

# AIR

## A VISION

The air is clear and clean, particularly when viewing from the wilderness.

This looks into the future, although some 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.

## MANAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Meet all air quality standards.
- Document current conditions so we can work with EPA and the New Mexico EID concerning possible air pollution sources and how they might affect the wilderness.

This snaps a more detailed picture. It gives a feel of the intent, purpose and goals. It is the framework for the standards and guidelines.

## Setting The Stage

The Forest Service has the responsibility to manage the air resource in federally designated class I air quality areas as mandated by law. The Wheeler Peak Wilderness is the only area in the class I category on the Carson. Under the Clean Air Act (CAA) amendments of 1977, wilderness areas greater than 5000 acres in existence prior to August 7, 1977, are class I air quality areas. Section 165 of the CAA gives the Forest Service as federal land manager the responsibility to protect these areas by making recommendations to the regulatory agency regarding insurance of Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permits for proposed new sources.

## Standards And Guidelines

**STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS...** Management activities will be planned so that air quality will be equal to or better than that required by the applicable Federal, State and/or local standards or regulations. (36 CFR 219.27 (a) 12, Clean Air Act as amended 1977, 42 U.S.C. 7401-7642, FSM 2120.)

**C. Forest-wide Prescriptions**

**YOUR NOTES...**