

Process - Overview

This section is devoted to an overview of the process. It describes what needs to be done to put together a project proposal package for the Regional Forester's signature, that conforms to the law and Forest Service policy. Most questions within the region concerning this process currently go something like this "how do I get approval to use herbicides within wilderness?" The steps displayed below provide a pathway to answer that question.

In the remainder of this notebook are examples of EAs, Minimum Tool Analyses (or Minimum Requirement Decision Guides), Forest Implementation Plans, Pesticide Use Proposals, and lots of other information. Although these are adequate examples, they are not intended to be copied outright. Use these examples to guide your own process and prepare a project proposal package for the project in your wilderness. Innovative solutions to the problem of noxious weeds in wilderness are always welcome.

Step One (Recommended): Forest Implementation Plan

Identify overall forest goals, objectives, and implementation procedures.

Step Two: Forest-wide NEPA Document

Identify broad treatment areas in addition to alternative treatment methods.

Step Three: Site-specific analysis

Prepare a site-specific analysis as required. Document this analysis in a project EA or in the Minimum Requirement Decision Guide (MRDG). (Include project area maps, species to be treated, herbicide to be used, application method, restoration plan and assessment of prior treatment.)

Step Four: Minimum Requirement Decision Guide

Identify treatment methods and determine compatibility with wilderness management. *If application of herbicides is the proposed treatment method, proceed to Step Five.*

Step Five: Pesticide Use Proposal (FS 2100-2)

Submit a Pesticide Use Proposal form for Regional Forester approval for all applications of pesticides and herbicides within wilderness.

Step Six: Regional Forester Approval Package

Submit completed and signed EA and MRDG with interdisciplinary concurrence and cover letter requesting Regional Forester approval. *The Regional Forester will approve or deny the project within five working days after receiving a complete package.*

Step Seven: Assessment of Prior Treatment

Monitor project implementation and success and complete an Assessment of Prior Treatment before requesting approval for additional or follow-up application of herbicide in wilderness.

Recommended Step One: Forest Implementation Plan
Should identify broader plans of overall Forest goals and objectives.

Step Two - Forest Wide NEPA document
Identifies broad treatment areas in addition to alternative treatment methods.

Recommended Step Three - Site Specific NEPA document (ie District EA)
Specific site information is required such as exact acreage to be treated, a discussion of treatment methods and so on.

IS WILDERNESS IDENTIFIED AS A TREATMENT AREA?

Is YES then

Step Four - Minimum Requirement Analysis
Identifies treatment methods and determines if they are compatible with the Wilderness resource.
If chemical treatments have been identified proceed to step five.

If No,
Why are you reading this document?

Step 5 - Pesticide Use Proposal (FS-2100-2)
All chemical treatments within Wilderness must be approved by the Regional Forester

Approval -
Begin Treatment and Monitor success of treatment.