Timeline

- **Sept 2015** – Public Draft Release
- **Oct-Nov 2015** – Public Meetings
- **Jan 2016** – Advisory Committee Webinars
- **Jan 2016** – End of public comment period
- **Sept 2016** – Final Version Release

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SFRMP Comments

• Public Meetings
  – 330 attendees
  – 1,200 comments

• Emails and letters
  – 450
  – 3,300 comments

• Form letters and petition signatures
  – 4,000
Decisions Regarding Comments

1. Not something we can do legally / not within our control
2. Not something we wish to do as a matter of policy
3. Change we can consider or new information we can incorporate
Introductory Chapters

- Added
  - Forest Action Plan
  - Training
  - Partnerships
  - Budget
- Reorganized WNA Guidelines
- Wild Character and Core Forest Focus Areas

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Focus Areas

- Wild Character and Core Forest
- Exceptional areas for these values
- Common Guidelines
  - Underlying zoning still applies
  - Timber harvesting unaffected
  - Work on OGM and adjacent purchases
  - SFER to deviate
Wild Character F.A. Map
Wild Character F.A. Guidelines

- Dispersed, low-density recreation emphasized
- No motorized recreation except existing snowmobile
- No new roads or motorized trails
- Limit/restrict commercial and large group activities

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Core Forest Analysis Map

Core Forest Analysis Tool

Core Forest Index Scale

- Forest Edge
- Highest Core Forest Index Value
- Non-Forest

Highest Core Forest Index Value: At least 1/2 mile from permanent road, pipeline, infrastructure, and other fragmenting features.
Core Forest F.A. Guidelines

- No permanent conversion to non-forest
- Haul roads
  - reduce/minimize
  - maintain closed canopy
  - restore quickly and appropriately
Focus Areas Next Steps

- Work on mapping
- Refine guidelines
- Incorporate with Landscape Management Unit plans and priority goals
Timber and Forest Products

- Separated mechanized and whole-tree harvesting sections
- Added section on Safety
- Adopted change from 75 to 125 acre regen harvest size
Water Resources

• Added Water Resource Protection and Enhancement
  – Aquatic Habitat Buffer Guidelines
  – Aquatic Organism Passage
  – Stream Restoration
  – Intro of Large Woody Debris
  – Forest Hydrology Studies
  – E&S Control
  – Brook Trout Conservation
  – Aquatic Invasives

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Geologic Resources - Comments

• Most common comments for SFRMP were anti-gas development
• Few comments in support of gas development
• Most frequent comments:
  – Halt operations for all companies that have violations
  – Support for moratorium and to go further by banning future development altogether
  – Prohibit drilling at the surface
  – Shut down compressors that don’t meet noise guideline
Geologic Resources - Changes

- Added
  - Shale-gas site rehab
  - Bonding
  - Revenue
  - DCNR Oil and Gas Position Statement
Forest Health

• Added
  – Spotted lantern fly
  – Management and treatment activities for EAB, HWA, and GM
  – Objective specific to invasive plants
Recreation

- Added section on leased campsites
- Kept ATV Policy the same
SFRMP 2016 Deliverables

• Full SFRMP as PDF with hyperlinks to supporting documents
• Summary of Key Changes
  – Since 2007
  – Since 2015 draft
• Comment Response Document