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Land Management Plan

Part 3 Design Criteria for the Southern California National Forests

Angeles National Forest

Cleveland National Forest

Los Padres National Forest

San Bernardino National Forest



Appendix I - Land Adjustment Prioritization Guide

Land Acquisitions

Land acquisitions will be guided by the following criteria:

Priority 1 Acquisitions:

- Land and associated riparian ecosystems on water frontage such as lakes, streams, and vernal pools.
- Land including water rights or land with riparian water right attributes needed to protect water or wildlife habitat.
- Critical habitat lands needed for the protection of federally listed endangered or threatened fish, wildlife, or plant species.
- Land needed for the protection of significant historical or cultural resources, when these resources are currently threatened, but may be better protected by public ownership.
- Land that enhances recreation opportunities, public access, and protection of aesthetic values.
- Land needed for protection and management of administrative and Congressionally designated areas.
- Land needed to enhance or protect watersheds and groundwater resources that affect the management of National Forest System lands.
- Environmentally sensitive land such as wetlands and old growth.
- Buffer land needed for protection of lands acquired for specific purposes listed above.

Priority 2 Acquisitions:

- Key tracts of an ecosystem that are not urgently needed, but will promote more effective management of the ecosystem and will meet specific needs for vegetative management, valuable watershed management, research, public recreation or other defined management objectives.
- Land or interest in land that protect Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail values and provide an unbroken public right-of-way for the trail, consistent with the current policy statement for acquisition.
- Land needed to protect resource values by eliminating or reducing fire risks and soil erosion.
- Land needed to reduce administration and utilization expenses to the Forest Service and the public. Consolidation of split estates.

Priority 3 Acquisitions:

- All other land desirable for inclusion in the National Forest System.