

# US Forest Service Policy Innovations

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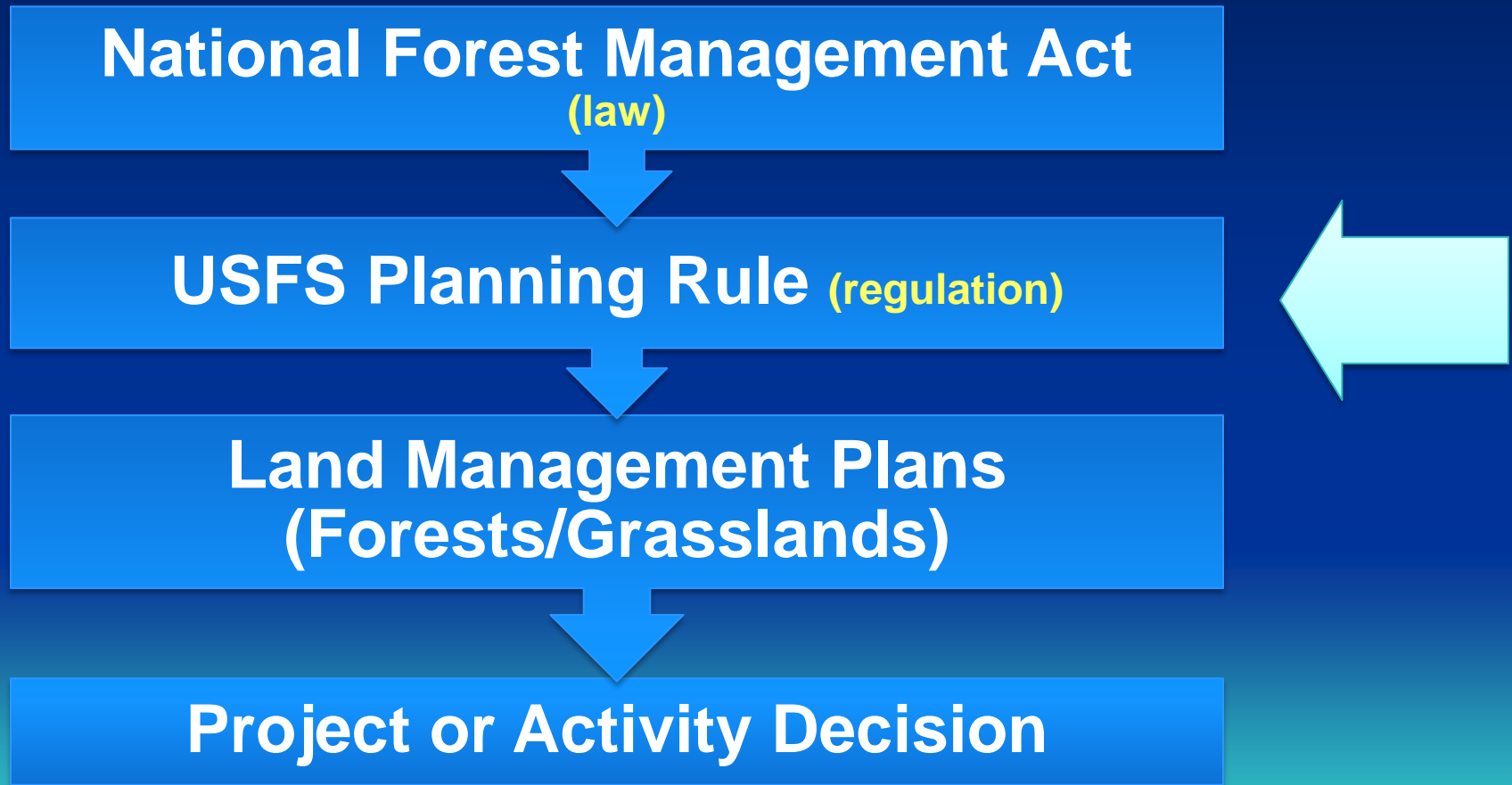


