

AMENDMENT #3

GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL FOREST REVISED LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

March 1995

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

- 1a. Pages 5-10, 5-11, and 5-12 (Management Areas 5, 6, and 7) within Monitoring Item - VISUAL QUALITY, under the column - Indicators of Desired Future, replace the sentence that says, "A short-term VQO of enhancement can be assigned." with the following:
"A short-term VQO of rehabilitation can be adopted."
- 1b. Pages 5-10, 5-11, and 5-12 (Management Areas 5, 6, and 7) within Monitoring Item - VISUAL QUALITY, under the column - Monitoring Questions, replace the sentence that says, "Where was a short-term VQO of enhancement assigned to address rehabilitation needs?" with the following:
"Where was a short-term VQO of rehabilitation adopted to address restoration of the scenery resources?"
- 1c. Page 5-42 within Monitoring Item - VISUALS, under the column - Indicators of Desired Future, replace the sentence that says, "Contrast reducing techniques are used in designing and executing management practices in order to successfully meet the assigned visual quality objective." with the following:
"Contrast reducing techniques are used in designing and executing management practices in order to successfully meet the adopted visual quality objective."
- 2a. Pages 5-23, 5-25, and 5-27 (Management Areas 14, 15, and 16) within Monitoring Item - WILDLIFE, under the column - Threshold of Acceptable Change, replace the word "harvested" with "sold".
- 2b. Page 5-41 within Monitoring Item - TIMBER, under the column - Measurement & Frequency of Measurement, replace the sentence that says, "Number of harvested stands and their acres by Management Area except for salvage sales." with the following:
"Number of sold stands and their acres by Management Area except for salvage sales."
- 2c. Page 5-42 within Monitoring Item - TRANSPORTATION, under the column - Measurement & Frequency of Measurement, replace the sentence that says, "Acres harvested and miles of road built or reconstructed each year." with the following:
"Acres sold and miles of road built or reconstructed each year."
- 2d. Page 5-43 within Monitoring Item - ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORTING, under the column - Measurement & Frequency of Measurement, replace the two sentences that say, "Acres offered for sale yearly." with the following:

Acres sold yearly.

- 3a. Pages 5-14 within Monitoring Item - WILDERNESS, under the column - Measurement & Frequency of Measurement, replace the sentence that says, 'Annual inspection of impacted areas to see if 'Limits of Acceptable Change' standards are met.' with the following:
 Minimum biennial inspection of impacted areas to see if 'Limits of Acceptable Change' standards are met.
- 3b. Pages 5-14 within Monitoring Item - WILDERNESS, under the column - Reporting Period, replace the sentence that says, 'Report every year.' with the following:
 'Report every second year.'
4. Page 5-34 (Management Area 21) within Monitoring Item - RECREATION, under the column - Threshold of Acceptable Change, replace the sentence that says, 'Failure of inventoried SPNM ROS areas to meet the criteria for SPNM ROS recreation opportunities.' with the following:
 'Failure of adopted SPNM ROS areas to meet the criteria for SPNM ROS recreation opportunities.'
5. Page 5-37, within Monitoring Item - FIRE,

Under column - Desired Future, Add: *Fire-dependent ecosystems and wildlife habitats are improved. Open areas along the Appalachian Trail are maintained. Threatened, endangered, and sensitive species habitats are restored and maintained.*

Under column - Indicators of Desired Future, Add: *Prescribed fire is used to achieve specific management objectives.*

Under column - Monitoring Questions, Add: *What are the effects of prescribed fire on vegetation, small mammals, herptofauna, and birds on the Forest? (E)*

Under column - Measurement and Frequency of Measurement, Add: *Pre and post burn plots and/or transects. Methods and frequency will vary depending on species group.*

Under column - Threshold of Acceptable Change, Add: *Natural population fluctuations are expected along with changes in species composition and vegetative structure. Threshold will be if approved prescribed burn objectives as stated in the burn plan are not met.*

Under column - Reporting Period and How Long Before Question is Answered, Add: *Will depend on species group. Report at third year following burn with subsequent timing of evaluations determined by species and burn objectives. Evaluate at end of ten year period.*

- 6a. Page 5-40, replace Monitoring Item titled 'THREATENED & ENDANGERED SPECIES' with 'THREATENED, ENDANGERED, & SENSITIVE SPECIES'.

6b. Page 5-40, within Monitoring Item - THREATENED & ENDANGERED SPECIES,

Under column - Desired Future, Add: "Sensitive plant and animal species are protected."

Under column - Indicators of Desired Future, Add: "Determine population trends for Alleghany woodrat. Determine presence of the rock vole, and water shrew."

Under column - Monitoring Questions, Add: "What are the woodrat's population trends on the Forest? (V) Are the rock vole and water shrew present on the Forest? If so, where? (I)"

Under column - Measurement and Frequency of Measurement, Add: "Population survey for wood rat, presence survey for rock vole and water shrew 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 column - Threshold of Acceptable Change, Add: "For the wood rat, negative population trends in two consecutive surveys. for the rock vole and water shrew, evidence that species exist at a specific location."

Under column - Reporting Period and How Long Before Question is Answered, Add: "Report every two years, Monitor minimum of 10 years."

