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## Glossary

**Active Crown Fire** – The surface fire ignites crowns and the fire spread is able to propagate through the tree canopy

**Background** – The distant part of a landscape, picture, etc.: surroundings, especially those behind something and providing harmony or contrast: surrounding area or surface. Area located from 3-5 miles to infinity from the viewer. (USDA Forest Service 1974, page 44.)

**Broadcast burning** – Allowing a prescribed fire to burn over a designated area within well-defined boundaries for reduction of fuel hazard, as a resource management treatment, or both.

**Burn severity** – A qualitative assessment of the heat pulse directed toward the ground during a fire. Burn severity relates to soil heating, large fuel and duff consumption, consumption of the litter and organic layer beneath trees and isolated shrubs, and mortality of buried plant parts.

**Closure** – Roadway blockade to restrict motor vehicle traffic.

**Color** - A phenomenon of light (as red, brown, pink, etc.) or visual perception that enables one to differentiate otherwise identical objects. A hue as contrasted with black, white, or gray. (USDA Forest Service 1974, page 44.)

**Danger tree** – A standing tree that presents a hazard to people due to conditions such as deterioration of or damage to the root system, trunk, stem, or limbs or the direction or lean of the tree

**Distance Zones** – Areas of landscape denoted by specific distances from the observer. Used as a frame of reference in which to discuss landscape characteristics or activities of man. (USDA Forest Service 1974, page 44.)

**Existing visual condition** – Current state of the landscape, considering previous human alterations. (USDA Forest Service 1995, Glossary-2)

**Foreground** – The detailed landscape found within 0 to ¼ - ½ from the observer. (USDA Forest Service 1974, page 45)

**Forest road** - A road wholly or partly within or adjacent to and serving the National Forest System that the Forest Service determines is necessary for the protection, administration, and utilization of the National Forest System and the use and development of its resources.

**Forest transportation atlas** – A display of the system of roads, trails, and airfields of an administrative unit

**Forest transportation system** – The system of National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and airfields on National Forest System lands

**Form** – The shape or structure of something as opposed to the material of which it is composed. (USDA Forest Service 1974, page 45)

**Goal** – A concise statement that describes a desired condition to be achieved sometime in the future. It is normally expressed in broad, general terms and is timeless in that it has no specific date by which it is to be completed. Goal statements form the principle basis from which objectives are developed. (USDA Forest Service 1986, p. Glossary VI-4)

**Line** – An intersection of two planes; a point that has been extended; a silhouette of a form (USDA Forest Service 1974, page 45)

**Low Severity Fire** – Any surface fire replacing less than 25 percent of the dominant upper canopy layer in a succession class; as a result, low severity fires can open or maintain a given succession class.

**Maintenance** – The upkeep of the entire Forest transportation facility including surface and shoulders, parking and side areas, structures, and such traffic-control devices as are necessary for its safe and efficient utilization.

**Management Standards** – A principle requiring a specific level of attainment; a rule to measure against. (USDA Forest Service 1986, p. Glossary VI-6)

**Maximum Modification** – A VQO meaning man’s activity may dominate the characteristic landscape, but should appear as a natural occurrence when viewed as background. (USDA Forest Service 1986, p. Glossary VI-18)

**Middleground** – The space between the foreground and background in a picture or landscape. The area located from ¼-½ to 3-5 miles from viewer (USDA Forest Service 1974, page 45.)

**Mixed-severity fire** – A generally broad fire severity classification that refers to fire effects intermediate between the low severity and replacement severity ends of the fire regimes continuum. For FRCC purposes, mixed-severity fires refer to fires producing between 25 and 75 percent upper-layer replacement during a given event. Mixed-severity fires can open or maintain a succession class.

**Modification** – A VQO meaning man’s activity may dominate the characteristic landscape, but must, at the same time, use naturally established form, line, color, and texture. It should appear as a natural occurrence when viewed in foreground or middleground. (USDA Forest Service 1986, p. Glossary VI-18)

**Mosaic fire** – Generally refers to mixed-severity fires. However, the term can be problematic because other fire severity types can produce landscape mosaic patterns composed of a mix of burned and unburned patches. Accordingly, more-precise terms such as low, mixed, or replacement fire may be better terms for describing fire regimes for multiple analysis scales.

