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01 - Authority

Refer to FSM 2401 for laws enacted by Congress which provide authority for managing National Forest System timber. Applicable Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) are also identified.

02 - Objective

FSM 2402 describes objectives for managing the forest resources on National Forest System lands.

03 - Policy

Refer to FSM 2403 for principal policy relating to management of forest resources on National Forest System lands.

04 - Responsibility

See FSM 2404 and FSM 2450.4 for delegated responsibility for leadership, Directors, Line Officers, Station Directors, contracting officers, and the timber sale contract administration team.

Timber sales shall be prepared and offered to meet land management plan objectives in accordance with instructions and guidance provided in this handbook.