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A Case For Change  
Intermountain Region (Region 4)

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# Number of Environmental Documents:

## Agency Wide NEPA Documents 2006 - 2016

Type of NEPA Documents	No. Of Documents	Approx. No. Per Year
EIS	1,220	122
EA	9,536	954
DM	27,532	2,753
Total	38,288	3,829



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## Region 4 NEPA Documents 2006 – 2016

Type of NEPA Documents	No. Of Documents	Approx. No. Per Year
EIS	90	9
EA	576	58
DM	2,134	213
Total	2,800	280

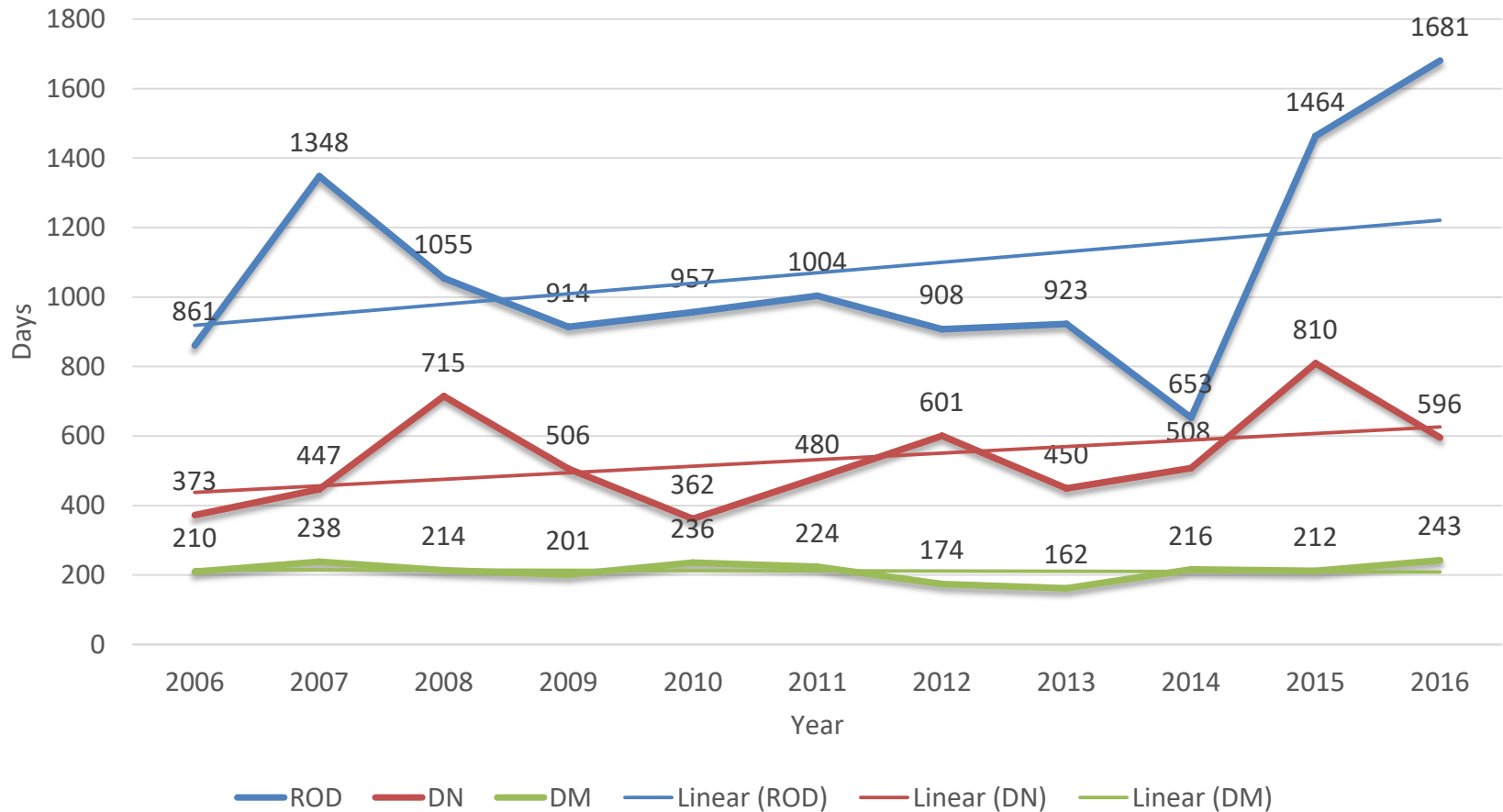
# R4 Decisions

FY 13-17 Project Purpose	Decision Types			
	ROD	DN	DM	Grand Total
Special use management - SU	5	33	301	339
Recreation management - RW	3	47	130	180
Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - WF	8	27	120	155
Vegetation management (other than forest products)	6	39	69	114
Minerals and Geology - MG	10	38	60	108
Watershed management - WM	5	31	69	105
Fuels management - HF	7	45	48	100
Grazing management - RG	2	15	58	75
Road management - RD	5	21	24	50
Forest products - TM	6	25	18	49
Facility management - FC	0	2	15	17
Land management planning - PN	6	2	3	11
Land ownership management - LM	1	2	8	11
Special area management - RU	1	4	3	8
Heritage resource management - HR	0	4	3	7
Research and Development - FR	0	3	4	7
Land acquisition - LW	0	0	2	2



