

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

AMENDMENT NUMBER 9

JULY 1987

<u>Page Code</u>	<u>Superseded</u>	<u>New</u>
Forest Plan Amendment No. 1 (September 23, 1985)	1	1

Reason For This Amendment:

September 23, 1985, the Forest Supervisor amended the Forest Plan (Forest Plan Amendment Number 1) to permit identifying annual schedules for planned management activities. Scheduled management activities are displayed in Forest Plan Appendices A, C and D.

I have found it necessary to rescind Forest Plan Amendment Number 1.

Provisions of the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 219.11 (c)) require that each Forest Plan contain schedules of, "...proposed and probable management practices such as the planned timber sale program", and Forest Service Manual 1922.51 requires, "The Forest Supervisor shall develop and maintain at least a 3-year implementation schedule of proposed and possible projects that normally will be updated annually".

The Regional Forester's 1920 Letter dated April 4, 1987 requires National Forests in the Rocky Mountain Region (Region-2) to evaluate all Forest Plan implementation schedules annually and to incorporate needed changes to the schedules as Forest Plan amendments.

The program budget allocations for Fiscal Years 1987 and 1988 (tentative) are 75.59 % and 69.36 %, respectively, of the budget required to fully implement the Forest Plan. The planned timber sale objectives for 1987 and 1988 have been reduced by a commensurate amount from 26 million board feet (MMBF) annually to 17 MMBF for each of those years.

The requirements and budget reductions described in paragraphs three, four and five above make it necessary to rescind Forest Plan Amendment Number 1.

The Forest currently is reviewing Forest Plan implementation schedules and will, later this year, prepare a three year schedule of planned management activities. These schedules will

reflect: (1) rescheduling of planned timber sales; (2) updated estimates of volumes and acres to be harvested by timber

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type and regeneration harvest method; and (3) updated road construction and reconstruction schedules.

Rescheduling of some planned management activities is necessary because of cumulative deviations (during Fiscal Years 1985 and 1986 the Forest cut 17 MMBF and 15 MMBF, respectively. This was below the amount the Forest Plan projected (26 MMBF) would be harvested) from the sale schedule, the need to balance District workloads with budget allocations and available personnel, and a need to provide ample time to complete site specific environmental analysis.

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This Forest Plan amendment rescinds Amendment Number 1 (approved September 23, 1985).

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.

/s/ Jack Weissling
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7/24/87
Date