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FOREST PLAN AND FEIS AMENDMENTS  
NATIONAL FORESTS IN MISSISSIPPI

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This officially makes the Land and Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement of the National Forests in Mississippi a part of the Manual System, and supersedes any directions in the Manual in regard to any type of practice in managing the Forests.

The Amendments are attached to this transmittal: Amendment 1 was part of the 1987 Land and Resource Management Program, signed August 26, 1986, and was listed as Appendix B; Amendment 2 was part of the Record of Decision, USDA Forest Service, Suppression of the Southern Pine Beetle, Final Environmental Impact Statement, signed April 6, 1987; and Amendment 3 was part of the 1988 Land and Resource Management Program, signed September 2, 1987, and was listed as Appendix B.

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These amendments clarify and update the Forest Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement for the National Forests in Mississippi.

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## APPENDIX B

### National Forests in Mississippi Land and Resource Management Plan Amendment 1

#### I. Standards and Guidelines

The following standard and guideline has been added to Chapter IV (Standards and Guidelines for Biloxi and Black Creek Management Areas) of the National Forests in Mississippi Land and Resource Management Plan. This standard was developed cooperatively by the Forest Service and the Mississippi Chapter of the Sierra Club.

"Areas proposed for bedding during the silvicultural examination and prescription will be examined by a botanist with reference to sensitive plants. The botanist's report will be considered before making the final determination as to bedding.

#### II. Prescriptions for Analysis Areas

The following analysis area is added to Chapter IV (Prescriptions for Analysis Areas not suitable 10 and Homochitto Management Area, Management Prescriptions applied):

##### Not Suitable 10

A contiguous watershed to Sandy Creek for National Natural (Aquatic Ecosystems) Study Area. 300 acres.

#### III. Other Resource Summaries

The fourth (corrected as of 4/88) paragraph in chapter IV (Other Resource Summaries-Minerals) is revised to read as follows:

"Based on the Federal law concerning coal mining east of the 100th meridian and the apparent nature of the lignite beds in Mississippi, the probability of mining lignite on the National Forests in Mississippi appears low."

#### IV. The Final Impact Statement for the National Forests in Mississippi Land and Resource Management Plan is amended as follows:

1. Change the second sentence of the response to Comments 009, 017, 045, 082, 092, 090 on pages I-26 and I-27 to read:

"As a result of extensive research we do not believe that harm will come to humans from the prudent and judicial use of approved chemicals of the type and nature used in work on the National Forests in Mississippi."

2. Appendix I, page I-16 under Facet 5-11, the document number 009 is added to the third comment now listing only document 092.

3. Appendix I is amended to add: Facet 6-4

Comment 045 We do not believe that bedding has a place in National Forest Management.

Response The Forest Plan is amended to add the following standard to page 4-125 and page 4-131:

"Areas proposed for bedding during the silvicultural examination and prescription will be examined by a botanist with reference to sensitive plants. The botanist's report will be considered before making the final determination as to bedding."