

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

AMENDMENT NUMBER 23

(February, 1992)

REASON FOR THIS AMENDMENT

The ROD for the Forest Plan allows oil and gas leasing on most lands under the Unit's administration. Agency regulations implementing the 1987 Oil and Gas Leasing Reform Act identified new requirements for a Forest-wide Leasing Analysis. The Leasing Analysis has been completed and the resulting decisions are being incorporated into the Forest Plan.

Section II B. of the Oil and Gas Leasing ROD contains detailed discussions of how the leasing stipulations in this Forest Plan Amendment will be applied once a lease application is received. Appendices C, D and E of the FEIS discuss various maps that are necessary for understanding how the stipulations that constitute a portion of the Forest Plan amendment will be applied.

SIGNIFICANCE

This Amendment does not alter any of the long-term relationships between the level of goods and services projected by the Forest Plan, as disclosed in the Oil and Gas Leasing FEIS. It is, therefore, a non-significant amendment based on the definition in 36 CFR 219.10(f) and will be approved by the Forest Supervisor as part of the decision associated with the Oil and Gas Leasing FEIS.

IMPLEMENTATION

The decision will be implemented upon public notice. This Decision Notice is public notice and will be sent to all those who have requested notice of Forest Plan amendments and those who have participated in the Oil and Gas Leasing analysis efforts. The Decision will be published in newspapers of record on the Unit.

This Forest Plan Amendment consists of four parts:

- Forest-wide Management Requirements
- Management Area Prescriptions
- Standard Lease Terms, Lease Notices and Supplemental Stipulations
- Stipulation Base Map

Forest-wide Management Requirements

The Forest-wide management requirements, or General Direction, under Management Activity "Minerals Management – Oil, Gas and Geothermal (G02 and 4)," on pages III-54 through III-61 in the Forest Plan will be changed to incorporate the Leasing Availability decisions in the ROD. These changes incorporate the supplemental stipulations and discretionary no lease applied in the ROD.

Superseded Pages

III-55 through 61

New Pages

III-55a through d
III-56 through 59
III-60a through d
III-61

Management Area Prescriptions

Management Prescription Summary, General Direction and Goals, for Management Areas 1A, Developed Recreation Sites; 1B2, Potential Ski Areas, 4D, Aspen Management; and 7B, Wood Fiber – Other Products, are changed to add the following statement:

Mineral and energy resource activities are generally compatible with the goals of this management area subject to appropriate stipulations provided in Management Activities G000-G07 in Forest Direction.

Superseded Pages

III-76, 86, 144, 179

New Pages

III-76, 86, 144, 179

Standard Lease Terms, Lease Notices and Supplemental Stipulations

Appendix F in the Forest Plan (Stipulations for Lands Under the Jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture) and Amendment 5, dated July 24, 1987, will be replaced by the stipulations, lease notices and standard lease terms applied by the Oil and Gas Leasing ROD.

Superseded Pages

F-3 through 8
Amendment 5, dated July 24, 1987

New Pages

F-3 through 19
remove

Stipulation Base Map

The ½-inch per mile map displaying the availability determinations made in the Oil and Gas Leasing ROD is appended to the Forest Plan as a part of this decision. The Stipulation Base Map is included in the FIES as Appendix D and represents the site-specific information disclosed on the working maps that will be used in implementation. The working maps (quads) will be maintained at the Forest Supervisor, Ranger District, and State BLM offices. The use of these maps is described in section IV of the Oil and Gas Leasing ROD.

/s/ Jack Weissling
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Forest Supervisor

Feb 12 1992
Date