

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

AMENDMENT NUMBER 20

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Reason For This Amendment:

This amendment of the Forest Plan is necessary to maintain the three-year schedules of planned timber sales and road construction and road reconstruction activities (Forest Plan Appendices A and C) on the Forest.

Annual scheduling 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.

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This amendment of the Forest Plan replaces Forest Plan Amendment Number 16 (the Three-Year Timber Sale Schedule and the Three-Year Road Construction and Reconstruction Schedule) which was approved January 3, 1989.

Amended Appendix A includes rescheduling of planned timber sales for Fiscal Years 1990, 1991 and 1992. Amended Appendix C includes revised road construction and reconstruction projects for Fiscal Years 1990, 1991 and 1992.

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

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.

Therefore, because of the above, I have determined that 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).

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR Part 217 (Federal Register, Vol. 54, No. 13, January 23, 1989, pages 3357 to 3362). Any appeal of this decision must be fully consistent with 36 CFR Part 217.9, Content of Notice of Appeal, including the reasons for appeal and must be filed with Regional Forester Gary Cargill, 11177 West 8th Avenue, P.O. Box 25127, Lakewood, CO 80225, with a concurrent copy to the Forest Supervisor, USDA Forest Service, 1920 Valley Drive, Pueblo, CO 81008, within 45 days of the date of this decision.

/s/ JackWeissling
JACK WEISSLING
Forest Supervisor

12/6/89
Date