

AGENDA ITEM # V.

Dixie National Forest Sustainable Recreation Outreach Background and Talking Points

Background

The Dixie National Forest is exploring ways to more effectively and efficiently manage our recreation program. We are developing a forestwide recreation strategy that will include a vision, goals and actions to help us address increasing recreation demands while integrating the recreation program with other resource program areas. The resulting integration will allow all programs to better balance social, ecological, and financial needs. This strategy will also enable us to create and strengthen partnerships by increasing our ability to leverage scarce resources for larger community benefits. The overarching goal is to provide balanced, quality recreation opportunities while maintaining a functioning environment. We will meet this goal by focusing on mission-driven priorities, connecting recreation benefits to communities, and responding to changing user needs.

Talking Points

- We are seeking input from communities and partners to help us develop our recreation strategy. We know that providing benefits to communities through recreation is critical.
- We are meeting with community members and forest partners to better understand outdoor recreation and tourism priorities. This will help us better understand our role as a recreation provider and build on existing relationships.
- The strategy will include a program funding and delivery model that will identify shared strategies for moving toward sustainability. This will help reduce the effects of recreation on natural resources and will assist in the maintenance and restoration of recreation settings, thereby improving recreational experiences. The integration between the recreation program and other resource programs will encourage and reward multi-resource planning in all resource management programs.
- The strategy will allow us to respond more nimbly and wisely as inevitable changes occur in the social, economic, and ecological environment of the Dixie National Forest.



Rick Dustin
Forest Landscape Architect

United States Department of Agriculture
US Forest Service - Intermountain Region

Dixie National Forest
1789 North Wedgewood Lane
Cedar City, UT 84721

Voice: (435) 865 3745 • FAX (435) 865-3791
Email: rickdustin@fs.fed.us

**Dixie National Forest
Sustainable Recreation Strategy
Stakeholder Sensing Framework**

Stakeholder Group/Organization Name:

Date:

Name(s) of Discussion Leader/Note Taker:

Name(s) of Respondent(s)/Contact Information:

Example questions to get the conversation going:

- How do you define sustainability in the context of recreation and tourism?
- What outdoor recreation opportunities are (your constituency/organization) interested in and/or focused on providing and why?
- Describe what makes a quality outdoor recreation experience for (your constituency/organization) and what is needed to enhance this experience.
- What can (your constituency/organization) provide to address the interests and needs discussed above? What things can we work on together?
- What role does the Dixie National forest have in providing the benefits and experiences you described? What role do other recreation providers (e.g., NPS, BLM, State, private) have?

Summary of Discussion/Other Main Points of Discussion (use additional pages as necessary):