



FOREST PLANS AND PROJECTS

HOW ARE DESIRED CONDITIONS ACHIEVED?

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What Is a Forest Plan?



- Forest plans set the overall management direction and guidance for each of our national forests.
- Forest plans do not provide site-specific direction, but instead guide management activities at a forest-wide scale.
- Forest plans guide the direction of specific projects or activities on the ground.
- Forest plans must meet the requirements of the National Forest Management Act and its implementing federal regulations known as the planning rule.

Plan Components



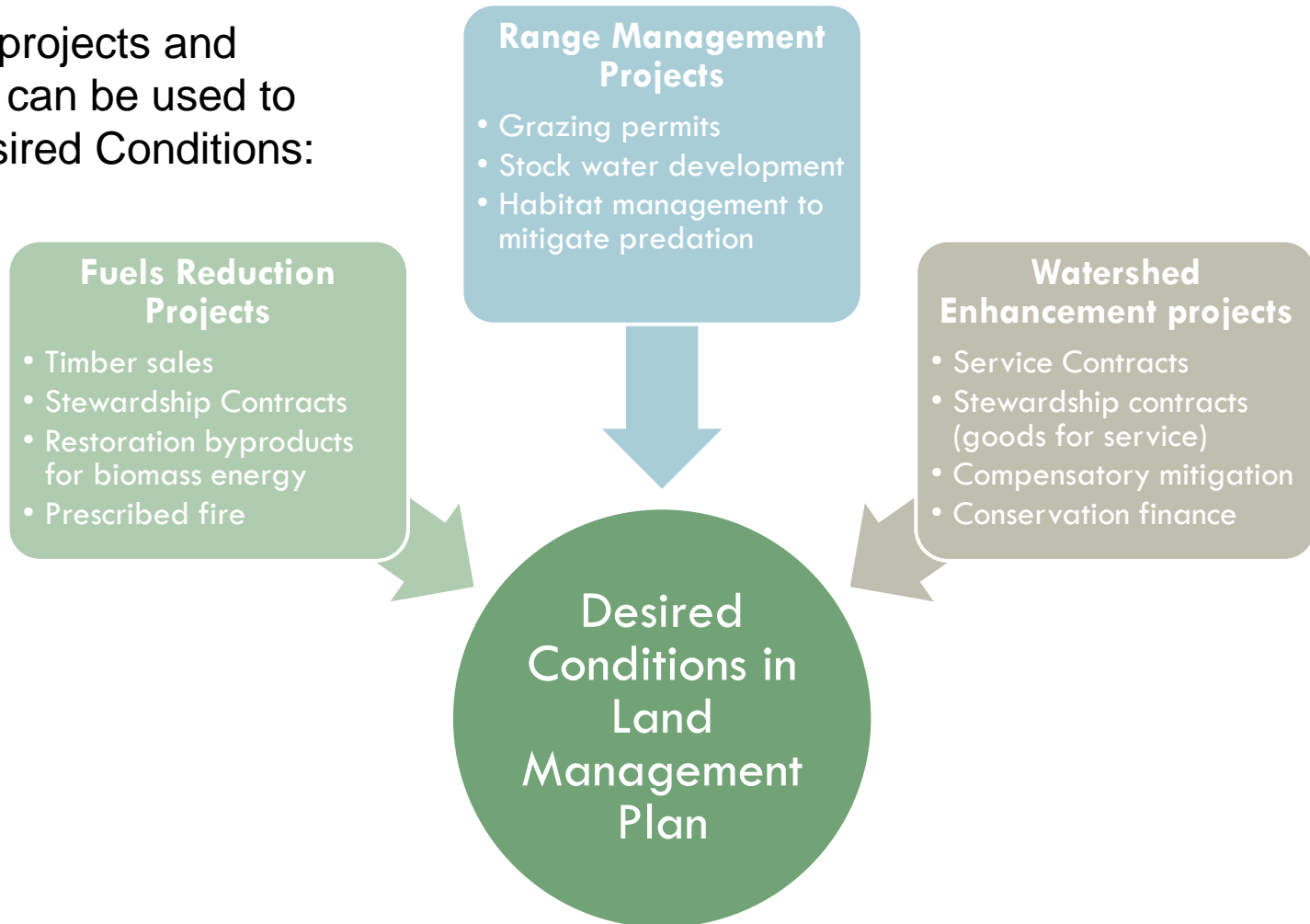
- Desired conditions
- Objectives
- Standards
- Guidelines
- Goals
- Suitability of Lands

