

LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN  
PIKE AND SAN ISABEL NATIONAL FORESTS  
and  
COMANCHE AND CIMARRON NATIONAL GRASSLANDS

**AMENDMENT NUMBER 3**

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Reason For This Amendment:

This amendment of the Land and Resource Management Plan (the Forest Plan) revises the boundary of the Comanche Lesser Prairie Chicken Habitat Zoological Area (Management Area 10C), Comanche National Grassland, following the designation of this area as a Colorado Natural Area and a part of the Colorado Natural Areas System.

Articles of Designation were approved and agreed to by the Forest Service and the State of Colorado, Department of Natural Resources on February 13, 1987.

Designation as a Colorado Natural Area evidences the desire of the Forest Service and the Colorado Department of Natural Resources that the area be managed to avoid impacts adversely affecting the attributes for which the area is now designated.

Revision of the boundaries to enlarge the area by 892 acres reflects a need to align completely the Comanche Lesser Prairie Chicken Natural Area with the boundaries of Range Allotments 1Ae and 1F while ensuring that the area still contains sufficient acreage of habitat for the lesser prairie chicken, a management indicator species for the Comanche National Grassland in the Forest Plan. The revised boundary contains more habitat than the previous boundary did.

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This Forest Plan amendment changes Management Area Summary Table III-3 (Forest Plan, Chapter III, Page 84), to show a change in the acreage in two management areas. Management Area 10C (Special Interest Areas) acreage increases by 892 acres. Management Area 4B (Emphasis Is On Habitat For Management Indicator Species) acreage decreases by 892 acres.

In this amendment, the same area has two names: Comanche Lesser Prairie Chicken Habitat Zoological Area (Forest Plan, Page III-231); and Comanche Lesser Prairie Chicken Natural Area (Colorado Natural Areas designation).

Maps displaying these Management Area changes are on file at the Forest Supervisor's Office.

Management direction as described in the articles of designation and other provisions of the articles of designation are completely consistent with the Forest Plan.

In accordance with the implementing regulations of the National Forest Management Act (Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 219.10 (f)) and Forest Service Manual 1952.2, I have determined that this amendment will not result in a significant change in the Plan and is not a significant amendment. Therefore, I have determined that categorically excluding this amendment from documentation in an environmental assessment or impact statement is appropriate completion of NEPA procedures.

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Date