# Re-thinking Forest Regulations

- New Planning Rule/Collaboration
- Stewardship Contracting



# What is a Planning Rule?



# Process

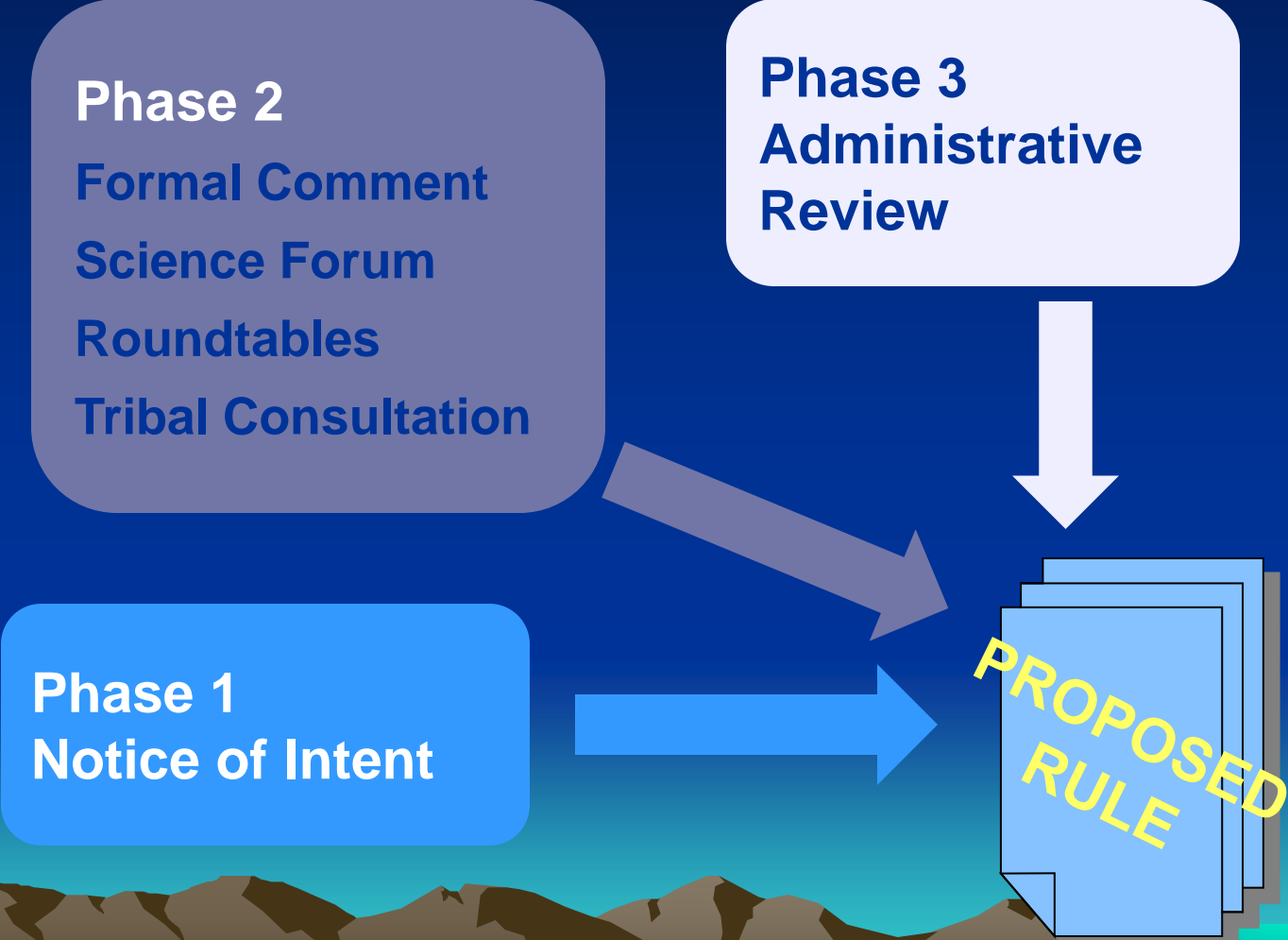
## Phase 2

Formal Comment  
Science Forum  
Roundtables  
Tribal Consultation

## Phase 3 Administrative Review

## Phase 1 Notice of Intent

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RULE



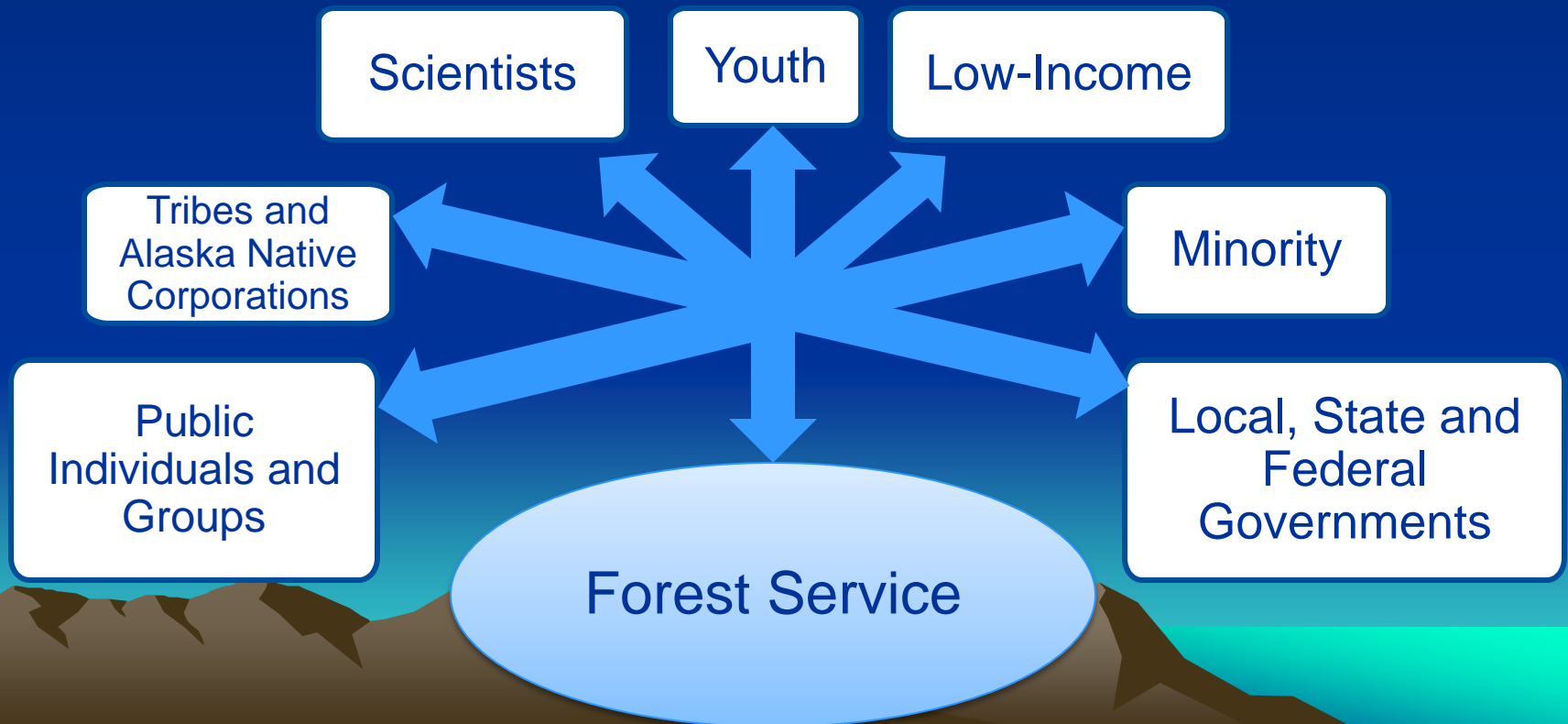
# Key Themes of the Rule

- ✓ Collaborative and science-based process
- ✓ Adaptive framework
- ✓ Broader landscape context
- ✓ Sustain and restore health and resilience of ecosystems
- ✓ Climate change and other stressors
- ✓ Vibrant communities



# Requirements for Public Participation

- ✓ Collaborative planning process
- ✓ Engagement early and throughout
- ✓ Coordination with other planning efforts





What's really different?



