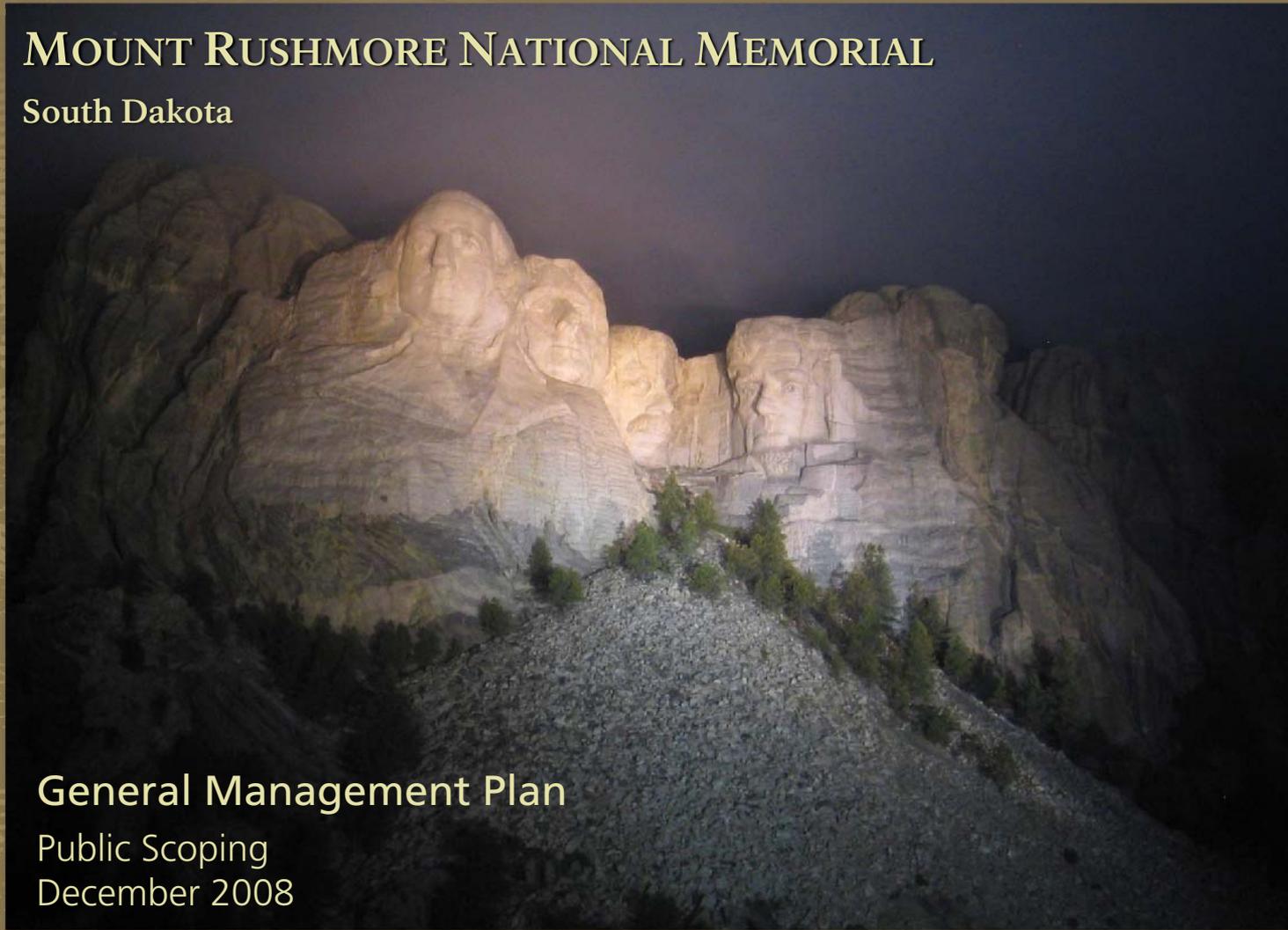


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## VALUE OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

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- providing an opportunity for the park staff from different divisions and/or units to discuss issues and concerns facing the park
- providing an opportunity for a park staff to step back and look at the “big picture” for the park
- providing an opportunity for park managers from area parks to discuss common issues and concerns



