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As the responsible official for the Wasatch-Cache National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (WCNF FP), this memo describes the process and summarizes the results by which management direction has been assigned to lands that will be used for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, and land acquisitions and corrections that will be made to update the WCNF FP and associated Forest Service GIS database. This memo presents the process of assigning management direction, the rationale for the process, and results of changes in management direction for the Forest.

**Process** - The process of assigning management direction for land management adjustments and associated GIS layers is based on the cause of the adjustment/acquisition, as well as the forest plan direction found on adjacent parcels. This correction was caused by the H.R. 2551 (Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act) and adjacent parcels were identified using GIS data of the WCNF FP.

### Rationale

- 1. Changes caused by laws:** The 117<sup>th</sup> Congress passed “H.R. 2551, AN ACT To designate and adjust certain lands in the State of Utah as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes”. ... “SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act may be cited as the “Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act”. This act adjusts Wilderness boundaries by removing from Wilderness designation certain lands of the Mount Naomi (11.17 acres), Mount Olympus (197.4 acres), Twin Peaks (9.8 acres), and Lone Peak Wilderness (107.9 acres) areas for the purpose of providing a location for the Bonneville Shoreline trail and certain lands of the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest within Mill Creek Canyon (326.27 acres) are incorporated into the Mount Olympic Wilderness (Table 1).
- 2. Changes caused by acquisitions:** One parcel of land was added to the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest through a land purchase on the Salt Lake Ranger District. This is known as the Parker BST Parcel (Table 1). This parcel is adjacent to Forest Lands that are guided by the WCNF FP and will be managed by that forest plan.
- 3. Changes caused by improved information:** Several small slivers of land were corrected in the database because of data corrections. These corrections are only reflected in the GIS layers and the data table (Table 2).

Under 36 CFR 219.13(c), Plan amendment and administrative changes, states



***Administrative changes.*** *An administrative change is any change to a plan that is not a plan amendment or plan revision. Administrative changes include corrections of clerical errors to any part of the plan, conformance of the plan to new statutory or regulatory requirements, or changes to other content in the plan (§ 219.7(f)).*

FSH 1909.12, 22.2. states:

*... With respect to land that is acquired through land exchange or other means, the Forestwide plan components apply to that land automatically. Additionally, the plan components for the management or geographic area within which the land lies in whole or in large part will apply, unless the plan is amended to add plan components specific to that land.*

FSH 1009.12 – LAND MANAGEMENT PLANNING HANDBOOK, CHAPTER 2) – LAND MANGEMENT PLAN, 21.5 – Administrative Changes states

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*Administrative changes are:*

- 1. Corrections of clerical errors to any plan content, including plan components.*
- 2. Any changes to plan content, including plan components, when necessary to conform the plan to new statutory or regulatory requirements, for which there is no discretion.*
- 3. Any other changes to plan content except for changes to the substance of plan components, or to the application of plan components to specific areas within the planning area.*

*The Responsible Official shall give public notice before issuing an administrative change (36 CFR 219.13(c)(2)). The public notice may be made in any way the Responsible Official deems appropriate, except for, at a minimum; the notice must be posted online on the administrative unit's planning website.*

*After reviewing comments on the proposed change, if any, the Responsible Official may make the change effective by posting the change online. Administrative changes are not subject to the objection process (36 CFR 219.50).*

The above passage means that changes to Forest Plan management components for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail can be done using an administrative change because the plan is being made to conform to new statutory requirements.

**Results** – Due to the statutory change of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act, changes have been made to management prescriptions (MPC), scenery management systems (SMS) and recreation opportunity spectrum (ROS) (Table 1). These changes reflect land management adjustments to Wilderness and adjusting parcels in and out of wilderness designation.

**Table 1.** Summary of changes to management direction for lands removed from Wilderness designation.

Parcel Number	Area (acres) <sup>(1)</sup>	Status and Disposition
Mt. Olympus Wilderness (added)	326.3	MPC is 1.1 and 1.2. Matches adjacent MPC, ROS, Winter Rec, SMS, SI. Parcel is added to Twin Peak Wilderness Area.
1	8.7	MPC is 3.1W. MPC and SMS reflects land opposite of road corridor. ROS matches road corridor of Mill Creek. Parcel is between Mt. Olympus roadless area and wilderness.
2	72.9	MPC is 3.1W. Matches adjacent MPC, ROS, Winter Rec, SMS, SI. Parcels are between Mt. Olympus roadless area and wilderness.
3	4.3	MPC is 3.1U. Matches adjacent MPC, ROS, Winter Rec, SMS, SI. Parcels are between Mt. Olympus roadless area and wilderness.
4	0.3	MPC is 3.2D. Matches adjacent MPC, ROS, Winter Rec, SMS. Parcels are between Mt. Olympus roadless area and wilderness. Scenic Integrity needs to be moved to moderate.
4	19.8	MPC is 3.2D. Matches adjacent MPC, ROS, Winter Rec, SMS. Parcels are between Mt. Olympus roadless area and wilderness. Scenic Integrity needs to be moved to moderate.
5	101.6	MPC is 3.2U. Matches adjacent MPC, Winter Rec, SMS. ROS matches parcel to the south. Parcels are between Mt. Olympus roadless area and wilderness. Scenic Integrity needs to be moved to moderate.
6	0.7	MPC is 3.1W. Matches adjacent MPC, ROS, Winter Rec, SMS, SI. Parcels are between Mt. Olympus roadless area and wilderness.
7	8.8	MPC is 3.1W. Matches adjacent MPC, Winter Rec, SMS, SI. ROS matches parcel to the north. Parcels are between Mt. Olympus roadless area and wilderness.
8	6.6	MPC is 3.1W. Matches adjacent MPC, ROS, Winter Rec, SMS, SI. Parcels are between Twin Peak roadless area and wilderness.
9	2.9	MPC is 3.1W. Matches adjacent MPC, ROS, Winter Rec, SMS, SI. Parcels are between Twin Peak roadless area and wilderness.
10	0.3	MPC is 3.1W. Matches MPC, ROS, Winter Rec, SMS to the north. SI matches parcel to the south. Parcels are between Twin Peak roadless area and wilderness.
11	6.5	MPC is 3.1W. Matches adjacent MPC, ROS, Winter Rec, SMS, SI. Parcels are between Lone Peak roadless area and wilderness.
12	12.2	MPC is 3.1W. Matches adjacent MPC, ROS, Winter Rec, SMS, SI. Parcels are between Lone Peak roadless area and

