

Goal

This plan's goal is to improve and protect water quality and associated habitats **by reducing sediment and temperature.**

The plan will:

1. Be developed by the North Fork Coeur d'Alene River Watershed Advisory Group and will receive public review and comment before being finalized.
2. Be relatively short (<50 pages), focused, and written in a simple manner that will be understandable by average adults.
3. Facilitate effective management on public and private lands by being consistent with IPNF plans, the Forest Practices Act, and other relevant plans already existing.
4. Provide flexibility for changing and unpredictable conditions as well as multiple land uses and recreational opportunities.
5. Cover the entire North Fork Coeur d'Alene River Subbasin with a watershed-scale approach
6. Focus on sediment and temperature and will briefly discuss metals
7. Clearly identify that this plan does not create new rules or regulations, and will emphasize voluntary measures and education over punitive enforcement.
8. Include a brief background on the water quality status of streams in the NFCDA Subbasin and will explain why the plan and its implementation are needed in a way the public can understand.
9. Briefly mention fish and wildlife values, recreational values, and culturally significant resources (e.g., cutthroat trout and camas).
10. Briefly describe specific projects already underway or planned, **by watershed if appropriate.**
11. Identify types of water quality improvement projects and general locations.
 - Focus on largest sources and “bang for the buck” activities rather than projects with minimal water quality impact
 - Re-establishment of streamside vegetation
 - Address motorized and non-motorized recreation access and activities
 - Enhance and restore watersheds
 - Ensure healthy waterways
 - Protect NFCDA Subbasin streams for future generations

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- Protect and improve quality of life for residents and visitors
- Ensure clean water and good habitat for fish and wildlife
- Describe how reducing road densities, improved roads management and restoration relates to decreased sediment and temperature

12. Refer to the Cooperative Recreation Plan and USFS River Corridor Management Plan for recreation-related issues such as litter and sanitation.

13. Provide tools for landowners and resource managers to improve and protect water quality including funding options, technical resources, Best Management Practices, and educational activities. This will include a table or list of relevant rules, permits, etc. already existing to make it easier to understand what legal requirements are and how to achieve or demonstrate compliance.

- Promote responsible development and construction practices, continued use of lands and waterways into the future
- Involve the community in projects and stewardship of water resources

14. Provide recommendations by watershed.

Comment [KV1]: Scale is to be determined. Kajsja will bring in maps for WAG discussion.

15. Prioritize water quality improvement project types, general geographic areas, and related activities to guide restoration and facilitate planning and funding for projects.

Comment [KV2]: This may be a ranking exercise for the WAG over the course of 1-2 meetings.

16. Identify information gaps.

17. Describe monitoring needed to track progress.

18. Outline expectations for progress and a timeline for activities including on-the-ground project implementation, reviews of progress, and future delistings.

The plan will not:

1. Be lengthy, overly complex or technical.

(See item #3 above, include definition of terms, WAG review will help ensure readability)

2. Include items-objectives or timelines that are unrealistic.

(WAG review will help ensure realistic activities are included)

3. Include too much background or history.

(This information will be briefly summarized)

4. Be overly prescriptive or impose new rules or regulations.

(We don't have the authority to impose new rules or regulations in this plan)

5. Include details of specific projects.

(See items # 5 and 6 above, the plan will include only specific projects planned and underway)

6. Take too long to write.

(What is the proposed timeline for developing the plan?)

Comment [KV3]: Currently, the goal is public review and comment in January 2016.