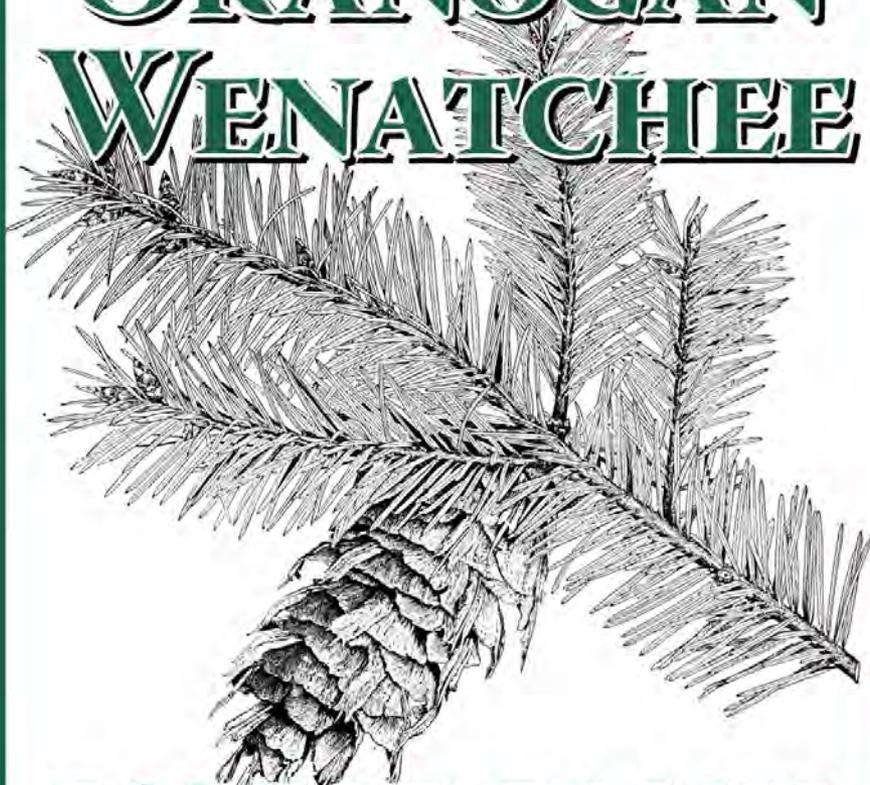


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FOREST PLANS

Proposed Action Scoping

July–Sept./2011



Public Outreach



- Nine public meetings and two webinars
- Colville, Republic, Okanogan, Wenatchee, Newport, Spokane, Yakima, Cle Elum, and Seattle

The main objective of scoping is to ultimately identify the *Issues* that will be used to modify the Proposed Action (PA), develop alternatives and/or refine the analysis.

The ID Team is currently working on this step.



To Date there are about 7 larger issues –

People were really concerned about...

- ✓ *Riparian Areas;*
- ✓ *Wildlife Habitat Connectivity;*
- ✓ *Livestock Grazing – Domestic Sheep*
 - ✓ *Wilderness;*
 - ✓ *Road Access/Density;*
 - ✓ *Motorized Recreation – Trails;*
 - ✓ *Old Forest – NWFP Reserves*

Forest Plan Revision

NEXT STEPS–

DEIS –Spring 2013

FEIS – Spring 2014

ROD – December 2014

Motorized Travel Management

The Chief of the Forest Service identified...

...unmanaged recreation, including unmanaged off-highway vehicle use, as one of four threats to the nation's forests and grasslands and published the National Travel Management Rule in 2005

Travel Management

- ▶ The rule requires the designation of a system of roads, trails, and areas open to motorized vehicle travel on the national forest and display of the system on a motor vehicle use map (MVUM) ;
- ▶ Once this system is designated, motorized travel off the system is prohibited

Travel Management

The decision will include:

- ▶ Fundamental management change from a system which is open unless posted closed to a system that is closed unless posted open, legitimizing motorized use by delineating where it is appropriate
- ▶ This will tweak the existing system to improve the recreational experience for both motorized and non-motorized users

Travel Management

Specific actions include:

- ▶ Eliminate cross country travel;
- ▶ Prohibit motorized use on most maintenance level 1 (ML1) roads (managed as closed, but no legal prohibition);
- ▶ Authorize some ML1 roads as trails, designate unauthorized motorized trails pending resource surveys, authorize additional non-highway legal vehicle use of open roads pending risk mitigation;

Travel Management

Specific actions include (cont.):

- ▶ Convert some existing trails between motorized use and non-motorized use and vice versa and remove some motorized trails from the system;
- ▶ Designate a small amount of small-sized motorized areas;
- ▶ Provide motorized access to dispersed recreation and dispersed camping.

Travel Management

- ▶ **Completed steps are:**
- ▶ 2006–2008 – two rounds of public meetings;
- ▶ Spring 2009 – Public release of Proposed Action with public meetings and comment period
- ▶ Summer 2009 to Spring 2011 – Developed alternative actions in response to public feedback
- ▶ Summer 2011 to present – Analyzed environmental consequences of alternative actions
- ▶ Fall 2011 – Met with group of stakeholders to display early effects and tweak proposals as needed

Travel Management

- ▶ **The next steps are:**
- ▶ Regional review of the DEIS – Summer 2012;
- ▶ Public comment on the DEIS – Fall 2012;
- ▶ Analysis of comments, Final EIS, ROD – Winter/ Spring 2013;
- ▶ Creation and roll out of the MVUM to implement decision – Summer/ Fall 2013;
- ▶ Annual updates to the MVUM based on subsequent decisions.

Land Acquisitions – Scott Lynn

- ▶ FS Funding for Land Acquisitions =
Land and Water Conservation Fund
- ▶ LWCF is funded by Outer Continental Shelf Oil drilling royalties at \$900million/year, subject to annual appropriations.

Annual Appropriations in Millions of Dollars

	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013 (President's Request)
LWCF Total:	\$453	\$301	\$323	\$450
LWCF Fed. Purchase	\$278	\$177	\$199	\$269

Land Acquisitions

Okanogan–Wenatchee NF will be responding to Region 6 LWCF nomination process in July/Aug. for FY 2014

The Okanogan–Wenatchee NF will be nominating a portion of the lands identified in the Yakima Integrated Plan for FY 2014 LWCF funding.

National Ranking Criteria are:

- National Importance
- Landscape Level Impact
- Public and Partner Support
- Urgency to Forest and Community
- Annual O&M improvements, savings or cost

