

Summary of Stakeholder Comments on the Smoke Management TSD

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The MANE-VU Smoke Management TSD was posted for external review on the MANE-VU website and the stakeholders were invited to comment from April 8th to May 8th. One stakeholder from USFS Region 9 commented on the template and her comments are summarized here.

Introduction Section

The commenter recommended that “fire management policy” be replaced with “smoke management policy” because fire management policy could mean a wide variety of practices unrelated to smoke management.

Fire and Smoke Management in the MANE-VU Region Section

It was recommended that “wildland fires managed for resource benefits” and “prescribed natural fires” be replaced with the more current term “wildland fire use”

MANE-VU Fire Emissions Inventories Section

Under 4.2 Future Year Inventory Considerations the commenter recommended the text be changed to reflect the following statement.

“The individual National Forests within the MANE-VU states (and the rest of the Forest Service Region 9) are not able to project their future prescribed burning through 2018 due to variables in weather, staff, budget, priorities, and programs. Therefore, it seems reasonable to hold the fire emissions constant from 2002 through 2018 as described in this paper. This method is also consistent with the practices of the MRPO and CENRAP.”

Smoke Management Programs in the MANE-VU Region Section

The commenter suggested that we change the following sentence: “*If States choose to adopt a SMP to protect the State from the future possibility of being redesignated as non-attainment, there are several elements that should be included.*” To read, “*If States choose to adopt a SMP ~~to protect the State from~~ to lessen the future possibility of being redesignated as non-attainment, there are several elements that should be included.*”

Response

All the suggested changes were incorporated into the document