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AIR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this management plan is to assess current air resource conditions and trends on the WRNF, identify existing and future air quality impacts to these resources, and provide guidance for future air resource monitoring and management activities on the WRNF. While this document covers air quality issues throughout the Forest, it particularly emphasizes air resource management within congressionally designated wilderness areas on the WRNF.

This document is intended to provide guidance for land managers and resource specialists and to inform the public and special-interest groups about the WRNF's air management program. It also is designed to meet the Wilderness Stewardship Challenge to achieve the objectives of Air Element #3 (see: <http://www.wilderness.net/index.cfm?fuse=toolboxes&sec=air>).

Specifically, this plan:

1. Summarizes the legal and management framework for air quality management,
2. Describes the wilderness characteristics of the Class I and Class II wilderness areas on the White River National Forest,
3. Identifies potential sources of air pollution around the forest,
4. Identifies AQRV's specific to each wilderness as well as sensitive receptors and their levels of acceptable change.
5. Describes past and current monitoring of wilderness AQRV's, and
6. Proposes future monitoring efforts.

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