

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:

This amendment of the Land and Resource Management Plan (the Forest Plan) of the Pike and San Isabel National Forests and Comanche and Cimarron National Grasslands is necessary so that three year schedules of planned timber sales and road construction and reconstruction activities can be established and Appendix A (the Ten-Year Timber Sale Schedule) and Appendix C (the Ten-Year Road Construction/Reconstruction Schedule) can be revised.

Rescheduling of planned vegetation treatment projects and transportation system management activities is necessary because of a number of factors including changing demands for wood products and needed transportation facilities, a need to balance District workloads with available personnel and budget allocations and a need to provide ample time for completion of site specific project environmental analysis, including providing appropriate opportunity for public notice and involvement during planning activities.

Forest Plans shall contain a 3-year implementation schedule of proposed and possible projects (FSM 1920, Region-2 Supplement No. 8, 3/86). Annually Forest Supervisors shall evaluate all existing Forest Plan Implementation Schedules. Needed changes to the implementation schedules shall be incorporated as an amendment to the Forest Plan (FSH 1909.12, Region-2 Supplement No. 1, 8/88).

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This amendment of the Forest Plan replaces Appendix A (the Ten-Year Timber Sale Schedule) and Appendix C (the Ten-Year Road Construction/reconstruction Schedule) and establishes three year schedules of planned vegetation treatment projects and planned road construction and reconstruction projects.

Amended Appendix A includes rescheduling of planned timber sales and updated estimates of volumes and acres to be harvested by timber type and regeneration harvest method for Fiscal

Years 1989, 1990 and 1991. Planned levels of harvest are expected to achieve the allowable sale quantity for the Forest as identified in the Forest Plan.

Amended Appendix C includes revised road construction and reconstruction projects for Fiscal Years 1989, 1990 and 1991. Transportation system needs for planned timber sale activities and for general purpose and recreation activities are identified in amended Appendix C. To incorporate these three year schedules into the Forest Plan, replace previous Appendices A and C with the attached new appendices.

There is no absolute assurance that planned activities will occur as shown in these amended schedules. Limitations of on-the-ground conditions, preliminary planning estimates, local economic conditions, demand for wood products and appropriated funding all affect the Forest's ability to achieve planned timber sales (and thus, actual timber sale levels) and planned road construction and reconstruction projects.

When resource management activities listed in amended Appendices A and C are designed, additional site specific analysis will be conducted. Opportunity for public participation in the planning process will be provided. Thus, these schedules represent preliminary intent. The actual decision to implement or not implement any project will be made after site specific analysis and public involvement are 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.

The amended schedules do not significantly alter the Forest Plan's multiple-use goals for long term land and resource management.

Anticipated environmental, social and economic effects of implementing planned vegetation treatment projects and road construction and reconstruction activities represented in amended Appendices A and 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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