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Forest Plan Administrative Change

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This letter documents an administrative change to Table 26 of Appendix B of the revised 2015 KNF Land Management Plan (p. 151). The purpose of this change is to correct errors contained in Table 26 for the environmental baseline of miles of total and open routes in the Clark Fork, Cabinet Face, West Kootenai, and Tobacco BORZ areas. This change corrects the Table 26 baseline condition of road miles where pre-existing (i.e., in 2010) roads were discovered since the plan was issued and corrects baseline miles of total and open roads where BORZ areas have expanded due to expansion of recurring grizzly bear use over the last ten years.

Under the 2012 planning regulations at 36 CFR 219.13 (c):

"An administrative change is any change to a plan that is not a plan amendment or plan revision. Administrative changes include corrections of clerical errors to any part of the plan, conformance of the plan to new statutory or regulatory requirements, or changes to other content in the plan (§ 219.7(f)).

(2) All other administrative changes may be made following public notice (§ 219.16(c)(6))."

The administrative change is provided in the following table (corrections are highlighted in bold).





Table 26. Habitat Conditions for Bears Outside Recovery Zone (BORZ) Occupancy Areas as of Bear Year 2019

BORZ Name	Grizzly Bear Ecosystem	Total Size (acres)	NFS lands (acres)	Total Linear Miles of Roads on NFS lands	Total Linear Miles of Open Roads on NFS lands
Clark Fork	Cabinet-Yaak	101,899	100,209	265.7	184.7
Cabinet Face	Cabinet-Yaak	28,052	27,083	165.0	133.6
West Kootenai	Cabinet-Yaak	217,595	200,555	789.3	456.1
Tobacco	Cabinet-Yaak	287,240	266,992	1,170.3	914.0

Pursuant to 219.13(c)(2), documentation of this administrative change is being posted on the Kootenai National Forest website at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/kootenai/landmanagement/planning.

This administrative change will be effective on April 27, 2021.

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