**National Forest System road** – A forest road other than a road which has been authorized by a legally documented right-of-way held by a State, county, or other local public road authority.

**Objective** – A concise, time-specific statement of measurable planned results that respond to pre-established goals. An objective forms the basis for further planning to define the precise steps to be taken and the resources to be used in achieving identified goals. (USDA Forest Service 1986, p. Glossary VI-9)

**Partial Retention** – A VQO that in general means man’s activities may be evident but must remain subordinate to the characteristic landscape (USDA Forest Service 1986, p. Glossary VI-18)

**Passive Crown Fire** – Consuming single or small groups of trees or bushes.

**Prescribed burning** – Controlled application of fire to wildland fuels in either their natural or modified state, under specified environmental conditions that allows the fire to be confined to a predetermined area, and produce the fire behavior and fire characteristics required to attain planned fire treatment and resource management objectives.

**Prescribed fire** – An intentionally or naturally ignited fire that burns under specified conditions that allow the fire to be confined to a predetermined area and produce the fire behavior and fire characteristics required to attain planned fire treatment and resource management objectives.

**Rehabilitation** – A short-term management alternative used to return existing visual impacts in the natural landscape to a desired visual quality (USDA Forest Service 1974, page 45.)

**Retention** – A VQO that in general means man’s activities are not evident to the casual Forest visitor. (USDA Forest Service 1986, p. Glossary VI-18)

**Road** – A motor vehicle route over 50 inches wide, unless identified and managed as a trail.

**Road decommissioning** – Activities that result in the stabilization and restoration of unneeded roads to a more natural state.

**Road obliteration** – A type of road decommissioning in which the road prism is recontoured; cut and fill slopes are restored to natural grades; and slash, stumps, and woody debris is placed on top of the corridor to effectively block vehicle travel.

**Roaded Modified** – A subclass of **Roaded Natural** that has typically been defined as areas exhibiting evidence of Forest management activities that are dominant on the landscape (USDA Forest Service 2003).

**Roaded Natural** – A classification of the recreation opportunity spectrum where timber harvest or other surface-use practices are evident. Motorized vehicles are permitted on all parts of the road system (USDA Forest Service 1986).

**Roads built then obliterated immediately following timber removal** - A short-term road constructed solely for use as a project haul route; the road is then decommissioned by obliteration as soon as timber management activities are completed

**Seen Area** – Total area observed. May be measured in terms of foreground, middleground, and background (USDA Forest Service 1974, page 46.)

**Semi-Primitive** – A classification of recreation opportunity spectrum that characterizes a predominately natural or natural appearing environment of a moderate to large size. Concentration of users is low, but there is often evidence of other area users. The area is managed in such a way that minimum onsite controls and restrictions may be present, but subtle. In areas designated as **Semi-Primitive Motorized**, motorized use may occur on primitive roads and motorized trails.

**Subordinate** – Inferior to or place below another in size, brightness, etc.; secondary in visual impact (USDA Forest Service 1974, page 46.)

**Surface Fire** – Fire that burns loose debris on the surface, which include dead branches, leaves, and low vegetation. Surface fire burns only in the surface fuelbed.

**Surface Fuels** – Fuels that contact the surface of the ground, consisting of leaf and needle litter, dead branch material, downed logs, bark, tree cones, and low stature living plants.

**Texture** – The visual or tactile surface or characteristics of something. (USDA Forest Service 1974, page 46.)

**Underburning** – Prescribed burning in activity-created or natural fuels beneath a forest canopy, usually with the objective of preserving the dominant over story trees.

**Visual Quality Objectives (VQO)** – A desired level of excellence based on physical and sociological characteristics of an area. Refers to the degree of acceptable alteration of the characteristic landscape. (USDA Forest Service 1986, p. Glossary VI-18)

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