



Topic Name: Draft Objectives

Idea Title: Looks Solid

Idea Detail: Jeff, looks like you have a solid three goals identified with which to drive actions. Have you guys ever thought of offering or installing a "Ropes Course" to accomplish Goal 3 via Goal 1? From the looks of the one I have been to in Nashville (<https://mynashvilleadventurepark.org/>) LBL has all the requisites to install a feature that would get people outside and make a destination within LBL. Only items of concern would be the initial cost of construction and the need to remove some trees to keep the courses sufficiently open. Plus insurance issues.

I could see a ropes course installed in conjunction with an artificial climbing wall and you would have an area with two features that promote outdoor physical activities that, to my knowledge, would be unique to the west ky, west tn area. You could employ local kids to run and staff it. You would need to charge a use fee to cover the costs obviously.

Idea Author: DANIEL N

Number of Stars 6

Number of Comments 0

Idea Title: Open the Rushing Creek Campground as a backcountry camp.

Idea Detail: Would like to see this campground reopened. It is perfect for the hunter, fisherman, hiker, and anybody that likes a bit of seclusion. Everything is already there (Do not need electricity or water) for back country camping. Could be set up like Boswell and Gatlin Point.

Idea Author: Jerry R

Number of Stars 6

Number of Comments 0

Idea Title: What is the purpose of this document?

Idea Detail: It seems to me we should be beyond these broad objective documents by now in the process. In the on-site meeting I was in attendance at we developed detailed actions that were measurable and had a timeline for accomplishing them. Some items were to be



completed in as little as three months from the meeting date. Also, some were mentioned as relatively easy to implement.

I fear we are either suffering from "paralysis by analysis" or are stuck in a bureaucratic black-hole of continual justification and regurgitation of the same ideas on new letterhead.

Read the last sentence of your "Next Steps" paragraph. We have already been there and done that. It is past time to act on the specific strategies and objectives that have already been vetted by the stakeholders who have bothered to show up.

Idea Author: DANIEL N

Number of Stars 3

Number of Comments 2

Comment 1: Like I said originally, we sat in a conference room with a flip pad and have already come up with the measurable actual strategies to accomplish the strategic vision goals.

Perhaps a good measurable for the USFS is action. | By DANIEL N

Comment 2: Daniel - thank you for your comments. So far in our planning process the vision and goals for our recreation and environmental education programs have been defined. What we are working to finalize now are the measurable objectives that will allow us to measure whether we are meeting those goals. Once the objectives are finalized, the actual strategies or tasks will be defined that will guide the Forest Service and partners to meet those objectives and goals. | By Jeff L

Idea Title: Would have been a good topic for an Advisory Board meeting

Idea Detail: First question is this process part of updating the Area Management Plan, now 15 years since last update? Goal 4, not sure how you can innovate while lacking the budget to maintain current facilities and functions. Goal 3 is a cultural issue that will not be solved within the confines of LBL. Goal 2 is what I have witnessed your office try diligently to accomplish over the years, but have been challenged by the public often due to poor communication about goals and techniques. Goal 1 is all encompassing about how LBL stays relevant and serves the public best. The Advisory Board was invested in helping to guide this process by offering ideas and feedback from the public that we were selected to represent. Our federal government found us to be an unnecessary incumbrance, and suspended the Board in violation of federal law in the form of the LBL Protection Act. Without additional public meetings, it will appear that minimum requirements are being checked to move forward without our input.



Idea Author: Bill P

Number of Stars 3

Number of Comments 0

Idea Title: Goal 1.

Idea Detail: Anticipating changing recreational needs, but also sustaining the things that do not need changing is tricky. Turkey Bay, although controversial to some, is an important attraction to many visitors. Dedicating resources to maintain this designated OHV area is important. My suggestion would be to expand the designated riding areas included in Turkey Bay, as well as relaxing the guidelines used to close Turkey Bay due to soil saturation. Off-roading is a great recreation opportunity to draw people to LBL and the surrounding communities, as well as attracting youth to the area.

Second, I would like to see dispersed camping areas (Smith Bay, Sugar Bay, etc.) continue to be maintained. Several years ago, Rushing Creek and several other campgrounds were closed due to maintenance costs, etc. There are many visitors to the LBL who enjoy camping, but not in a Piney or Hillman Ferry setting. Backwoods or dispersed camping gives me a serene setting in which to enjoy nature.