Parcel Number	Area (acres) <sup>(1)</sup>	Status and Disposition
		wilderness.
Mt. Naomi Wilderness (removed)	11.2	MPC is 3.1A. Matches adjacent MPC, ROS, Winter Rec, SMS, SI. Parcels are between Mt. Naomi Roadless area and wilderness.
Mt. Naomi Wilderness (added)	8	MPC is 1.2. Matches adjacent MPC, ROS, Winter Rec, SMS, SI. Parcels are between Mt. Naomi Roadless area and wilderness.
Parker Land Acquisition	4.0	MPC is 4.4. Matches MPC to the north, east and south. ROS and Winter Rec matches adjacent parcel.

<sup>(1)</sup> Acres rounded to the nearest whole number.

The Wasatch-Cache Forest Plan Record of Decision page ROD-17 Table 1 Management prescription Areas has also been updated (Table 2).

**Table 2.** Management prescription area changed from this action.

Prescription Category	Prescription Name (Number)	Acres
Wilderness /Backcountry	Existing Wilderness – Opportunity Class I (1.1)	<del>130,819</del> 130,989 (Letter to the file June 2023)
	Existing Wilderness – Opportunity Class II (1.2)	<del>150,635</del> 150,666 (Letter to the file June 2023)
	Existing Wilderness – Opportunity Class III (1.3)	<del>27,093</del> 26,988 (Letter to the file June 2023)
	Recommended Wilderness (1.5)	<del>73,549</del> 73,570 (Letter to the file June 2023)
Special Management Area	Wild River Eligible (2.1)	3,059 <sup>(1)</sup> (Letter to the file June 2023)
	Scenic River Eligible (2.2)	2,002 <sup>(1)</sup> (Letter to the file June 2023)
	Research Natural Areas (2.2)	5,468
	Scenic Byways (2.5)	21,170
	Undeveloped Areas (2.6)	<del>111,295</del> 111,159 (Letter to the file June 2023)
	Special Interest Areas and Special Areas (2.7)	<del>18,262</del> 18,186 (Letter to the file June 2023)
Protection, Maintenance or Restoration	Aquatic Habitat (3.1a)	<del>29,863</del> 29,868 (Letter to the file June 2023)
	Watershed Emphasis (3.1w)	<del>157,674</del> 157,469 (Letter to the file June 2023)
	Terrestrial Habitat Emphasis – developed (3.2d)	91,254
	Terrestrial Habitat Emphasis – undeveloped (3.2u)	<del>121,458</del> 121,564 (Letter to the file June 2023)
Developed/Dispersed Recreation	Backcountry Non-motorized Recreation Settings (4.1)	<del>13,052</del> 13,052 (Letter to the file June 2023)
	Dispersed Non-motorized Recreation Settings (4.2)	3,953
	Backcountry Motorized Recreation Settings (4.3)	27,137
	Dispersed Motorized Recreation Settings (4.4)	<del>54,005</del> 54,008 (Letter to the file June 2023)
	Developed Recreation Areas (4.5)	<del>12,124</del> 12,124 (Letter to the file June 2023)
Forested Vegetation Management	Maintain/Restore Forested Ecosystem Integrity (5.1)	<del>92,911</del> 92,890 (Letter to the file June 2023)
	Mixed Forested/Rangeland Ecosystem Integrity (5.1/6.1)	17,124
	Manage Timber for Growth and Yield (5.2)	35,792

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Rangeland Vegetation Management	Maintain/Restore Rangeland Ecosystem Integrity (6.1)	60,166
	Manage for Livestock Forage Production (6.2)	1,606
Concentrated Development Area	Mineral and Energy Development (8.1)	2,706

(1) Updated table reflects the Forest Plan amendment #4 2008. Previous table did not show these updates.

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Enclosures:

Parcels 1-7  
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Mount Naomi Change  
Parker Parcel Land Acquisition

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