

Inyo County Priorities
Inyo National Forest Plan Update
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- Access – a sustainable road system should be implemented to enhance and accommodate vehicular use, packing, hunting, hiking, and other recreational opportunities, as well as mining and other uses of the Forest. Mitigation opportunities for potential environmental impacts resulting from increased access should be identified and implemented.
 - Roads and trails should be protected and expanded to provide access for recreation and exploration for natural resources and other uses of the Forest, including grazing, mining, and the activities of native peoples (such as gathering).
 - Roadless Areas should be identified for removal or evaluation if they are not roadless.
 - Conflicts between biological resources and human access should be identified and planned for.

- Vibrant Economy – the Plan should contribute substantially to the local economy due to the impact of the Forest on the County’s culture and fiscal health, and should not result in significant socioeconomic impacts.
 - Grazing, Mining, Recreation, and other Multiple Uses – the Plan should support and encourage consumptive and sustainable uses of the Forest to contribute to the County’s economy and culture.
 - Roads and trails should be protected and expanded to provide access for recreation and exploration for natural resources. This type of recreation is an important economic driver for the County.
 - Use permits should be facilitated and streamlined for timely issuance and evaluated based upon scientific criteria.
 - Mitigation Bank – rather than acquire land for mitigation of environmental impacts, the Plan should promote restoration of degraded public lands to accommodate mitigation of human development elsewhere in the County.

- Local Culture – the Plan should support and enhance the culture of local communities to the extent social and cultural issues revolve around the forest.
 - Public Safety – access and accommodation for public safety purposes should be of paramount concern in the Plan, including for law enforcement (such as eradicating illegal drug production), fire management and suppression, and search and rescue.
 - Provide access to the Forest for gathering activities, prospecting, sightseeing, exploration, and camping.
 - Provide a continuing voice to the people living around the forest through their local government representatives.
 - Increase use of partnering with local communities, agencies, and non-profits.