Idea Author: Karen T

Number of Stars 3

Number of Comments 0

Idea Title: Ft. Henry Trail Maintenance

Idea Detail: Many of the trails within the south end of the Ft. Henry trail system are becoming impassable due to downed trees and growth of weeds and brush. Some of these trails are not included on the annual LBL 200 motorcycle ride, so they go unmaintained. Many people from the Dover TN area and visitors from Piney Campground hike these trails often. The development and coordination of a volunteer organization dedicated to trail maintenance would benefit LBL and hikers from the surrounding communities.

Idea Author: Johnny S



Number of Stars 3

Number of Comments 0

Idea Title: Print Trail Maps that Are Usable.

Idea Detail: All of the current trail maps are printed in an uncommon scale and use the polar coordinate system, which is useless to anyone navigating on foot. Although the layout of the trails is accurate, the map scale is not even printed on the trail maps, which prevents hikers from even making an overlay for a standard UTM topographical map. Printing the trail maps with the UTM coordinate system in 1:25,000 or 1:24,000 would allow those of us who prefer to wander off the beaten path the ability to use the UTM coordinate system and still have a great trail map. Current USGS maps in WGS 84 do not show any trails, and the trail maps are too off scale to make an overlay. Even just printing the scale of the trail maps somewhere on the map would help.

Idea Author: Johnny S

Number of Stars 3

Number of Comments 0

Idea Title: Fort Henry

Idea Detail: Build up the earth works . Have more sign or learning centers maps. A road over looking the place where the fort was. A better sign where Fort Henry school stood . Some what personal I went to school six years at Fort Henry.

Idea Author: Shannon C

Number of Stars 1

Number of Comments 0

Idea Title: Please provide comments on the draft vision and goals

Idea Detail: Your input is important and will help and will be used to write the final version of the vision, areas of focus and goals.

Idea Author: Jeff L



Number of Comments 0

Idea Title: Tourism

Idea Detail: It would be nice for you to consider the thought of opening Skunk Hollow just as a back country camping. I'm sure there are lots of people that would use the area to hunt and fish, even if they had to bring a generator, or to camp in tents. My family has memories of tent camping with our church and having lots of fun.

Idea Author: Belinda N

Number of Comments 0

Idea Title: Road closure

Idea Detail: Please don't close the roads that lead to the water. During these economic times, people need something to do that does not cost a whole lot of money. They want to spend time with their family making memories-camping, fishing, picnicing, exploring, grilling, and swimming for example.

Idea Author: Belinda N

Number of Comments 0

Idea Title: Family History & Empire Farm

Idea Detail: In researching my family history, I would like to know where the family lived, the stores, their neighbors and what the houses looked like. I am sure that there are others that would agree with me who have family that came from LBL. It would be nice to have a stake that had the picture of who lived there and their name. I'm sure that there are plenty of pictures out there and you probably have access to.

Concerning Empire Farm you need to find the funds to reopen it to the public, kids need to know and have the memories of going there and the Silo. Not all of the kids of this generation know what a silo is used for and what goes on on a farm!

Idea Author: Belinda N

Number of Comments 0

Idea Title: Can't find draft to review



Idea Detail: Says to click Topic Details tab to view, but there is nothing matching that description anywhere.

Idea Author: Chad G

Number of Comments 2

Comment 1: Chad - The direction above work on a laptop or desk computer. The Mindmixer techs are working on a solution for the phone as the Topic Details tab is not showing on the phone, as you described. For now if you copy the url from the Description you can paste it into your browser to view the draft vision and goals. Hopefully this can get corrected tomorrow. |
By Jeff L

Comment 2: When you click on the Topic Details tab, you should see the title of a pdf "Comment on Draft Vision and Goals". Click on that title and the pdf will open. | By Jeff L

Idea Title: Daunting tasks

Idea Detail: Strategic Goal #1: I would think increasing cell coverage to high traffic areas and campgrounds should be addressed more aggressively than a 15 year goal. WiFi in the pay campgrounds should be a priority improvement, should be accomplished ASAP to meet expectations of customers. To increase occupancy at pay campgrounds, given they are always fully booked at peak times, two options are suggested. Either add sites or modify sites that are under utilized like basic sites w/o electric. The other option is to switch some "walk in" sites back to the reservation system based on recent history of high water impacts and seasonal changes in lake levels. Lakes are now at winter pool, down 5', but sites are still not moved to reservation system due to "potential flooding.

Strategic Goal #2, Are these goals and increase or decrease from current acreage. How will these goals be achieved, logging, burning?

Strategic Goal #3, a team that goes to area schools seems like the best outreach.

