

## How long will the revision take?

The Forest Plan will be completed in a four-year timeframe, from the public notice of the Assessment in 2016 to final plan approval in 2019.

## Plan Revision Timeline:

### Phase I: Assessment (Spring 2016-17)

- **Pre-planning** (Feb. 2016-June 16')
- **Tribal, County, State, and Agency outreach** (May 2016-June 16')
- **Initial public involvement** (July 2016)
- **Assessment** (August 2016-March 17')
- **Need for change from current plan** (April 2017-May 17')

### Phase II: Plan Revision (Summer 2017-19)

- **NEPA – Environmental Impact Statement to develop new Forest Plan and alternatives** (May 2017-September 2019)

### Phase III: Monitoring (2020+)

- **Implementation of the new Forest Plan**
- **Conduct monitoring in accordance with new Forest Plan**
- **Conduct biannual review of the new Forest Plan and update if needed**

## Have questions about Plan Revision?

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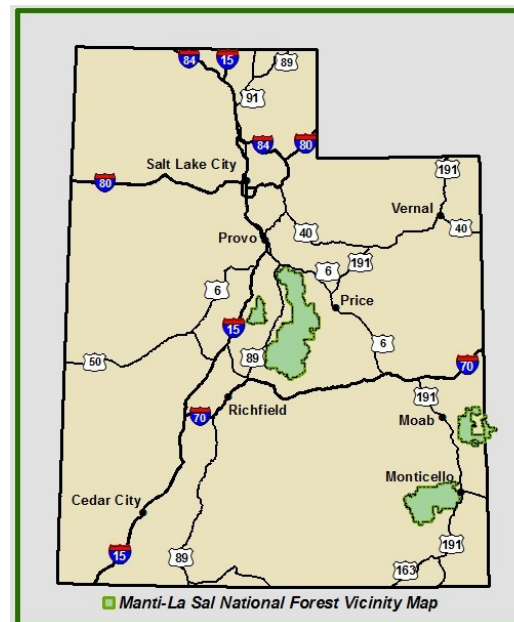
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# Manti-La Sal National Forest Plan Revision

Information Pamphlet



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## What is a Forest Plan?

The National Forest Management Act (NFMA) of 1976 requires that each forest create a land management plan. **Known as Forest Plans, these land management documents guide management of National Forest lands to provide for multiple-uses and a range of social, economic, and ecological benefits for the present and future.**



Photo: La Sal Mountains

The process for the development and revision of plans, is outlined in planning regulations, often referred to as the 'Planning Rule' (the 2012 Planning Rule is the current rule).

## Why is the Manti-La Sal National Forest Undergoing Plan Revision?

**Written in 1986, the current Manti-La Sal National Forest Plan is outdated in many ways.** Since its creation, natural resource and social conditions have changed; new scientific knowledge exists; and additional land management laws have been put into place. These changes, along with shifts in communities, economic activity, and changing patterns of land and resource use drive the need to revise the plan at this time.

## What is included in a Forest Plan?

Forest Plans are comprehensive documents that guide Forest resource management, use, and protection. Plans aims to balance multiple uses and sustained yield of Forest resources. They also set forth a vision for land management, describe the desired conditions within the Forest, and lay out specific objectives, standards, and guidelines for how to achieve those desired conditions.

- ◇ Forest Plans identify the suitability of lands for multiple uses such as vegetation management; timber; wilderness; fish and wildlife habitat; grazing; recreation; mineral exploration; and development, water, soils, and cultural and historic resources.



Photo: Cultural Site in the Abajo Mountains

## What is the public's role?

**The Forest will engage the public—including Tribes, other Federal agencies, State and Local governments, individuals, and public and private organizations —early and throughout the planning process.**

- ◇ The public will be invited to participate in the assessment phase and the development of the Draft Forest Plan; to comment on the Draft Plan and the disclosure of its Environmental Impact Statements; to participate during the objection process; and to review monitoring results.

## How can the public participate?

**Public participation is a priority during each phase of Forest Plan Revision.** The Forest will invite the public to participate at public open houses and through digital platforms, such as online surveys, webpages, and email. **See below for a list of upcoming open houses.**

Date	City	Location
6 Sept. 2016	Price	450 S. Fairgrounds Way
7 Sept. 2016	Castle Dale	75 E. Main
12 Sept. 2016	Manti	160 N. Main
13 Sept. 2016	Moab	182 N. 500 W.
14 Sept. 2016	Monticello	1117 N. Main Street
15 Sept. 2016	Blanding	25 W. 300 S.
29 Sept. 2016	Mt. Pleasant	115 W. Main Street
30 Sept. 2016	Provo	51 S. University Avenue