

Determining the Need and Extent Necessary and Allocating Use for Commercial Services in Wilderness

Relationship to Agency Planning

National Forest Planning -

Under the 1982 Planning Rule forest plans may contain standards and guidelines related to determination of capacity, assessment of need for commercial services, and/or allocation of commercial use. Alternatively, need, capacity and allocation could also be addressed in a subsequent analysis or wilderness plan later included as an amendment to the forest plan.

Forest Plan revisions under the 2008 revised Planning Rule are strategic documents focused on six Planning Rule Components. The components include five required plan components and one optional: Desired Condition, Objectives, Suitability, Special Areas, Guidelines, and Standards (optional). Planning decisions are not site specific except in instances where Standards are made part of the plan.

The NEPA decision and management direction from pre-existing wilderness plans (including the need for commercial services, capacity determination, extent necessary, and allocations for commercial use) may be retained unchanged in the plan set of documents. The need for commercial services, capacity determination, extent necessary, and allocations for commercial use may also be addressed in a subsequent document

Agency direction for the Forest Service under the 2008 Planning Rule is found at:
http://www.fs.fed.us/emc/nfma/includes/planning_rule/08_planning_rule.pdf