

## AMENDMENT #2

### GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL FOREST REVISED LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

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The following changes are made to the Forest Plan through this amendment.

1. Page 2-6 in the fourth paragraph, change to read:
  - b. Management practices (for example: prescribed burning, various regeneration or intermediate harvest methods, site preparation practices, salvage harvests, or weeding) may proceed after site-specific analysis and disclosure which includes a discussion on the old growth characteristics found in each area, the effect of the action on these characteristics, and the effect the action will have on the contribution of the areas to the Forest's "old growth" inventory.
2. Page 2-16 in the third paragraph, delete the last sentence and replace with  
Such salvaging is not permissible in Management Areas 4 (Historical, geological and Research Natural Areas only), 8, 12, 20, and 22.
3. Pages 2-17 and 2-18, footers on bottom of pages: change "FOREST ACRES" to "FOREST ACCESS".
4. Page 2-35, Intervention Treatments, underlined sentence: change "conducted" to "and".
5. Page 3-22, Paragraph 2, insert the following after the second sentence:  
The foreground viewing area is determined using the methodology established in the national Forest Service Landscape Management Handbook, Volume 2, chapter 1. The corridor is defined as 100 feet, or the foreground viewing area, on either side of the trail, whichever is greater.
6. Page 3-23, Standards, first paragraph: replace first sentence with the following:  
Adherence to the following standards is required when implementing the Revised Plan in Management Area 6.
7. Page 3-23, Standard 6-1: Delete the paragraph and replace with:  
All management practices will comply with the Comprehensive Plan for the Protection, Management, Development and Use of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, September, 1981; and FSM 2353, R-8 Supplement No. 42, 9/83. All management practices will be guided by the Appalachian Trail conference Stewardship Manual: Trail Design, Construction and Maintenance, 1981; and Overnight-Use Management Principles, approved by the Appalachian National Scenic Trail Advisory Council (ANSTAC), 1977.

8. Page 3-23, Standard 6-5: first sentence, change "designed" to "designated".
9. Page 3-24, Standard 6-12: Add the sentence:  
Further acquisition direction is provided on page E-4 of Appendix E.
10. Page 3-25, delete Standard 6-20.
11. Page 3-25, Standard 6-30: Add the sentence:  
Ensure that relocations provide a trail environment that is equal to or better than that of the existing location.
12. Page 3-27, Standard 6-44: change standard number from "6-44" to "6-44(a)".
13. Page 3-27, Standard 6-44: second paragraph, add standard number 6-44(b).
14. Page 3-27, Standard 6-46: change standard number from "6-46" to "6-46(a)".
15. Page 3-27, Standard 6-47: change standard number from "6-47" to "6-46(b)".
16. Page 3-27, Wilderness: first paragraph, add standard number 6-47(a).
17. Page 3-27, Wilderness: first paragraph, delete "#" in the first sentence.
18. Page 3-27, Wilderness: second paragraph, add standard number 6-47(b).
19. Page 3-36, Standard 8-1: Change "(Public Law 98- 587)" to "(Public Law 98- 586)". Also, insert before Forest Service Manual 2320, the following: "Virginia Wilderness Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-326);"
20. Page 3-37, Standard 8-10: Change "equipment" to "transport".
21. Page 3-38, Standard 8-28: Delete "(MA #6)".
22. Page 3-84, under the Desired Future, fourth paragraph, delete the first sentence that says:  
Ruffed grouse, common flicker and the prairie warbler nest and rear their young from April through June with no disturbances by humans.
23. Page 3-97, Standard 18-30: change standard number from "18-30" to "18-30(a)".
24. Page 3-97, Standard 18-31: change standard number from "18-31" to "18-30(b)".
25. Page 3-97, Soils: add standard number 18-31.
26. Page 3-98, MANAGEMENT AREA 18A, first paragraph, first sentence: change "Management Areas 4, 6, 9, 10, 12, 20" to "Management Areas 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 20, 21, 22".

27. Page 3-99, Standard 18-38(a), delete the last sentence that says:  
 Up to 20% of the overstory may be removed along non-native trout streams when adjacent to  
 management areas where timber is suitable and if riparian dependent resources can be maintained.
28. Page 3-119, Common Standard 3: Delete the paragraph and replace with:  
 3. Table 3-14 presents contrast reducing standards that are used in conjunction with vegetation  
 management on the Forest. The standards listed in columns titled Retention, Partial Retention, and  
 Modification are the minimum standards that must be applied to the listed Vegetation Management  
 Activity. Additional mitigation may be needed on a site specific basis to ensure the adopted VQO  
 is met. When a short term VQO of rehabilitation is assigned, the standards in Table 3-14 are replaced  
 by site-specific mitigation measures to facilitate restoration of the scenic resource to meet a long  
 term VQO. The capital letters in Table 3-14 relate to descriptions of the standards; the descriptions  
 follow Table 3-14.
29. Page 3-120, delete 'X' from the fourth column (Modification) in 'Roadside Maintenance' and add 'X'  
 to the second column (Retention) in 'Roadside Maintenance.'
30. Page 3-151 in standard 252 add '22 (Habitat for Small Game and Watchable Wildlife)' at the end of  
 the standard.
31. Page 5-35, within BIOLOGICAL VALUES, Monitoring Item titled - Old growth is protected, under the  
 column - Indicators of Desired Future, add the following sentence to the beginning of the paragraph:  
 No regeneration harvest practices will be scheduled in any old growth forest type except for group  
 21.
32. Page 5-35, within BIOLOGICAL VALUES, Monitoring Item titled - Old growth is protected, under the  
 column - Measurement and Frequency of Measurement, replace the sentence that says, 'Acres of old  
 growth forest type group 21 inventoried on suitable timberlands as measured yearly.' with the following:  
 Acres of each old growth forest type by management area on suitable and unsuitable timberlands  
 as measured yearly.
33. Page 5-36, within BIOLOGICAL VALUES, Monitoring Item titled - Caves are protected, add the following:
- UNDER Indicators of Desired Future, ADD: Determine population trends for cave-dwelling bats.
- UNDER Monitoring Questions, ADD: What are the bat's population trends on the Forest? (V)
- UNDER Measurement and Frequency of Measurement, ADD: Population survey in cooperation with  
 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and West  
 Virginia Department of Natural Resources once every two years.
- UNDER Threshold of Acceptable Change, ADD: Negative population trends in two consecutive  
 surveys.
- UNDER Reporting Period and How Long Before Question is Answered, ADD: Report every two  
 years, Monitor minimum of 10 years.

34. Page E-4, Replace paragraphs one through four as follows:

**Management Situation**

The National Trails System Act(PL 90-546, as Amended) authorizes acquisition of lands or interest in lands along the Trail to ensure that the Trail has legal access and is sufficiently protected from developments which would detract from the Trail experience. All of the Trail across the Forest, located on the Pedlar Ranger District, has at least the minimum needed tread protection. Consistent with the current regional policy statement for Appalachian Trail acquisition, the Forest has inventoried Priority II and III private tracts along the Trail that are needed to ensure an adequate corridor or enhance the hiker experience.

**Planning Assumptions**

Subject to availability, the Forest will acquire adequate interest in Priority II and III tracts by the end of FY 94.

**Objective**

Contact owners of each identified tract and either acquire or acquire protective interest so as to meet the regional time frames.

**Management Direction**

Complete acquisition of at least protective interest in Priority II tracts by the end of FY 94 subject to funding and availability.

35. Appendix L, Table of Contents: change "ANIMALS" to "INSECTS, MILLIPEDES, AND CRUSTACEANS".

36. Page 3-85, delete standard 16-6.