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Notice of Plan Approval USDA Forest Service Santa Fe National Forest James Duran, Acting Forest Supervisor for the Santa Fe National Forest (NF), Southwestern Region, signed the record of decision for the Santa Fe National Forest Land Management Plan. The final record of decision documents the rationale for approving the land management plan and is consistent with the reviewing officials' responses to objections and instructions. The revised land management plan for the Santa Fe NF will become effective 30 days after the publication of the notice of plan approval in the Federal Register. To view the final record of decision, final environmental impact statement, the land management plan, and other related documents, please visit the Santa Fe NF website at: [www.fs.usda.gov/goto/santafeforestplan](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/santafeforestplan). Information about the land management plan for the Santa Fe NF can be obtained from Sarah Browne, Acting Forest Planner, Santa Fe NF Supervisor's Office (phone: 5054385442, email: [santafeforestplan@usda.gov](mailto:santafeforestplan@usda.gov)). Written requests for information may be sent to Santa Fe NF, Attn: Santa Fe NF Plan Revision, 11 Forest Lane, Santa Fe, NM 87508. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. The land management plan describes the Santa Fe NF's distinctive roles and contributions within the broader landscape and details forest-wide, management area, and geographic area desired conditions, objectives, standards, and guidelines. The land management plan identifies suitable uses of National Forest System lands and estimates of the planned timber sale quantity. The land management plan identifies priority watersheds for restoration, and includes recommended

wilderness areas and eligible wild and scenic rivers. This land management plan provides for efficient and effective management of the Santa Fe NF with desired conditions for coordination, partnerships, and shared stewardship with state, local, and tribal governments, other federal agencies, adjacent landowners, and stakeholders. The Santa Fe NF initiated forest plan revision in 2014 with listening sessions and public meetings on the assessment. The Forest invited State, local and Tribal governments, and other federal agencies from around the region to participate in the process to revise the land management plan. An interagency working group consisting of 13 cooperating agencies met regularly throughout the plan revision effort. Public engagement has included multiple public meetings in local communities, technical meetings, and field trips. The Santa Fe NF has consulted with New Mexico Tribes and Pueblos regarding forest plan revision throughout the process. The Santa Fe NF also conducted specific outreach to traditional communities, including land grants. During the 2019 draft land management plan and draft environmental impact statement 90-day comment period, the Forest received over 13,000 comments on the draft land management plan. The Santa Fe NF held or attended 30 meetings during this comment period in multiple communities with Tribes and Pueblos, cooperating agencies, local government officials and community groups, non-profit organizations, and the public. This engagement helped refine the preferred alternative and augment plan content based on consideration of comments. The development of the land management plan was shaped by the best available science, current laws, and public input. The 60-day opportunity to object ended on November 2, 2021. The Santa Fe NF received 15 eligible objections. The reviewing officer issued the written responses to the objection issues on May 24, 2022. The Regional Forester, as reviewing official for the revised plan, provided the Forest Supervisor with minor clarification instructions for most of the objection issues. The final record of decision documents the rationale for approving the land management plan and is consistent with the reviewing official's responses to objections and instructions. Journal: July 29, 2022



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