

DRAFT Decision Criteria
Monongahela National Forest

Forest Service Mission: To sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's Forests and Grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.

FS Strategic Plan, Goal 1- Ecosystem Health: Promote ecosystem health and conservation using a collaborative approach to sustain the Nation's forests, grasslands, and watersheds.

1. Criterion 1- The extent to which the alternative maintains a healthy, sustainable forest by increasing age class distribution and maintaining forest species diversity in order to reduce susceptibility to epidemic levels of insect and disease. (Objective 1.c- GPRA)

Measurement: Acres of land available for vegetation manipulation

2. Criterion 2- The extent to which the alternative improves and protects watershed conditions to provide water quality and quantity and soil productivity necessary to support ecological functions in riparian and aquatic areas. (Objective 1.a- GPRA)

Information Source: Acres available for watershed restoration
Acres available for potential soil disturbance in sensitive soils
Qualitative discussion of ability of alternative to protect areas at high risk for cation depletion

FS Strategic Plan, Goal 2- Multiple Benefits to People: Provide a variety of uses, values, products, and services for present and future generations by managing within the capability of sustainable ecosystems.

1. Criterion 3- The extent to which the alternative contributes to social and economic sustainability providing desired sustainable levels of uses, values, products, and services. (36 CFR 219(b)(iii)) (Objective 2.c-GPRA)

Information Source: Recreation uses and revenues
Timber outputs and revenues
Fish and game production
IMPLAN Outputs/Qualitative discussion in Social Impact Analysis

2. Criterion 4- The extent to which the alternative provides diverse, high-quality outdoor recreation opportunities on the Monongahela National Forest. (Objective 2.a- GPRA)

Information Source: Acres by ROS

3. Criterion 5- The extent to which the alternative balances opportunities for motorized and non-motorized recreation. (Objective 2.b)

Information Source: Acres of proposed wilderness (wait until results of evaluation)
Acres of MP 6.2
Motorized /Non-motorized opportunities