



USDA Forest Service

Western Wildland and Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Centers



Forest Plan Database Exchange of Current Knowledge (FP_DECK)

What is FP_DECK?

The **Forest Plan Database Exchange of Current Knowledge** is a web-based planning tool being developed to electronically archive USDA Forest Service forest plans in a searchable database.

Who needs the tool and why?

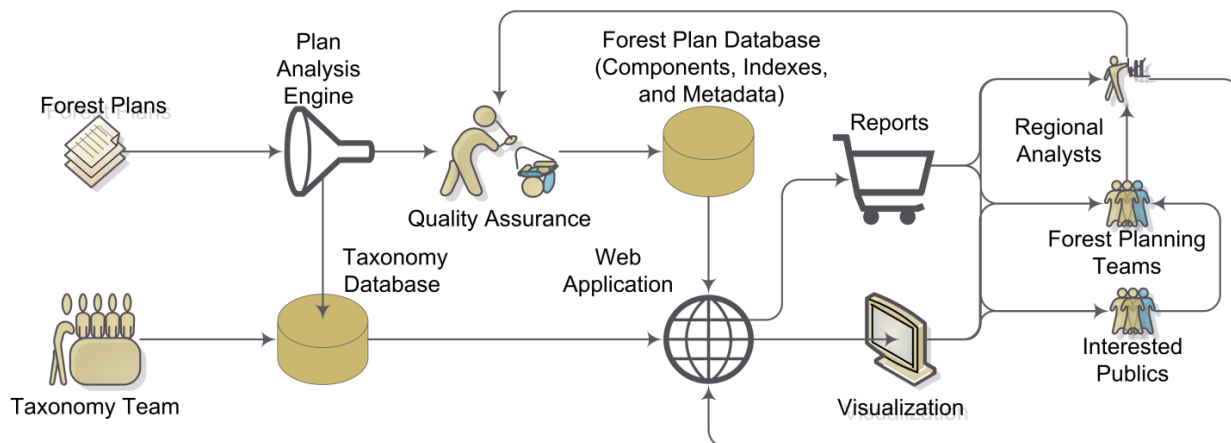
FP_DECK will benefit regional analysts, forest plan or accelerated restoration teams, resource specialists, and multiple partners. Users will be able to access established forest plans from an easily accessible online location.

The tool will provide land managers opportunity to view and search nationally archived plans. Planners and managers will be able to examine similar forest-based activities, explore specific forest characteristics and issues, and develop consistent templates that incorporate state, regional, and national knowledge and expertise.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) coordinators will also be able to efficiently evaluate the consistency of proposed actions and guide land managers through in-depth plan building. Overall information exchange will be increased and valuable institutional knowledge will be incorporated. Access to the current prototype is available upon request (contact information below), with a complete first version expected in late 2014.

How does it work?

- FP_DECK will convert planning documents into an electronically searchable database, allowing users to choose, explore, and analyze specific forest characteristics and to compare activities across multiple forest plans.
- Users will have access to the web-based planning tool, which will include intuitive search features, geospatial mapping capabilities, and exportable reports.
- A companion taxonomy database will assist users when comparing information across national forests and at different operational scales within a forest (e.g., plan versus project level).



Who is developing FP_DECK?

The Forest Service [Western Wildland](#) and [Eastern Forest](#) Environmental Threat Assessment Centers and forest planners and managers representing national, regional, and forest level user groups are developing the tool.

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