



# Recreational Aviation Foundation Brief

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## USFS Planning Rules Regional Meetings – CALL TO ACTION –

The Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF) had representatives at the USFS Planning Rules **First National Roundtable** meeting April 1 & 2, 2010 in Washington DC. We became aware of the importance of Forest Planning **Rules** and not Forest Planning itself. The rules are what will be followed to formulate a particular Forest Plan: permitted – or prohibited– uses of the forest.

The First National Roundtable focused on restoration, climate change, watershed health and biodiversity in our National Forests and Grasslands. We were able to get in the notes that recreation on National Forest Lands needs to cover water, land and air. *This is significant because it gets the planners thinking about aviation in the rules.*

### ***What the RAF is doing:***

The RAF plans to attend all National Roundtables to keep recreational aviation in the forefront throughout the Rules Planning process. Upcoming Roundtables:

**Second National Roundtable: April 20 & 21, 2010, Washington DC** Focus: Social, economic and cultural contribution of the National Forest System Lands to surrounding communities; provide for effective collaboration; consider the relationship between National Forests and surrounding lands; and use the latest in planning science.

**Third National Roundtable: May 11 & 12, 2010, Washington DC.** Agenda will be built upon the outcome of the first two roundtables.

### ***What we are asking YOU to do:***

Attend a **Regional Roundtable** meeting. Register as a member of the RAF or your local Pilot Organization. Find their schedule at: [Regional Roundtable Schedule](#)

**The Regional Roundtables agenda is as follows, as noted on the USFS website: "The roundtables will engage stakeholders in dialogue about the planning rule, and provide opportunity for stakeholders to explore issues of particular relevance in each Forest Service region."**

Please keep these issues in mind when attending the Regional Meetings and try to get notes into the Roundtable discussions about aviation. Keep in mind the importance of getting recreational aviation acknowledged in the Forest Planning **Rules**.

Attendance by members of the recreational aviation community is necessary at these meetings if we want to make a difference and be included in the new FS Planning Rules. Please keep in mind that we in aviation always take the high road when attending these meetings to preserve our credibility and spirit of cooperation, not antagonism.

Any feedback you can provide us will be appreciated: [raf@linctel.net](mailto:raf@linctel.net).  
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