DECISION NOTICE
CARSON FOREST PLAN AMENDMENT #2
May 1989
Carson National Forest
Taos, Rio Arriba, Colfax, and Mora Counties, New Mexico

The Regional Forester's decision for the Carson National Forest Plan was made October 31, 1986. The Carson National Forest began implementing the Forest Plan on November 30, 1986.

This amendment updates the 10-year timber sale schedule to reflect actual sales and volume sold in 1988 and modifies the ten-year sawtimber offering schedule. Some sales were moved from one year to another, some have minor adjustments in volumes, and sales have been added or removed.

Seven sales have been removed from the timber sale schedule:

- *Sierra*, *Laguna* and *Cholejo*, on the El Rito Ranger District, were combined through the Integrated Resource Management process into the El Rito timber sale.
- *Arkansas*, on Tres Piedras Ranger District, is not economically feasible at this time.
- *Hodges*, on the Camino Real Ranger District, may be offered as smaller ranger sales.
- We are currently going through the Integrated Resource Management process with interested parties on the proposed *Alamo/Dinner* sale on the Camino Real Ranger District. No decision has been made on that sale yet. But, it has been removed and the volume is currently unscheduled.
- *Saloz*, on the Camino Real, to reduce timber sale activity in adjacent areas.

Two sales have been added:

- *Luna*, on Camino Real Ranger District, which is replacing Saloz.
- *Palociento*, on Camino Real, is made up of several smaller ranger sale areas.

The sawtimber volume planned to be sold over the next ten years has not been changed. The scheduling approach is still toward incremental increases.

It is my decision to amend the Carson National Forest Plan to update our project scheduling. You should replace your old Forest Plan pages with the new pages attached to this decision notice and identified as Carson Forest Plan Amendment No. 2, May 1989. Changes have been highlighted -- additions in bold and double underline. More specific information as to why each change was made can be obtained by contacting the Forest Supervisor's Office.

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 for the Carson National Forest and will actually further clarify our management intent.

This amendment will be implemented immediately.

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 Notice of Appeal, including the reasons for appeal and must be filed with Dave Jolly, Regional Forester, 517 Gold Ave SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102-0084, within 45 days of the date of this decision. For additional information concerning this decision or the Forest Service appeal process, contact John C. Bedell, PO Box 558, Taos, NM 87571, (505) 758-6200.

JOHN C. BEDELL
Forest Supervisor

May 30, 1989
DATE