Idea Author: Bill P

Number of Comments 2

Comment 1: Bill- Thank you for your question. Any activity that we undertake at this point in time is an increase of sorts. This is due to the lack of active management currently taking part on the unit. However, these actions would be consistent with forest plan objectives and goals for management. This would not be in addition to what is currently stated in the plan. At this point, I can not say what tool we would use to accomplish these objectives (timber



management or prescribed burning). I can commit that we would analyse all of our tools in the box and select the one which would bring about the best outcome on the resource. | By John W

Comment 2: Bill - thank you for your comments. I have asked staff from the Environmental Stewardship Department to address your question regarding Strategic Goal #2. | By Jeff L

Idea Title: Need more campgrounds with electric and water hookup.

Idea Detail: Need more campgrounds with electric and water hookup. Full hookup would be nice. It is really difficult to find camping spaces so can visit the area. Would think they would pay for themselves.

Idea Author: Steve H

Number of Comments 1

Comment 1: Steve - Thanks for your comments. We are continuing to plan and evaluate additional utility hookups in the large campgrounds. When we are looking at this, we continue to need to balance the desire and need for more utility hookups with the desire and need for more basic and less costly campsites for those who would like a more rustic camping experience. | By Jeff L

Idea Title: Increase Turkey Bay usage by 10% or more.

Idea Detail: Develop RV inviting campsites with electric/water/sewer. Add a shower house near the pump house and use pump house well. This will have a payback from the increased users over the next 10 years due to the more pleasant, inviting environment. There will be an increase in revenue from the upgraded campsite charge and increased users.

Idea Author: Kevin G

Number of Comments 1

Comment 1: Thank you for the specific ideas. | By Jeff L

Idea Title: Good goals but not sure how it will work

Idea Detail: Overall these seem like good goals. But I don't see how it will be possible to increase visitation at environmental ed facilities while reducing costs, and basing it on a budget for the past three years. Increasing visitation is a great idea, and 10% may be doable in three



years, but I think it would require investment, not budget cutting. The budget created should reflect the desire for growth in this area. Perhaps the part about acquiring more investors will help. But overall I think expecting the facilities to increase their level of service by 10% on less money will not be feasible.

Idea Author: Monica W

Number of Comments 0

Idea Title: Goal 2. Restore healthy habitats - This needs defined

Idea Detail: Whoever, in the past, made decision for massive logging was out of touch with my (and most of the public's) understanding of what aforementioned goal states. That's why I said it needs further definition

Idea Author: Gregory N

Number of Comments 1

Comment 1: There are acres and acres of mature woods out there. The early successional habitat created when they open up the canopy by logging creates thick undergrowth that is beneficial to deer and other small game. The year after logging those areas are magnets to deer especially but other critters benefit from the shrubby browse that grows as well.

Granted, those logged out areas are not very visually appealing but they hold a ton more wildlife than the very open, mature woods. | By DANIEL N

Idea Title: Hillman Ferry

Idea Detail: I think Hillman Ferry should be a first-come first-serve campground. It's hard to get in unless you make reservations. It used to be that way and I miss that.

Idea Author: Tricia S

Number of Comments 0

Idea Title: Add water hook-ups at Campgrounds

Idea Detail: The addition of water hookups at Piney would help increase the number of visitors. Nature programs would help encourage interaction with visitors and families would enjoy time together outdoors.



Idea Author: Joanne F

Number of Comments 1

Comment 1: Joanne - additional utilities (including water) at some campsites is something that we are looking at for the future. | By Jeff L

Idea Title: Seasonal camping

Idea Detail: I have a question in regards to the draft objectives, specifically the one that states changing of the 30amp sites over to 50amp sites over the next 4 years. As a seasonal camper at Hillman Ferry with a 30 amp TT I now have the option to choose between a higher priced 50 amp site or a 30 amp site which is cheaper based on the fact I will use less electricity with a 30 amp. But if all sites are switched over to 50 amp that affordable option will be taken away. Will there be a pricing difference for those whose camping unit will not use the 50 amp or will we be required to pay the same as someone using 50 amps?

Idea Author: Regina G

Number of Comments 1

Comment 1: Regina - If that draft objective is adopted as final, then all of the current 30 amp sites would be converted to 50 amp in the future. If they are converted, anyone who camps on a 50 amp site would pay the higher fee for the 50 amps.

When I am reading your comment above, I am hearing that you would prefer to keep 30 amp sites as a more affordable option. | By Jeff L