

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

**AMENDMENT NUMBER 12**

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Reason For This Amendment:

Because of declining demand for wood products from National Forest System lands on the Pike and San Isabel National Forests, it has been necessary to reduce planned road construction and reconstruction projects and the Forest's budget requests for timber sale related activities.

Rescheduling of planned transportation system management projects is necessary because of a number of factors including the declining demand for wood products and needed transportation facilities, a need to balance District workloads with budget allocations and available personnel and a need to provide ample time to complete site specific project environmental analysis.

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This amendment of the Forest Plan replaces Appendix C (the Ten-Year Road Construction/Reconstruction Schedule) and establishes a three year schedule of planned road construction and reconstruction projects. Amended Appendix C includes revised road construction and reconstruction projects for Fiscal Years 1988, 1989 and 1990.

Transportation system needs for timber sale activities and for general purpose and recreation activities are identified in amended Appendix C.

To incorporate the three year schedule into the Forest Plan, replace previous Appendix C with the attached new appendix.

There is no absolute assurance that planned activities will occur as shown in this amended schedule. Limitations of on-the-ground conditions, preliminary planning estimates and

appropriated funding all affect the Forest's ability to achieve planned road construction and reconstruction projects.

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During project implementation, when transportation system management activities listed in amended Appendix C are designed, additional site specific analysis will be conducted. Opportunity for public participation will be provided. Thus, the schedule change represents preliminary intent. The actual decision to implement or not implement a project will be made after site-specific analysis and public involvement is completed.

In accordance with implementing regulations of the National Forest Management Act (Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 219.10 (f)), I have determined that this amendment will not result in a significant change in the Forest Plan.

I have determined that these changes to Appendix C are not a significant change in the Forest Plan for the following reasons:

1. The amended schedule does not significantly alter the Forest Plan's multiple-use goals for long term land and resource management; and
2. The amended schedule represents a short term fluctuation in planned management activities.

Expected environmental, social and economic effects of implementing planned vegetation management projects and road construction and reconstruction activities represented in amended Appendix C were documented in the Final Environmental Impact Statement which accompanied the Forest Plan.

Therefore, because of the above, I have determined there is no significant effect on the human environment and categorically excluding this amendment from documentation in an environmental assessment or impact statement is appropriate (FSM 1952.2).

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