

DECISION MEMO
CARSON FOREST PLAN AMENDMENT #5
March 1990
Carson National Forest
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

The Carson 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.

This annual amendment updates the ten-year sawtimber offering schedule by making the following adjustments: documents what happened in fiscal year 1989, moves some sales from one year to another, combines some sales and adjusts volumes for a few sales. The sawtimber volume planned to be sold over the next ten years has not been changed.

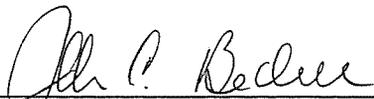
- On the El Rito Ranger District, the schedules for the *Borracho* and *Felipito* proposed timber sales were switched. This will provide more logical winter/summer logging opportunities on the Vallecitos Federal Sustain Yield Unit.
- On the Tres Piedras Ranger District, the Tanques-Banco proposed timber sale was moved from fiscal year 1990 to 1991 because of overall budget constraints. The proposed Deer Park timber sale was moved to fiscal year 1994. The Nutritas proposed timber sale was combined with the Olguin/San Antone sale and moved to fiscal year 1995 to make a more logical offering and to reduce the length of time of timber sale activity in the Nutritas drainage.
- On the Camino Real Ranger District, the schedule and estimated volumes for several proposed timber sales have been changed. This is the result of more accurate on-the-ground knowledge. It will also provide a more orderly progression of treatment and enable more thorough public involvement. Proposed sales affected are the *Maestas Ridge*, *Angostura*, *Ojos/Ryan*, *Cueva* and the *Luna*.

It is my decision to amend the Carson National Forest Plan to update the project scheduling and management area allocations. You should replace your old Forest Plan pages with the new pages attached to this decision notice and identified as Amendment No. 5, March 1990.

I have determined through environmental analysis that this action will cause no significant environmental effects. Formal documentation of the analysis is, therefore, categorically excluded as per 40 CFR 1508.4, National Environmental Policy Act regulations. This is based on the fact that the amendment results in no change to the physical, biological or social environment. In addition, I have determined that this amendment is consistent with the long-term resource management goals and objectives in the Carson National Forest Plan and will actually further clarify our management intent.

Implementation shall not occur until seven calendar days following publication of the legal notice of this decision in the Taos News newspaper.

This decision is subject to administrative review pursuant to 36 CFR 217. Any appeal of this decision must be fully consistent with 36 CFR 217.9, Content of Notice of Appeal, including the reasons for appeal. The appeal must be filed simultaneously with Dave Jolly, Regional Forester, Southwestern Region, 517 Gold Ave SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102-0084 and Forest Supervisor, Carson National Forest, within 45 days of the date of legal notice of this decision in the Taos News newspaper. It is anticipated that the legal notice will appear in the Taos News on March 12th or 19th. For additional information concerning this decision or the Forest Service appeal process, contact John C. Bedell, Forest Supervisor, Carson National Forest, P.O. Box 558, Taos, NM 87571, (505) 758-6200.



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Date