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COMPLEXITY OF THE NORTHWEST FOREST PLAN WITHIN SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS

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Introduction – The Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP) has been complex to implement. It was an ambitious plan that required large scale planning for a large and diverse landscape from Washington state to Northern California.

Main Ideas – The NWFP began with a new basis for planning, yet presented significant complexity. The Plan required manageable pieces. The implementation effort brought together many agencies to manage our public lands to meet forest habitat and product needs. Groundbreaking decisions were made using an agreed upon framework. New tools included watershed assessments and late-successional reserves. Agencies were forced to shift their thinking. All were challenged to merge perspectives. The NWFP accomplishments are a credit to everyone involved.

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