The socioeconomic monitoring program addressed two evaluation questions posed in the Northwest Forest Plan Record of Decision: 1) “Are predictable levels of timber and nontimber resources available and being produced?” 2) “Are local communities and economies experiencing positive or negative changes that may be associated with federal forest management?” The program also assessed progress in meeting five Plan socioeconomic goals: produce a predictable level of timber sales, special forest products, livestock grazing, minerals, and recreation opportunities; maintain the stability of local and regional economies on a predictable, long-term basis; assist with long-term economic development and diversification to minimize adverse impacts associated with the loss of timber jobs; promote agency-citizen collaboration in forest management; and, protect the forest values and environmental qualities associated with late-successional, old-growth, and aquatic ecosystems. This presentation summarizes the key findings of the socioeconomic monitoring team with regard to these evaluation questions and Plan goals.

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