

Susitna Valley Forest Management Plan



STATE OF ALASKA
DIVISION OF FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION

Goals for this Meeting



Summarize the purpose of this project (updating the Susitna Forestry Guidelines by replacing them with a Forest Management Plan)



Give a broad overview of how the process will unfold as we move through the stages of planning



Outline options for communication with the Planning Team throughout the planning process and how that information will be used



Q&A and Open Discussion

What is a Forest Management Plan?

A long-term planning document containing

- **(Ch. 1)** Description of the planning area and relationship to other management information
- **(Ch. 2)** Summary of the resources and uses within the management area. Guidelines for management related to those resources and uses
- **(Ch.3)** Management Intent and Guidelines specific to each management unit
- **(Ch. 4)** Implementation information
- **(Appendices)** Additional resources or records

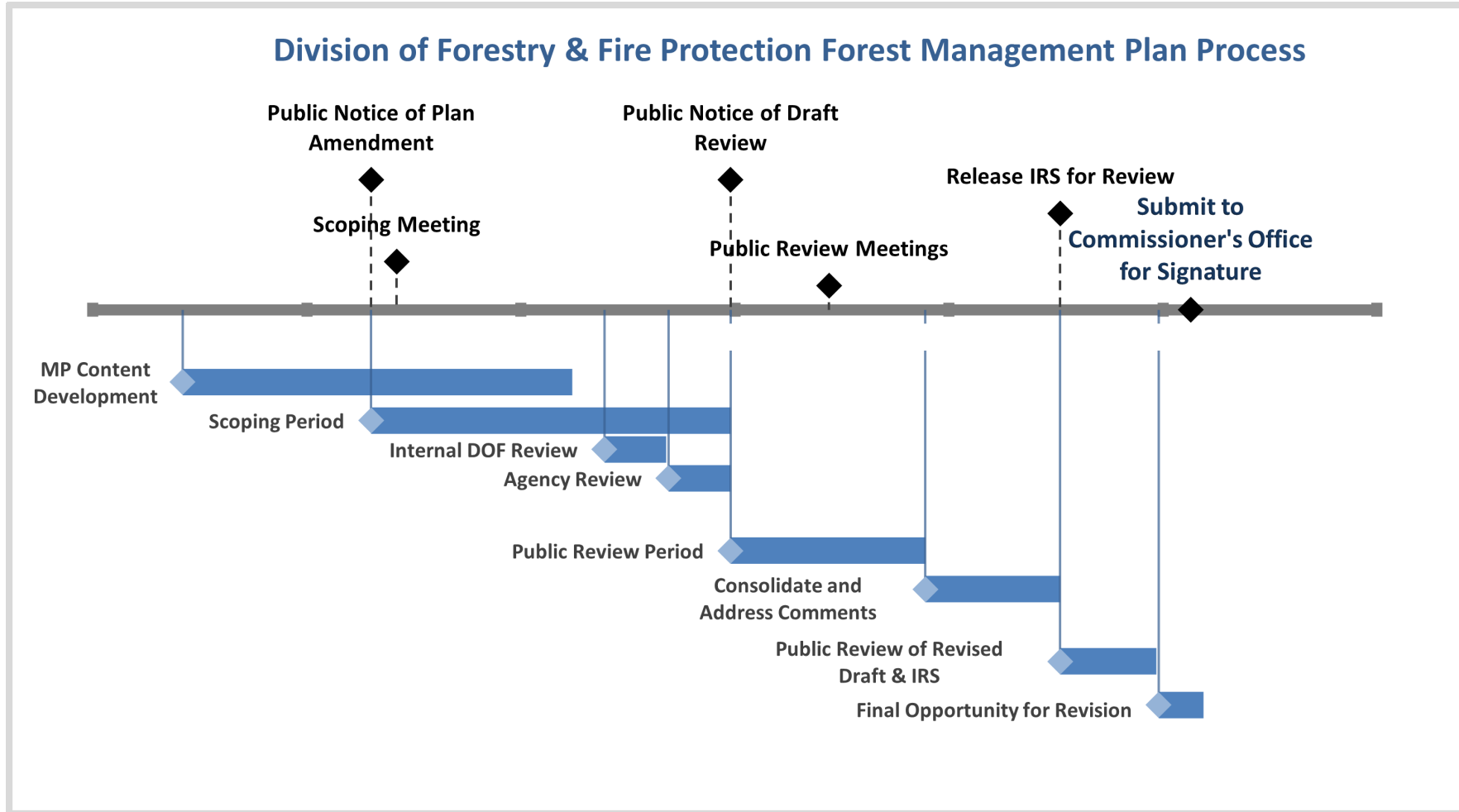
Does a Forest Management Plan...

Outline the State of Alaska's intentions for long-term land use?	✓
Allow multiple uses on the lands in the planning area?	✓
Keep potential activities on State-owned lands as flexible as possible?	✓
Authorize a specific project or event? (Not even a timber sale!)	✗
Create a State Forest?	✗
Prohibit some uses in favor of other uses?	✗

DOF Planning at-a-glance



DNR Planning Process



Acronyms & Abbreviations

MP – Management Plan
IRS – Issue Response Summary
DOF – Division of Forestry & Fire Protection

Key Take-Aways

- Meetings are not your only option to communicate with the planning team.
- This is a long process involving a large group of contributors.
- Planning is complex—call us if you have questions.

Opportunities to Participate

For the rest of the Scoping Period

- ❖ Surveys at <https://forestry.alaska.gov/SusitnaValleyFP/> will remain open until the Public review period begins.
- ❖ Submit information through email at dnr.dof.matsuplanning@alaska.gov
- ❖ Send a letter to:
Alaska DOF, Attn: Forest planning
500 W. 7th Ave. Suite 1450
Anchorage, AK 99501
- ❖ **Stop by and visit Stephen!**

After the Public Review Draft is released

- ❖ Find announcement information through **AK Online Public Notice** or at <https://forestry.alaska.gov/SusitnaValleyFP/>
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How your input will be used

During the Scoping Period

- ❖ Information shared during the scoping period is a recommendation that DOF considers during the development period of updated plan content.
- ❖ Comments are not addressed in a summary or report, but may be reflected in the plan language released for review

After the Public Review Draft is released

- ❖ Comments submitted during the review period are a response to the plan text that DOF is proposing for adoption.
- ❖ Comments received during the public comment period are summarized and addressed in an Issue Response Summary.

THANK YOU

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