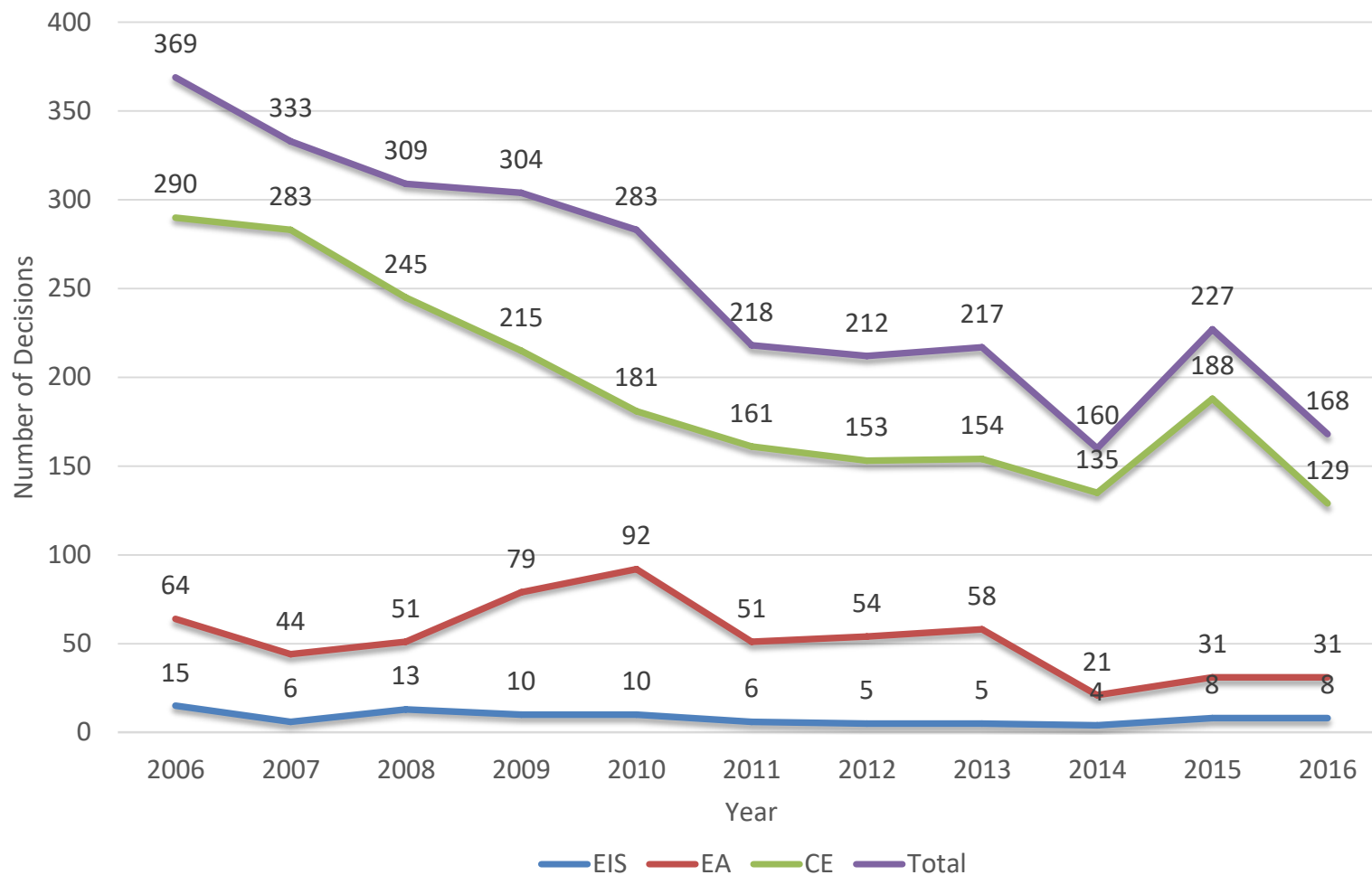
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# Region 4 Accomplishments:

- 22 EADM Engagement Sessions - Completed within the Region.
- Themes, challenges, and opportunities captured in EADM engagement sessions were upward reported and utilized by the R-4 Cadre and RLT to further define our regional strategy.
- *EADM Cadre created a PALS based CE Category pivot table*
- *R4 EADM Workshop (Forest Environmental Coordinators and Resource Specialist)*
- *A team was created to look at the way we are organized around Environmental Analysis and Decision Making. The team's recommendations served as the foundation for several EADM pilot projects in the Region.*



# Region 4 Accomplishments Continued:

- Implementing goals for completion of NEPA documents in the Region: EIS's -18 months, EA's - 10 months and DM's - 2 months. Will include quarterly check-ins, schedules with key milestones and cost estimates.
- *Contract restoration NEPA documents through the State of Idaho.*
- *Contract a Range NEPA Environmental Assessment to serve as a template for additional projects.*
- *Develop a consistent small NEPA process for the Region including report templates.*
- *Develop Regional Training to help reduce Special use Backlog*

