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I. Forest Planning -- The Process at Work

- A. National Forest Management Act of 1976
- B. Status of forest planning nationwide
- C. Assessing the results of forest planning
- D. See: "A Layman's Look at Forest Planning" and related articles in American Forests, Vol. 92, No. 10, October 1986; Wilkinson, C.F. and H.M. Anderson. "Land and Resource Planning in the National Forests" in Oregon Law Review, Vol. 64, 1985; Kirby, Peter C. and V. Alaric Sample Jr. National Forest Planning: A Conservationist's Guide, Second Edition), The Wilderness Society, 1983; Coppelman, Peter D. "Crisis in Forest Planning," speech presented at the Western Public Interest Law Conference, Eugene, Oregon, 14 March 1987.

II. Conservationist Goals for the National Forests

- A. Protect wildlands and biological diversity; promote low impact, ecological forestry; strengthen resource stewardship; preserve cultural resources and scenic beauty; expand the constituency of interested citizens.
- B. Some specific proposals.
- C. Changing demands on America's forestland.

- D. See: Kirby, Peter C. "National Forests: A Conservationist Perspective," in Forum, Vol. 2, No. 1, Spring 1987; Clawson, Marion. "Forests in the Long Sweep of American History," in Science, Vol. 204, 15 June 1979.

III. Lessons of Forest Planning

- A. The "gardener's ethic" -- bring the national forests under active management.
- B. No overall change in suitable timberland.
- C. Increased emphasis on logging and road construction, more below-cost timber sales and taxpayer losses.
- D. Threats to water quality and fisheries.
- E. Loss of wildlife habitat and biological diversity.
- F. Recreation and scenic values.
- G. Allocation of future expenditures.
- H. See: Sampson, R. Neil. "Managing Confrontation in the National Forests," in American Forests, October, 1986; Jackson, David H. "Below-Cost Sales: Causes and Solutions," in Western Wildlands, Vol. 12, No. 1, Spring 1986; Forests of the Future? An Assessment of the National Forest Planning Process, The Wilderness Society, May 1987; Management Directions for the National Forests of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem,

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- A. Passing a law is not enough.
- B. Strategies -- short-run and long-run.
- C. See: Clary, David A. Timber and the Forest Service. University Press of Kansas. 1986;
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