Re-thinking Forest Regulations

- New Planning Rule/Collaboration
- Stewardship Contracting
What is a Planning Rule?

National Forest Management Act (law)

USFS Planning Rule (regulation)

Land Management Plans (Forests/Grasslands)

Project or Activity Decision
Process

Phase 1
Notice of Intent

Phase 2
Formal Comment
Science Forum
Roundtables
Tribal Consultation

Phase 3
Administrative Review

PROPOSED RULE
Key Themes of the Rule

- Collaborative and science-based process
- Adaptive framework
- Broader landscape context
- Sustain and restore health and resilience of ecosystems
- Climate change and other stressors
- Vibrant communities
Requirements for Public Participation

- Collaborative planning process
- Engagement early and throughout
- Coordination with other planning efforts
What’s really different?
Stewardship Contracting

What it is...and
What it is not...
The Stewardship Contracting Concept

Shift in outcome = Not just what is taken, but what is left on the land
It is...

✓ A contracting tool
✓ A means to bundle contracts and work
✓ A way to accomplish more on-the-ground
✓ A means to promote economic and ecosystem benefits, and forest health
✓ A platform for community involvement and community benefit
What it does not do...

- Relieve the agency from free and open competition
- Lessen Federal Acquisition Regulations
- Relax Federal environmental laws
What’s really different?
New Planning Rule
http://www.fs.fed.us/news/pr-listserv-subscribe.html

Stewardship Contracting
Questions?