- Also:
 - Management Areas
 - Plan Monitoring Program

How Project Implementation Achieves Desired Conditions



A variety of projects and instruments can be used to achieve Desired Conditions:



Strategy vs. Tactics



Land Management Plan = Strategy: Sets the intent

- Focuses on *what* we want to achieve and *why*
- Design Criteria (guidelines and standards) set sideboards on future actions to ensure maintenance of or movement towards Desired Conditions
- In the absence of a proposal for a use or activity, Design Criteria are *inert*

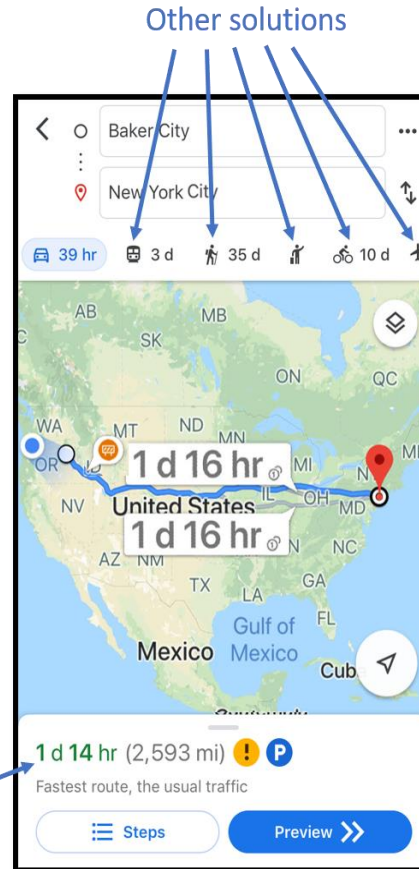
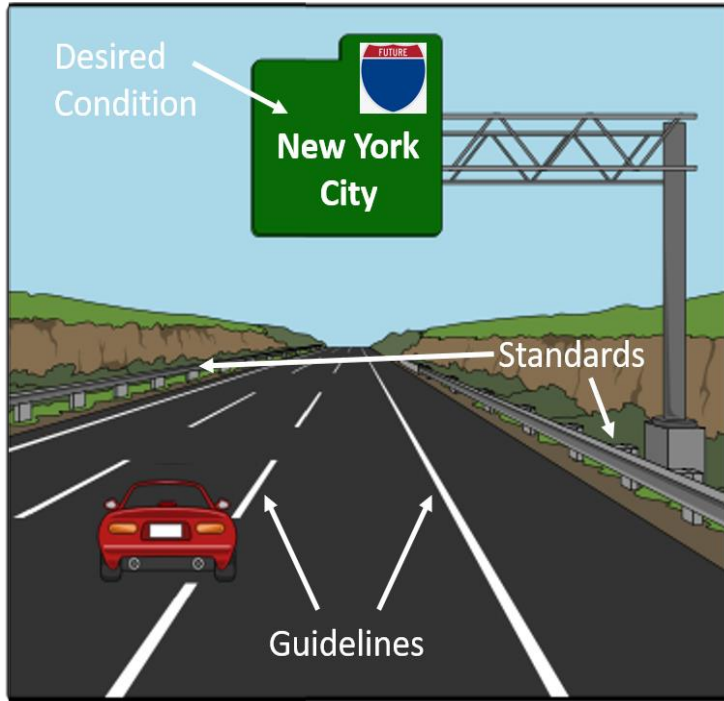
Project Planning = Tactics: Drives action

- Projects must be consistent Design Criteria in the Land Management Plan
- Other relevant authorities and information are also considered:
 - Oil and gas leasing standard stipulations
 - Timber sale contract clauses
 - Special use authorization standard clauses
 - Grazing permit terms and conditions
 - Mineral operations permits
 - Memoranda of understanding with other agencies

River is to Plan as Boat is to Project



A Familiar Example...



Project 1: Hitch from Portland to Baker

Project 2: Amtrak from Baker to Boise

Project 3: Bike from Boise to DeMoines

Project 4: Bus from DeMoines to Cleveland

Project 5: Fly from Cleveland to NYC

Without projects, we would be stuck in Portland!

QUESTIONS?

