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Subject: Errors in the Published Record of Decision (ROD) for Amended Forest Plans

To: Forest Supervisors

It has come to our attention that there were some printing errors in Appendix B and C of the ROD. First, in the Allowable Use Guide on page 94, the Poor Range condition row was moved one column to the right. The Guide in the FEIS, page 162, has the correct percentages.

Second, for the Lincoln National Forest (ROD page 73), it was not the intent to replace forage utilization standards for riparian with the grazing guidelines in the ROD, but to INSERT the guidelines along with the riparian standards on page 35 of the Lincoln plan.

Third, for the Apache-Sitgreaves (ROD page 22) the replacement plan language listed in the FEIS page 68, was missed in printing. On page 122 of this Forest Plan, the existing language needs to be replaced with items a, b, and c in the FEIS.

Last, in the goshawk guidance (ROD page 92) on management scale, the example was removed from the FEIS language (FEIS page 160) because it caused confusion. In removing the example, the last two sentences, which contain some important guidance was also inadvertently removed. The complete goshawk guidance on management scale is contained in the enclosure.

The enclosure contains the correct wording that needs to be made when preparing new pages for your plan. Sorry for the confusion.

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Enclosure

Corrected Allowable Use Guide on ROD page 94:

Allowable Use Guide (Percent) By Range Condition and Management Strategy*

Range Condition**	Continuous Season-long Use	Defer 1 Year in 2	Defer 1 Year in 3	Defer 2 Years in 2	Rest 1 Year in 2	Rest 1 Year in 3	Rest 2 Years in 3	Rest Over 2 Years in 3
Very Poor	0	10	5	15	15	10	20	25
Poor	10	20	15	20	20	15	30	35
Fair	20	25	20	30	30	25	40	45
Good	30	35	35	35	35	35	45	50
Excellent	30	35	35	35	35	35	45	50

** Site-specific data may show that the numbers in this table are substantially high or low. These numbers are purposefully conservative to assure protection in the event that site-specific data is not available.*

*** Range Condition as evaluated and ranked by the Forest Service is a subjective expression of the status or health of the vegetation and soil relative to their combined potential to produce a sound and stable biotic community. Soundness and stability are evaluated relative to a standard that encompasses the composition, density, and vigor of the vegetation and physical characteristics of the soil*

Corrected goshawk guideline on ROD page 92:

Management Scale

Distribution of habitat structures (tree size and age classes, tree groups of different densities, snags, dead and down woody material, etc.) should be evaluated at the ecosystem management area level, at the mid-scale such as drainage, and at the small scale of site. Where VSS 6 is deficit within the ecosystem management area, all VSS 6 will be maintained regardless of location. However, over time the intent is to sustain a relatively even distribution (again based on site quality) of VSS 6 across the ecosystem management area.

Corrected text referencing Lincoln Forest Plan page 35 replacement text ONLY, on ROD page 73:

Page(s)	Existing Plan	Amended Plan
35	Forage utilization will not exceed 40 percent in riparian areas.	[INSERT Alternative G, Grazing Guidelines.]

Corrected text referencing Apache-Sitgreaves Forest Plan page 122 replacement text ONLY, on ROD page 22:

Page(s)	Existing Plan	Amended Plan
122	a) Manage for a minimum of 20 percent of the forested area within a diversity unit to provide vertical diversity. b) Manage for a minimum of 30 percent of the forested area within a diversity unit to provide horizontal diversity. c) Manage 18 percent to 20 percent of the forested area within a diversity unit to provide old-growth with 6 percent - 7 percent being in old growth condition at any given point in time. Stand size of between 100 to 300 acres and 5 chains or greater in width in groupings of contiguous habitat for interior dwelling species within and between diversity units. Retain all gambel oak snags to greater than 10 inches DBH and 10 feet tall.	a) Manage for a minimum of 20 percent of the forested area within a diversity unit to provide vertical diversity except in areas where uneven-aged management is used. b) Manage for a minimum of 30 percent of the forested area within a diversity unit to provide horizontal diversity except in areas where uneven-aged management is used. c) [DELETE and INSERT Alternative G, Old Growth Standards and Guidelines.]