# VALUE OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

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- affording everyone who has a stake in decisions affecting a park unit an opportunity to be involved in the planning process and to understand the decisions that are made
- providing focused opportunities for NPS managers and staff to interact with the public and learn about public concerns, expectations, and values



# VALUE OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

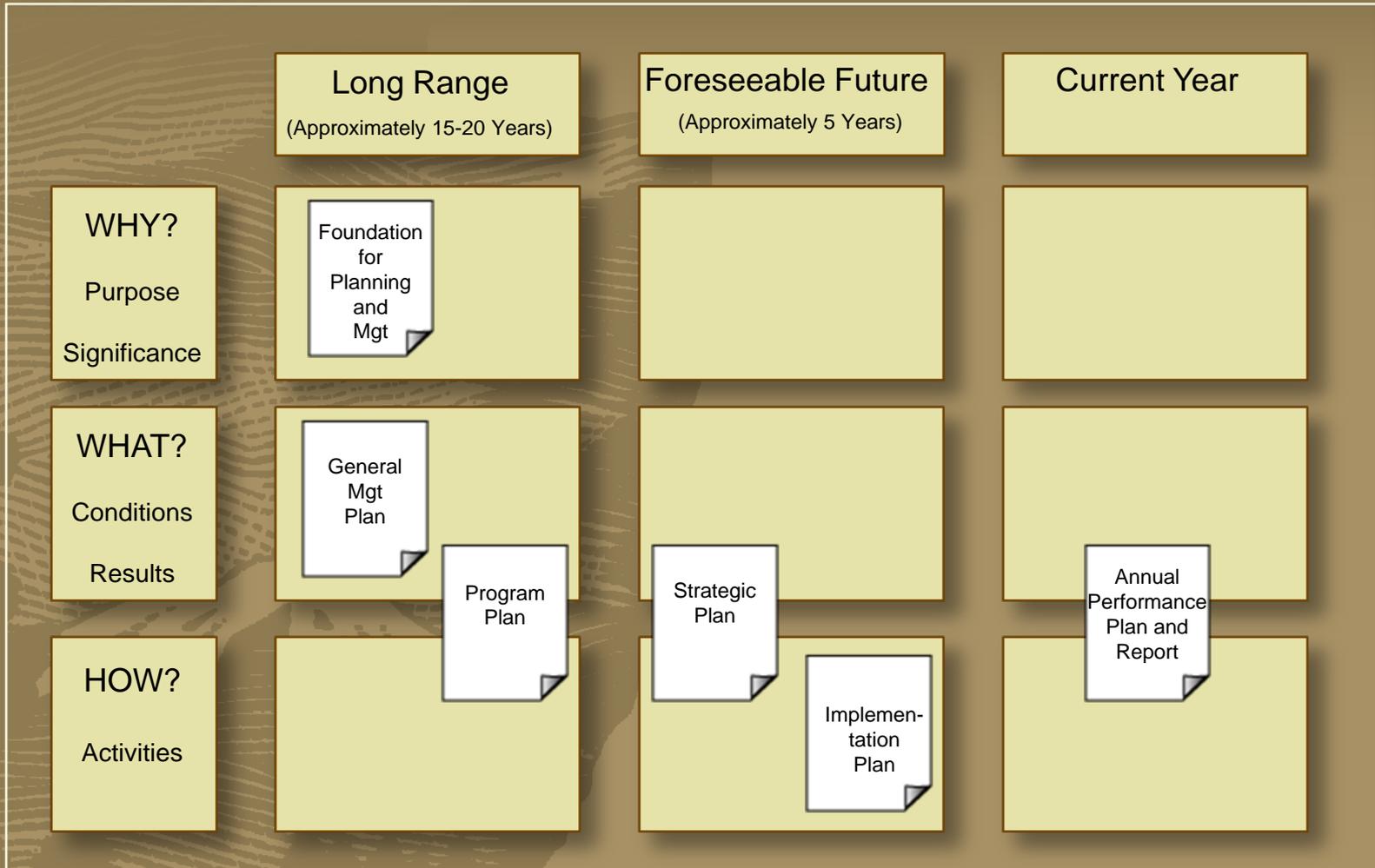
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- providing opportunities for NPS managers and staff to raise awareness and educate interested citizens about the park unit's purpose and significance, as well as opportunities and constraints for the management of the park
- identifying general priorities for addressing the multitude of tasks facing a park
- providing an opportunity to address emerging issues, changing park conditions, or new mandates



