

ENCLOSURE 3
Utah Northern Goshawk Project
Where the Proposed Management Direction Will and Will Not be Applied

The proposed management direction will apply to National Forest System Lands within the Ashley, Dixie, Fishlake, Manti-LaSal, Uinta, and Wasatch-Cache National Forests only.

This direction will apply to forested habitats across these National Forests except in the following areas:

- (1) Designated wilderness areas;
- (2) Administratively or Congressionally designated areas with a defined purpose (e.g., Research Natural Areas, National Recreation Areas, etc.);
- (3) Areas currently managed or allocated for concentrated recreation use and development;
- (4) National Forest System lands that are significantly influenced by lands in other ownership (e.g., high use urban interface areas); or,
- (5) Areas currently managed or allocated for mining, special use permits allowing vegetative disturbance or treatments (vegetation will be managed to meet the intent of the permit), or administrative site uses and development.

In these areas, current forest plan direction will still apply. In addition, any valid, prior existing rights on National Forest System lands will not be affected by this proposal.

Areas where the proposed direction will and will not apply are shown on the attached maps, when of sufficient size to be mapped. Due to the small size of some areas included in item 5, all areas are not shown on the attached map. Examples of these types of areas include existing electronic sites, federal aviation administration sites (FAA), research plots, and utility corridors.

The proposed direction will not apply in areas described above because:

- (a) the forested habitats in these areas are managed for other purposes as defined by current policy and regulations; or,
- (b) the use permitted under the existing forest plan would not allow for the management of habitat as outlined in the proposed management direction; or
- (c) the degree of influence resulting from adjacent lands in other ownership precludes application of this direction.

The agency believes that managing these areas consistent with current management direction is important to meeting other goals and objectives in the forest plan and that doing so would not result in the loss of habitat needed to maintain viable populations of goshawks in the State of Utah. A full disclosure of the effects of these exclusions will be clearly articulated and documented during the environmental analysis process.

While the proposed direction will not apply in these areas, their contribution to sustaining habitat components for the goshawk and its prey is still important and will need to be analyzed through the landscape assessment process, and their influence evaluated. For example, areas such as wilderness may provide suitable goshawk habitat which may influence how habitat attributes in areas outside the wilderness are managed through time. However, vegetation in the wilderness is managed to meet the goals of the wilderness resource which may or may not be contrary to suitable goshawk habitat.