

MGT AREA 20 -- SEMI-PRIMITIVE

A VISION

The present characteristics of the landscape have not been altered. The natural ecological cycle has continued.

This looks into the future, although some of it may be happening now. It is stated in the "present tense" as if it is already that way. This gives a feel of where we are heading. It paints a general picture with a broad brush.

DESIRED FUTURE CONDITION

- The current landscape has continued along the natural evolutionary cycle.

This table snaps a more detailed picture of what this management area will look like in the future. Since much depends on natural cycles, which need time, these conditions may take many years to achieve. Some of it may be in this condition now.

DESCRIPTION

This management area is made up of former Rare II and New Mexico Wilderness Study Committee recommended areas.

Semi-Primitive Areas

RANGER DISTRICT	AREA	ACRES
Canjilon	Bull Canyon	13,546
	Canjilon Mountain	8,772
	Chama	1,172
El Rito	Canjilon Mountain	4,970
	Sierra Negra	10,020
Jicarilla		0
Camino Real	Pecos Addition	20,058
Tres Piedras	Osier Mesa	10,176
Questa	Columbine-Hondo	12,076
	Latir Peak	2,473
Total		84,263

D. Management Area Prescriptions

Standards and Guidelines

This section contains the standards and guidelines against which activities and uses are to be compared. It focus on and provides more details about the "Desire Future Conditions.' In some cases it gives the long term 'where and when.' The Forest Plan Implementation Schedule is the tool used for all short-term planning and scheduling. The Implementation Schedule provides the operational perspective [making the commitment -- asking for the dollars and scheduling what year it will be done in.] The tactical perspective [the execution] is the actual implementation on the ground. This is done after we get the funding. It is also documented as accomplishments in the Forest Plan Implementation Schedule.

PRESERVE CHARACTERISTICS... Allow only those activities or uses that will preserve the present characteristics of the areas. Timber sales are not planned.

RECREATION...

- Manage Bull Canyon, Sierra Negra, Latir Peak and Columbine-Hondo for semi primitive non-motorized recreation opportunities , with the exception that snowmobiles are permitted in the Latir Peak area.
- Manage Canjilon Mountain, Osier Mesa and the Pecos addition for semi-primitive motorized and non-motorized activities. Travel by wheeled vehicles is restricted to those roads or trails that are designated open on the Forest Travel Management Plan.

SALVAGE SALES... Salvage timber when compatible with Management Area objectives or when needed to prevent or reduce insect and disease conditions within the Management Area or adjacent management areas.

PERMITS FOR PRODUCTS... Prepare and administer permits for convertible and non- convertible products when compatible with management area objectives and within capabilities of existing roads.

FIREWOOD... Prepare and administer sale permits or free-use permits for dead and down firewood if they meet management areas objectives.