

**DECISION MEMO**  
**Forest Plan Amendment Number 3**  
**Custer National Forest**

The purpose of Amendment Number 3 is to correct the table on page 49 of the Forest Plan that identifies key wildlife habitat areas by Ranger District and the species of concern. Only one respondent commented on this amendment and they were in support of the correction.

I am amending the Forest Plan to replace the table found on page 49 of the Forest Plan with the attached table.

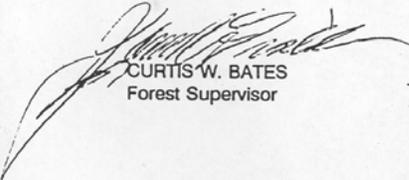
Adoption of this amendment will not significantly change the forest-wide environmental impacts disclosed in the Custer National Forest Plan Environmental Impact Statement. This amendment is categorically excluded from further documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement or Environmental Assessment (FSM 1950 Interim Directive No. 18 and FSH 1909.15 Interim Directive No. 2).

Additional information can be obtained from:

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Implementation of this decision shall not occur for seven days following publication of the legal notice (36 CFR 217.0). This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 217.8 and 36 CFR 217.9. Two copies of the notice of appeal and statement of reasons must be in writing and submitted within 45 days following the publication of this decision to:

Regional Forester, John W. Mumma  
USDA Forest Service  
PO Box 7669  
Missoula, Montana 59807

  
CURTIS W. BATES  
Forest Supervisor

3/29/99  
Date

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The following table replaces the old table on page 49 of the Forest Management Plan.

STATE	RANGER DISTRICT	MANAGEMENT AREA	SPECIES OF CONCERN	COMMENTS
Montana	Beartooth	Line Creek Plateau ✓ Slough Creek Stillwater ✓ Meyers Creek ✓ Swamp Creek Palisades ✓ Picket Pin ✓	Elk Grizzly bear Bighorn sheep Elk Elk Moose Elk	Key year-around habitat Mgmt. Situation I Key winter range Key winter range Key winter range Key habitat area Key winter range
South Dakota	Grand River	Humphrey Draw  Horse Pasture Texley Wildlife Area Pasture 9 Wildlife Area  Pasture 5A  Pasture 6A Pasture 1A	Deer, grouse, & waterfowl Deer & grouse Deer & grouse Deer, grouse, & waterfowl Deer, grouse & waterfowl Deer & grouse Deer & grouse	Wildlife enclosure  Wildlife enclosure Wildlife enclosure Wildlife enclosure  Wildlife enclosure Wildlife enclosure Wildlife enclosure
North Dakota	Cedar River	Knispel wildlife area  North Community	Deer, grouse & waterfowl Deer & grouse	Security area  Security area
South Dakota	Sioux	Rimrock ecosystem	Raptors	Key habitat areas
Montana	Sioux	Rimrock ecosystem	Raptors	Key habitat areas
North Dakota	Medora	Bullion Buttes Dutchman's Barn Elkhorn Ranch Site Moody Plateau Wannagan Creek	Bighorn sheep Bighorn sheep Bighorn sheep Bighorn sheep Bighorn sheep	These areas are known to be current habitat or potential release sites
North Dakota	McKenzie	Burnt Creek Lone Butte Bennett-Cottonwood Hanks Gully	Elk Bighorn sheep Bighorn sheep Bighorn sheep	Key habitat area These are known to be current habitat or potential release sites