

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

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Reason For This Amendment:

The Forest Plan 9A Management Area Prescription (Emphasis Is On Riparian Area Management) assignment along the Cimarron River corridor should be changed in the Cimarron National Grassland in southwestern Kansas. It is necessary to make this change because management requirements of the 9A Prescription do not apply to intermittent, dry stream bed areas. An additional reason is because of an increase in a number of resource uses and increasing numbers of visitors to the Cimarron River corridor.

The Cimarron National Grassland occupies 108,177 acres of public land in Kansas.

The Forest Plan (approved October 18, 1984) assigned Management Area 9A for the lands along the Cimarron River. Since approval of the Plan, further Forest Service studies, consultation with Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks officials, information gathered at a number of public meetings, personal contacts with National Grassland permittees and Cimarron River recreationists identified that recreational use of the river and lands adjacent to the river has been increasing significantly. A change in management emphasis will provide more suitable management direction and will ensure protection of resource values along the river while permitting appropriate levels of recreation activities in the river corridor.

In addition to the prescription change a Recreation and Travel Management Guide for the Cimarron River corridor is being prepared, with public and interest group participation. The Guide, when implemented, will ensure a reasonable level of use of the corridor as well as protection for all resources along the river.

Assignment of Management Areas 2B (Rural and Roded-Natural Recreation Opportunities) and 4B (Wildlife Habitat For Management Indicator Species) prescriptions for these lands and the Recreation and Travel Management Guide will greatly enhance the District's ability to properly management all resources along the Cimarron River.

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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 three management areas.

Management Area 9A acreage (mapped) on the Forest Plan Map will decrease by 10,290 acres; Management Area 2B acreage will increase by 2,430 acres; and, Management Area 4B acreage will increase by 7,860 acres.

The changes on the Forest Plan Management Area Map (Cimarron National Grassland portion) are on file at the Forest Supervisor's Office.

In accordance with the 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.

Potential environmental, social and economic effects of implementing Forest Plan permitted activities to achieve the management emphasis of all Management Area Prescriptions as disclosed on the Forest Plan Map was documented in the Final Environmental Impact Statement which accompanied the Forest Plan.

Therefore, because of the above, I have determined that categorically excluding this amendment from documentation in an environmental assessment or impact statement is appropriate (FSM 1952.2).

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Date