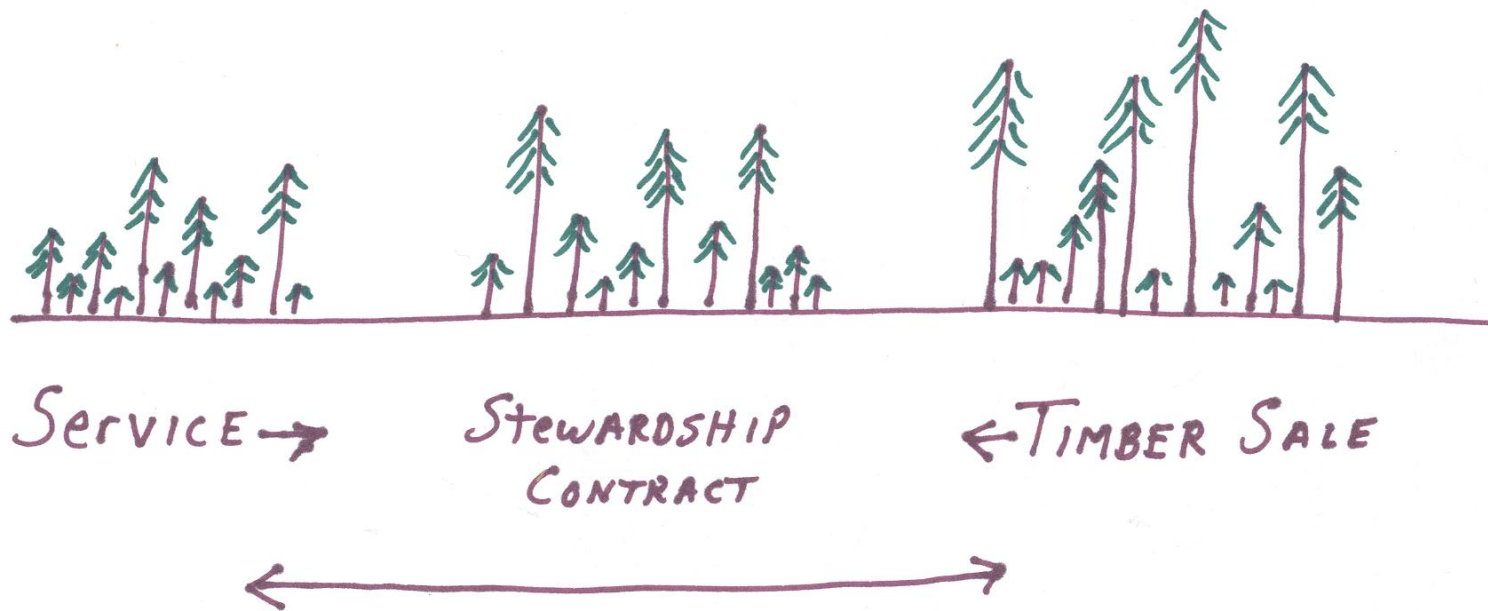
# Stewardship Contracting

What it is...and  
What it is not...





# The Stewardship Contracting Concept



Shift in outcome = Not just what is taken, but what is left on the land

# It is...

- ✓ A contracting tool
- ✓ A means to bundle contracts and work
- ✓ A way to accomplish more on-the-ground
- ✓ A means to promote economic and ecosystem benefits, and forest health
- ✓ A platform for community involvement and community benefit



# What it does not do...

- ✓ Relieve the agency from free and open competition
- ✓ Lessen Federal Acquisition Regulations
- ✓ Relax Federal environmental laws





What's really different?



# New Planning Rule

<http://www.fs.fed.us/news/pr-listserv-subscribe.html>

# Stewardship Contracting

<http://www.fs.fed.us/forestmanagement/stewardship/index.shtml/new-authority/index.shtml>



Questions?

