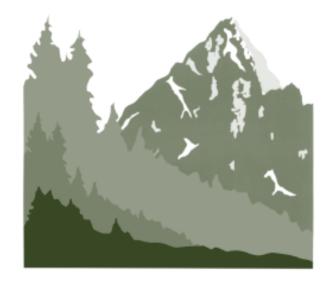
# What is a Forest Plan & a Plan Revision?

## Revising the San Juan National Forest Plan



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... a document that guides all natural resource management activities on a national

forest;

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... translates national laws, regulations and policies that give direction into real action at the local and regional level;

... lasts one to 15 years before it its next revision;

... is flexible and can be adjusted (amended) for a variety of changing conditions during its lifespan.

### A Forest Plan . . .

- 1) sets general management direction across the forest.
- 2) sets forestwide goals and objective what we want to achieve, and how and when we'll reach our goals.
- 3) prescribes what uses are allowed and even given precedence.
- 4) describes and maps lands suitable for harvesting timber and sets an "allowable sale quantity" (ASQ), which is an upper limit on timber sales.
- 5) recommends either to manage certain areas as wilderness or for other uses.
- sets monitoring and evaluation requirements to tell how we are achieving goals and objectives.

## The San Juan National Forest is revising its plan, because . . .

- √ The current plan has reached its 15year lifespan.
- √ New scientific information and ideas, and new issues and concerns have evolved.

#### For example:

Ecosystem Management —working to balance human needs and environmental realities in broader scales.

**Community Stewardship** —providing residents greater chances to care for forests through citizen participation.

These and other fresh opportunities are emerging to integrate ecological sustainability with community social, cultural and economic sustainability.

## Planning doesn't work without community participation

- √ Follow the plan revision process as it develops and comment at key stages (see calendar on reverse).
- $\sqrt{\text{Share your values, your issues, and you sense of what is important.}}$
- $\sqrt{\text{Get on our newlsetter mailing list to stay informed.}}$
- √Attend open houses and workshops.
- $\sqrt{\text{Write letters.}}$

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