

Species and Vegetation Planning

Homework Assignment: Presenting your Planning Effort

Assignment: Prepare an introduction to your planning area and effort. Focus on known planning issues relevant to biological resources, known management opportunities (i.e., items where new direction would be helpful to management of key resources), and other information that will help the training cadre and other participants understand your land use planning effort.

For the purpose of this assignment and training, biological resources can include vegetation, water, plants (including Special Status Species), and fish and wildlife habitat (including habitats for Special Status Species).

For on-site training: You will deliver a presentation at the on-site training to orient other training participants and the training cadre to key biological details that will be addressed during the workshop and in your planning effort.

Presentations should be in the form of a PowerPoint and should focus on the following:

- Planning area details relevant to biological resources (size, orientation, number of listed or sensitive species, known key species with management challenges, biological interest/importance of the planning area).
- Known planning issues that will guide the planning process and are relevant to biological resources.
- Summary of the reasons you are planning: what has changed since your last plan was completed, if any of these factors are particularly relevant to resources (e.g., if a particular activity is increasing or a new species has been listed under the Endangered Species Act).
- Known challenges/opportunities that will face your planning team in terms of data, information, or the need for new approaches/strategies.
- Known cooperators who have jurisdiction by law or special expertise applicable to biological resources.

This presentation will help the instructors respond to your needs during the on-site portion of the training and will promote peer learning if other teams are able to attend the training with you.