

THE RECREATION RIVERS PLANNING PROCESS

Below are major steps in the planning process with approximate timeframes for each step. Small amendments to the plan may be done in a shorter period of time, but since this plan has not been revised for 30 years, the timeframes provided are for a moderate revision to the plan.

1. Issues are identified through public scoping comment period and meetings to learn about interests and problems in the planning area. (30-90 days)
 - The information gathered during this phase provides the scope of work for the plan process.
2. Updated information is collected on natural resources, present land and water use, land ownership, public use, and important public use sites. (60-90 days & throughout the process)
 - We may contract out surveys or updates to the resource assessment document that was compiled 1991.
 - Much of the resource assessment work is done using GIS datasets now.
3. Management Alternatives and Agency Review Draft are prepared. (60-90 days)
 - Various options are considered and alternatives are drafted for agency review.
4. Agency Review Draft reviewed by the Recreation Rivers planning team and advisory board. (30 days)
 - This is a time where agencies & the board provide comments on the draft plan. It is an opportunity to settle on language and management alternatives that will be presented for public review and assure that the agencies are on the same page.
5. Public Review Draft is prepared and reviewed by the public. (60-90 days)
 - Based on the feedback from the agency comments the draft plan is adjusted and presented for public review and comment.
6. Final Plan is prepared. (30- 60 days dependent on the amount of changes)
 - Once the comment period closes, an IRS is prepared that includes recommended revisions to the draft plan.
 - This step can take quite some time depending on the among of comments received and changes needed to the draft plan.
7. Plan is Adopted by the Commissioner (20-day reconsideration period)
 - The commissioner is presented with the PRD and a list of recommended revisions. This constitutes the final plan for the purposes of adoption.

-There is a reconsideration period. Once adopted, a plan is final but by statute, this plan requires legislative approval as well.

8. Legislature Reviews Plan. (100 days)
9. Implementation. The revised plan guides land management decisions in the Recreational Rivers corridors.