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The Limits of Acceptable Change process had intensive public involvement and is documented in two volumes which contain its process records. Alternative 6a was selected as the preferred alternative and replaces the current direction in the Forest Plan and supplements. Management direction will vary by opportunity class as delineated in Appendix F (LAC, Vol. II). The management practices and monitoring requirements for these areas are described in Appendix H (LAC, Vol. II). A summary of management actions by condition factor that would be needed for a proposed action to meet standards and guidelines is described in Appendix A (LAC, Vol. II).

The specific Forest Plan direction being amended applies to the following analysis areas: Not Suitable 5 - Black Creek Scenic River (FLRMP, pg. 4-99), Not Suitable 6 - Black Creek Wilderness Area (FLRMP, pgs. 4-100 & 4-101), and Not Suitable 7 - Leaf Wilderness Area (FLRMP, pgs. 4-101 & 4-102). The management direction depicted by LAC Alternative 6a supersedes the direction contained on the above listed pages.

This amendment is not a significant change in the National Forests in Mississippi Land and Resource Management Plan. The determination that this is a non-significant amendment is made in accordance with 36 CFR 219.10(f) and Forest Service Manual 1920 (53 Fed. Reg. 26:07, July 15, 1983) (see LAC Decision Notice, dated April 22, 1994, pages 3 & 4). This amendment incorporates new management direction for Analysis Areas 4, 5, and 6 following an extensive public participation process (LAC).

This new direction derived from the LAC process does not alter the long-term relationship between levels of goods and services projected by the land and resource Management Plan.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis and documentation for this change in direction has been documented in the Environmental Assessment for the Limits of Acceptable Change for Black Creek and Leaf Wilderness and Black Creek Scenic (designated and undesignated) Corridor and Forest Plan Amendment Number 11 of the National Forests in Mississippi Land and Resource Management Plan.