# NPS PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Planning Documents Related to the Framework of Planning and Decision Making



# LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GMP CONTENT

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- 1.measures for the preservation of resources
- 2.indications of the types and general intensities of development (including visitor circulation and transportation patterns, systems, and modes), including general locations, timing of implementation, and anticipated costs
- 3.identification of and implementation commitments for visitor carrying capacities
- 4.indications of potential boundary modifications

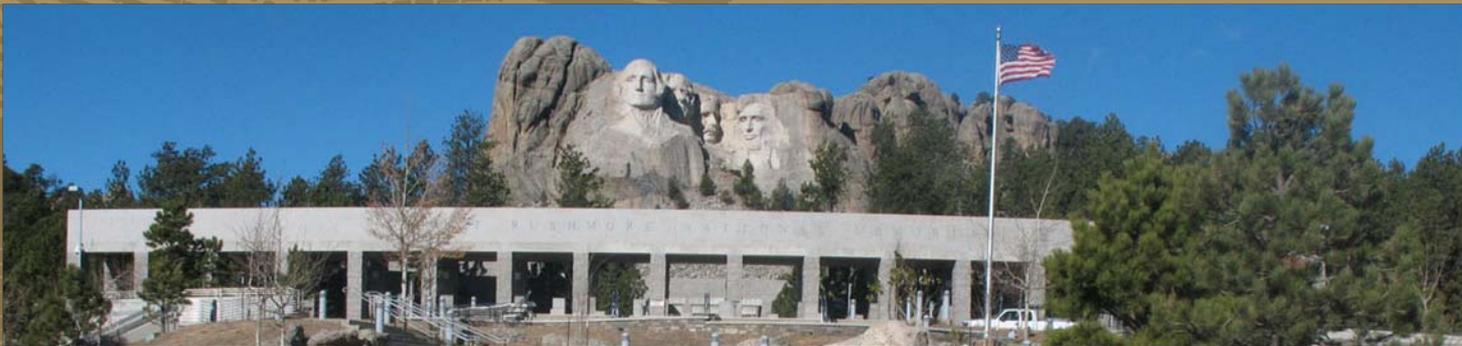


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A GMP meets these requirements by:

1. describing the desired resource conditions and visitor experiences to be achieved and maintained in each particular area of the park
2. identifying the kinds and levels of resource management, visitor use management, development, and access appropriate to the desired conditions
3. setting measurable standards for user capacity
4. addressing potential boundary modifications





## WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT?

- RESOURCES, EXPERIENCES, STORIES

### GMP Steps:

- Identify and/or affirm park purpose, significance, and special mandates.
- Affirm and/or identify fundamental and other important resources and values.
- Affirm and/or identify primary interpretive themes.



## WHAT'S GOING ON WITH WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT?

- CONTEXT, CONDITIONS, TRENDS, INTERESTS, CONCERNS

### GMP Steps:

- Analyze fundamental and other important resources and values.
- Identify agency and public interests and concerns.



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# What are the Future POSSIBILITIES for What's Most Important? - Management Alternatives

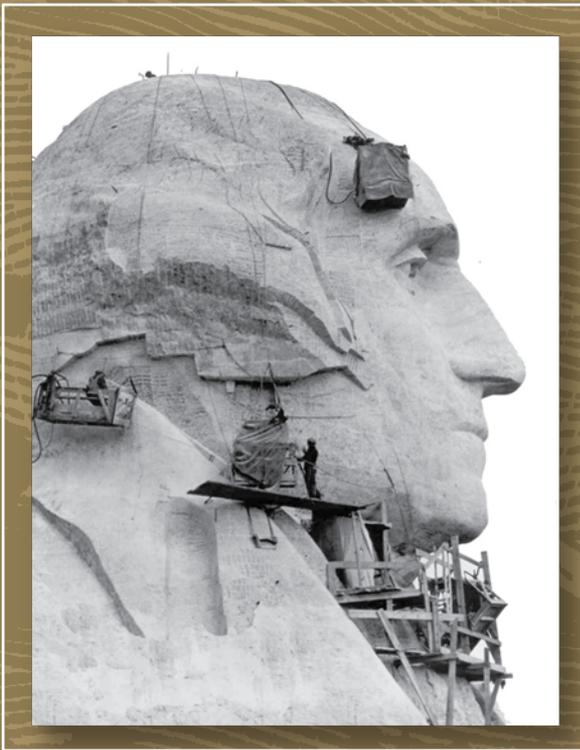
## GMP Steps:

- Identify alternative concepts
- Identify potential management zones
- Develop management zoning alternatives
- Describe area-specific desired conditions for each alternative



# WHAT IS THE BEST LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT DIRECTION FOR WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT?

