

Sharon Friedman, Director of Strategic Planning for the Rocky Mountain Region, USDA Forest Service, and [Martin Nie](#), Professor of Natural Resource Policy, University of Montana, have launched a blog called [A New Century of Forest Planning](#). It's intended as a discussion forum for issues around the new forest planning rule, which the Forest Service recently [declared its intent to develop](#).

Here is how Friedman and Nie describe their blog:

The University of Montana's College of Forestry and Conservation and the Forest Service are initiating a blog focused on the new forest planning rule. Our goal is to solicit broad participation from a cross-section of interests in a respectful atmosphere of mutual learning. We seek to hear from academics of all stripes, scientists, practitioners of planning and other past, current and future agency employees, lawyers, members of interest groups, and members of the public who will be working with local forest plans.

We believe that ideas will be stronger and choices clearer if developed through such a multidisciplinary, multi-perspective dialogue.

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