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Land and Resource Management Planning

Each National Forest has a Land and Resource Management Plan. This document, usually referred to as the Forest Plan, describes how the forest will be managed for the 10-15 year period after it is adopted. The Forest Plan for the Idaho Panhandle National Forests was adopted in September of 1987.

[National Forest and Resource Management Planning](#) is performed in compliance with a number of legal mandates. Two important laws related to National Forest planning are the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (RPA) and the [National Forest Management Act of 1976](#) (NFMA) which amended RPA. The specific rules that govern the forest planning process are published in the Code of Federal Regulations.

1987 FOREST PLAN

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FOREST PLAN PROGRAMMATIC AMENDMENTS

The Idaho Panhandle Forest Plan Record of Decision was signed in September 1987. Since then there have been a number of programmatic amendments to the plan.

- [Summary of Previous Amendments](#)
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 - [Fry Emergence](#) PDF (70k)
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- [Final Environmental Impact Statement \(FEIS\)](#)  PDF
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- [Bear Management Unit Summary - 2004](#)  PDF (50k)

FOREST PLAN MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The 1987 Forest Plan requires that a Monitoring and Evaluation Report be completed each year. The purpose of this report is to determine how the IPNF is doing in meeting the goals outlined in the Forest Plan. Monitoring reports for the last five years are maintained on this website.

[2005-2006 Forest Plan Monitoring and Evaluation Report](#)  PDF

1.7mb

[2004 Forest Plan Monitoring and Evaluation Report](#)  PDF 7.2mb




[2003 Forest Plan Monitoring and Evaluation Report](#)  PDF 4.6mb

[2002 Forest Plan Monitoring and Evaluation Report](#)  PDF 1.6mb

FOREST PLAN REVISION

We have started the process of revising our Forest Plan in tandem with the Kootenai National Forest in northwest Montana. Forest Plan Revision is a complex process that will require extensive public involvement and collaboration with many groups and agencies. The [Kootenai/Idaho Panhandle Zone \(KIPZ\) Forest Plan Revision](#) web page contains more information including documents, schedules for public meetings, etc.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

- The [IPNF Social Assessment](#) (2.3mb  PDF) fulfills Gifford Pinchot's advice to "estimate and understand public opinion" while we care for the land under our stewardship. It surveys public perceptions, values, attitudes, and other factors in search of better ways to manage the natural resources of the Idaho Panhandle National Forests.
- [Situation Summary and Management Strategy For Mountain Caribou And Winter Recreation On the Idaho Panhandle National Forests](#) (1.5mb  PDF)
- [Public Comments Regarding Caribou Issues - Idaho Panhandle National Forest - March 2004](#) (100k  PDF)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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