



Tongass Sustainable Trail Strategy

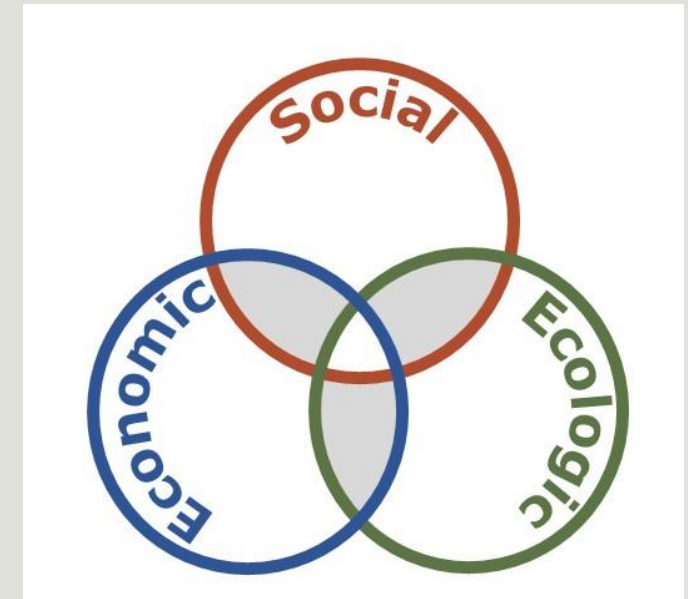
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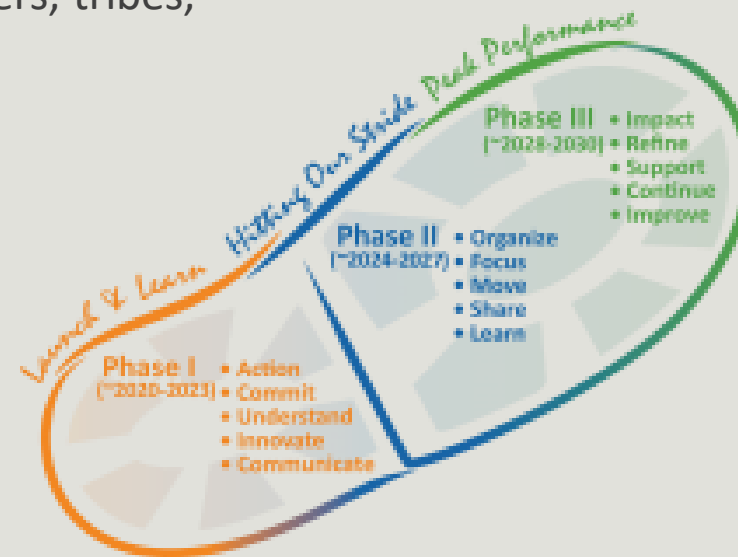
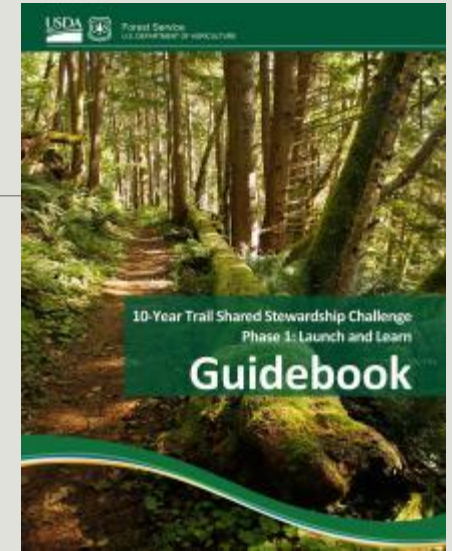
USFS National Strategy for a Sustainable Trail System

- Published in 2016
- Developed with many partners
- New paradigm – A Model of Shared Stewardship:
 - from USFS “doing it all”
 - to USFS, trail users, & stakeholders forming a community of stewards
- Sustainable Trail System
 - a holistic network
 - a resilient system
 - well-planned, well-designed, well-constructed, well-managed trails
 - supported by public and private interests
- 26 action items to achieve sustainability – includes the 10-Year Trail Challenge



10-Year Trail Challenge

- Initiated in February 2020
- Selected a subset of actions from the Strategy
- Heart of challenge is achieving a sustainable system of trails:
 - rely on agency employees, community stakeholders, tribes, partners, and others
 - work together to identify a common vision
 - share capacity for managing the system
 - address unauthorized trails, user-created routes, decommissioning trails, potential new trails, and maintaining existing trails



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- Each forest approached the 10-Year Trail Challenge in their own way
- The Tongass seeks to identify current and future trail needs across the Forest and in each community
- Eventual goal is to have community-specific sustainable trails plans
- Alaska Trails:
 - key partner
 - gathered baseline trail information
 - conducting community engagements
 - will identify priority trail projects by community

