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REPLY TO: 1920/2730

Date: November 30, 1993

SUBJECT: Request for Forest Plan Adjustment to Management Area J Boundary in  
Section 34, T147N, R100W

TO: District Ranger, McKenzie Ranger District

I have reviewed your proposal to adjust the boundary of the J Management Area in Section 34. I concur with the rationale for this minor adjustment, and concur that it meets the intent of the Forest Plan for minor boundary adjustment. Therefore, I approve this adjustment to the J Area boundary. This approval and your supporting rationale is to be included in the documentation of the Apache Trainside access road project.

RODD RICHARDSON  
Acting Forest Supervisor

cc:  
SO Planning

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TO: Forest Supervisor, Custer N.F.

The McKenzie Ranger District proposes a minor adjustment to the J Management Area boundary in Section 34, T147N, R100W as indicated by the dashed red line on the attached map. The following is the rationale for this request.

Apache Corporation has requested a special use permit for a road to give them access to Section 3, T146N, R100W. They are proposing to directionally drill the Trailside 12-3 and 23-3 wells from private surface in Section 3. As presently mapped, this proposed access would be just within the J Management Area. However, there are no identifiable land features to distinguish between Management Areas B and J in the immediate area of this project. Moving the J Area boundary to follow the proposed access road would make this boundary identifiable on the ground.

Chapter III of the Custer National Forest Management Plan (page 41) states these management area boundaries are intended to be flexible in order to incorporate additional information obtained during project level planning. I feel that this adjustment constitutes a minor change in the boundary and still represents an opportunity to maintain the low development quality of the J Area. The resulting net acreage change to the J Area is estimated to be a loss of approximately 0.51 acre.

/S/ Lesley W. Thompson

LESLEY W. THOMPSON  
District Ranger



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