- 7a. Page 5-43 within Monitoring Item - WILDLIFE, replace the sentence that says, "Populations for demand (i.e. bear, deer and turkey) species are maintained or enhanced." with the following:
"Populations for game (bear, deer, turkey and grouse) species are maintained or enhanced."
- 7b. Page 5-43 within Monitoring Item - WILDLIFE, under the column - Monitoring Questions, replace the sentence that says, "Based on hunter harvest information are the projected population trends for the demand species accurate?" with the following:
"What are the projected population trends for big and small game species on the Forest?"
- 7c. Page 5-43 within Monitoring Item - WILDLIFE, under the column - Measurement & Frequency of Measurement, replace the sentence that says, "Hunter harvest information as reported yearly by state wildlife agencies." with the following:
"Hunter harvest information and spring drumming counts, brood surveys, bait station counts, spot-lighting or pellet group counts as measured yearly."
- 8a. Page E-6 within LANDLINE LOCATION, under the Management Situation section, replace the second sentence that says, "1598 miles of these landlines and 7660 property corners are considered to be established to Forest Service standards." with the following:
"1,623 miles of these landlines and 7,660 property corners are considered to be established to Forest Service standards."
- 8b. Page E-6 within LANDLINE LOCATION, under the Objective section, replace the second and third sentences that say, "Establish 121 miles of landlines per year. This is considered the minimum acceptable level to complete the remaining 1,325 miles." with the following:

"Establish 130 miles of landlines per year. This is considered the minimum acceptable level to complete the remaining 1,300 miles."

9. Page F-2 under Fund Code CNFC, replace the Fund Code "CNFC" with "CNRF". Page F-3 under Fund Code CWFS, replace the Activity Code "ET12" with "FW22"; replace the Activity Name "Timber Harvest Administration" with "Erosion Control"; and replace the Unit of Measure from "MCF" to "Acres".

10. Change from the word "cultural" to the word "heritage" at the following 90 locations:

<p>Table of Contents page 2</p> <p>Pg 3-2 under Eco. Mgmt</p> <p>Pg 3-9 before std 4-17</p> <p>Pg 3-22, 3rd par under MA 6</p> <p>Pg 3-24 twice in std 6-8</p> <p>Pg 3-31 in std 7-8</p> <p>Pg 3-34, first line of page</p> <p>Pg 3-39 in std 8-35</p> <p>Pg 3-39 in std 8-38</p> <p>Pg 3-57 in std 11-8</p> <p>Pg 3-66 before std 12-3</p> <p>Pg 3-70, first par under DFC</p> <p>Pg 3-71 in std 13-2</p> <p>Pg 3-123 three times in std 29</p> <p>Pg 3-124 in std 31</p> <p>Pg 3-124 in std 34</p> <p>Pg 3-125 in std 37</p> <p>Pg 3-125 in std 40</p> <p>Pg 3-125 in std 45</p> <p>Pg 3-126 in std 49</p> <p>Pg 3-126 in std 53</p> <p>Pg 3-126 in std 55</p> <p>Appendix C Table of Contents</p> <p>Pg C-1, second par</p> <p>Pg C-7 in item #2 of Goals</p> <p>Pg C-8, third par</p> <p>Pg C-9, first par</p> <p>Pg C-10, Title of 2nd column</p> <p>Pg C-12, Pt a. under item #5</p> <p>Pg C-21, first line of page</p> <p>Pg C-27, Title of Project</p> <p>Pg C-29, last par of page</p> <p>Pg C-33, first par of page</p> <p>Pg 5-9 under HISTORIC SITES, under the column - Indicators of Desired Future</p> <p>Pg 5-35 under ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES, under the column - Indicators of Desired Future</p> <p>Pg C-20, 2nd par under Interpretive Significance section</p> <p>Pg C-20, 2nd par under Site Objectives section</p>	<p>Pg 2-30, 3rd par under Ecosystem Mgmt</p> <p>Pg 3-9, 3rd par under DFC for Historic SIA</p> <p>Pg 3-10 in std 4-28</p> <p>Pg 3-24 before std 6-8</p> <p>Pg 3-30, 2nd par from bottom of page</p> <p>Pg 3-33, first par</p> <p>Pg 3-39 before std 8-35</p> <p>Pg 3-39 in std 8-36</p> <p>Pg 3-47, first par under DFC</p> <p>Pg 3-65, fifth par under DFC</p> <p>Pg 3-66 in std 12-3</p> <p>Pg 3-71 before std 13-2</p> <p>Pg 3-123 before std 29</p> <p>Pg 3-123 in std 30</p> <p>Pg 3-124 twice in std 33</p> <p>Pg 3-124 twice in std 36</p> <p>Pg 3-125 twice in std 38</p> <p>Pg 3-125 in std 44</p> <p>Pg 3-126 in std 47</p> <p>Pg 3-126 in std 51</p> <p>Pg 3-126 in std 54</p> <p>Pg 3-126 in std 56</p> <p>Pg C-1, first par</p> <p>Pg C-7, first par under Mission Statement</p> <p>Pg C-7, seventh par under item #2</p> <p>Pg C-9, Title at top of page</p> <p>Pg C-9, Title of second column</p> <p>Pg C-11, last line of page</p> <p>Pg C-12, in item #7</p> <p>Pg C-25, 3rd par under Inter. Concepts section</p> <p>Pg C-27, twice in par under Site Loc. section</p> <p>Pg C-31, last par of page</p> <p>Pg C-41, last par of page</p>
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