

# US Forest Service Perspectives on the Future of Ecological Site Descriptions

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**Complimentary to the USFS's "All Lands Approach" and emphasis on "Integrated Resource Restoration"**

Provide a framework for site descriptions in a variety of landscapes, and mixes of land types

Extrapolate research/monitoring information into an operational tool

1. Understanding the resiliency of ecosystems and improving ecosystem functions

Improve potential linkages and transferability of techniques with other efforts

Cutting edge science, utilizing ecosystem concepts

Operational tools that utilize and explore the dynamic nature of ecosystems

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## 2. Engage Diverse Groups and Individuals

Encourage and facilitate collaboration

Tools for seeking solutions to common and divergent interests, among agencies and other partners

Make use of the additive expertise of BLM, FS, NRCS, as well as other collaborative partners

Platform for Interagency ESD Implementation Team(s) and processes

A template for other similar collaborative efforts in the future!