



Sustainability / Local (Forest Management Unit) Scale



Mt. Hood National Forest in Oregon Embraces Sustainability	
Place-Based Opportunity	Mt. Hood National Forest employs a systems approach to sustainability including scientific, policy, operations, and market-based efforts informed by principles of sustainability and Montreal Process Criteria & Indicators
Discussion	<p>Description: Mt. Hood National Forest began a systems-based approach to sustainability during the 1990s. As federal commitment to sustainable resource management increased, the Forest participated in scientific, policy, operations, and market-based sustainability efforts—all informed in by the Montreal Process Criteria & Indicators (C&I) as a framework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Scientific approach</i>—Local Unit C&I Development (LUCID) Project; ➤ <i>Market-based approach</i>—The Forest participated in the National Forest Certification Evaluation of SFI and FSC forest certification processes. ➤ <i>Policy approach</i>—The Forest is matching its Forest Plan Monitoring Report and the Forestry Program for Oregon relying on Montreal C&I format for its 2007 FY Report. The Forest used the framework LUCID for 2002 to 2006 Forest Plan Monitoring Reports. As context, the state-level Forestry Program uses the seven Montreal Process Criteria to frame strategies for all forests in the state, including federal forests; ➤ <i>Sustainable operations approach</i>—the Forest is taking a lead in sustainable operations through leadership of Deputy Forest Supervisor KJ Silverman who is also active in R-6 Sustainable Operations effort. <p>Context: Located in western OR adjacent to the Portland/Vancouver Metropolitan Area, the Forest is part of the urban landscape and backyard to over 2 million people who depend upon it for a range of environmental, social, and economic benefits. Over half of OR forest land is federally managed. Oregon is pursuing a common framework to coordinate with federal managers, to measure progress across ownerships, and to better communicate with the public. The Forest will coordinate with the OR Board of Forestry on updating its <i>Forestry Program for Oregon</i> and on a new 2010 Statewide Forest Assessment.</p> <p>Value Added: Use of a common set of criteria and consistent use of indicators facilitates coordination across boundaries and scales; and assists communication. As NFs update plans and coordinate within ecological sub-regions (provinces) they benefit from a common C&I framework. Additional value added by the Forest’s sustainability efforts include a) framing the “Quest for Sustainability” as a primary organizing principle in LUCID, b) an ability to tell the federal forest management story to stakeholders through sustainability language, c) the rich range of partnerships sustainability spawns including with the State and local agencies, universities, and citizen groups, and d) helping shape the emerging universal language and metric of sustainability.</p>
Key Resources and Web Links	Mt. Hood NF: www.fs.fed.us/r6/mthood/ , Monitoring Reports in Publications , National Forest Certification Evaluation in Projects & Plans .
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