

DECISION MEMO
CARSON FOREST PLAN AMENDMENT #8
October 1990
Carson National Forest

The Carson National Forest Plan establishes direction for the Forest for the next ten to fifteen years. It is meant to be a dynamic document which is improved in response to monitoring new information and technologies.

The Columbine-Hondo area was classified a Wilderness Study Area (WSA) in the New Mexico Wilderness Act of 1980. This Act directed the Secretary of Agriculture to review these lands as to their suitability or non-suitability for preservation as wilderness. The WSA contains 43,276 acres. The published Forest Plan recommended 30,500 acres for wilderness designation. Further review has indicated that another 700 acres near yobo Creek have characteristics that should be preserved as Wilderness and should be included. Therefore, this amendment adds this 700 acres to the area recommended for wilderness.

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION... "Categorical exclusion means a category of actions which do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment... therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required."(40 CFR 1508.4)

I have determined that this amendment is consistent with the long term resource management goals and objectives in the Carson Forest Plan.

IF YOU JUST DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE ABOUT THIS IMPROVEMENT... Give us a call. The person most knowledgeable about this is Bill Moehn, Forest Recreation/Lands Staff. (505) 758-6270.

If you still aren't satisfied, you have the right to appeal the decision. Here is how you can do that...

This decision is subject to appeal in accordance with 36 CFR 217. A Notice of Appeal must be in writing and clearly state that it is a Notice of Appeal being filed pursuant to 36 CFR 217. Appeals must be fully consistent with 36 CFR 217.9, "Content of Notice of Appeal" and must be filed with Regional Forester, Southwestern Region, 517 Gold Ave SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102-0084, and simultaneously sent to Forest Supervisor, Carson National Forest, within 45 days of the date of legal notice of this decision in The Taos News newspaper. This project will not be implemented sooner than seven calendar days following publication of the legal notice of Decision.

For additional information concerning this decision or the Forest Service appeal process, contact Forest Supervisor, Carson National Forest, P.O. Box 558, Taos, NM 87571, (505) 758-6200.



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Date