-SELECTION OF THE PREFERRED SET OF DESIRED RESOURCE CONDITIONS, EXPERIENCES, AND STORIES



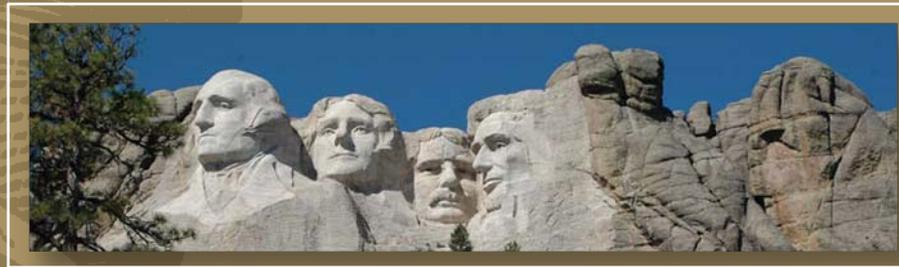
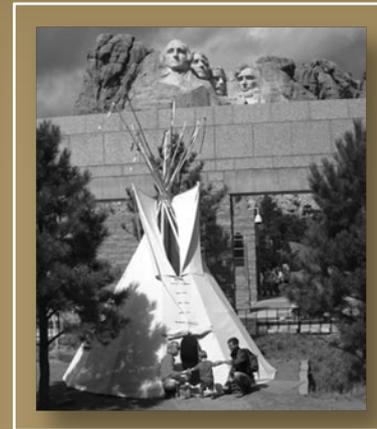
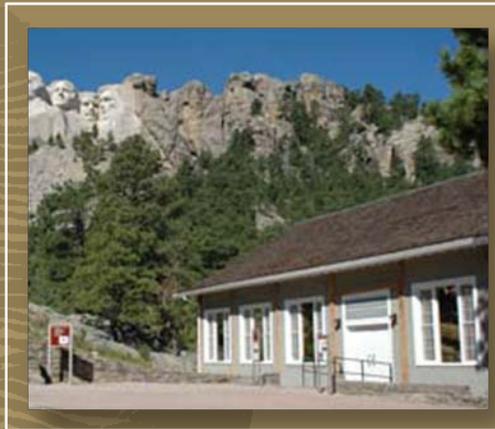
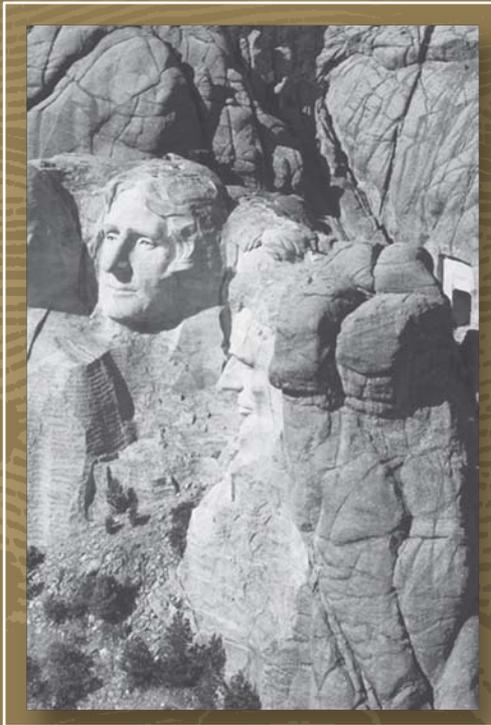
## GMP Steps:

- Set the stage for planning.
- Develop preliminary management alternatives.
- Prepare and publish the draft plan.
- Revise and publish final plan.
- Implement the approved plan.

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Any Questions?



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