

**WAG Review Draft  
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## **Mission Statement**

The mission of the USDA-Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. Our commitment to land stewardship and public service is the framework within which natural resources are managed.

Increasing use and demand along the North Fork Coeur d' Alene River has resulted in resource damage, poor sanitation, loss of habitat, and increasing risks to public safety. In response to this, the Coeur d' Alene River Ranger District has developed a River Corridor Management Plan to provide for a quality recreation experience while maintaining and improving aquatic and terrestrial habitat along the North Fork Coeur d' Alene River. This River Corridor Plan will direct management solely on Forest Service land. If Forest Service lands are to provide recreational benefits without unacceptable resource impacts, the plan must direct management of the land in a manner that balances human and ecological needs on the North Fork and Little North Fork of the Coeur d' Alene River. Forest Service land along the North Fork and Little North Fork of the Coeur d' Alene River will be managed for the present and future to maintain and improve recreation and ecological values.

## **Goals**

**Identify and define goals of management plan.**

**Goal #1:** Provide recreation users with a safe, enjoyable, high quality recreation experience along the corridors of the North Fork and the Little North Fork of the Coeur d' Alene River

**Goal #2:** Restore and rehabilitate riparian areas where resource damage has occurred and prevent new impacts associated with recreational use.

**Goal #3:** Identify locations where development may be appropriate to improve access and safety for recreationists.

**Goal #4:** Provide a framework for identifying locations that need rehabilitation

**Goal #5:** Educate River users to understand leave no trace ethics and avoid negative environmental impacts

**Goal #6:** Maximize efficiency and effectiveness by developing partnerships and volunteer opportunities with Federal and State resource management agencies, counties, land owners, user groups and other entities