

San Juan National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan

Administrative Change 3

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- Corrections of clerical errors;
- Changes to ensure conformance with new statutory or regulatory requirements; and
- Changes to other content in the plan (219.7(f)).

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The following error in the 2013 San Juan National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) is being corrected through this administrative change:

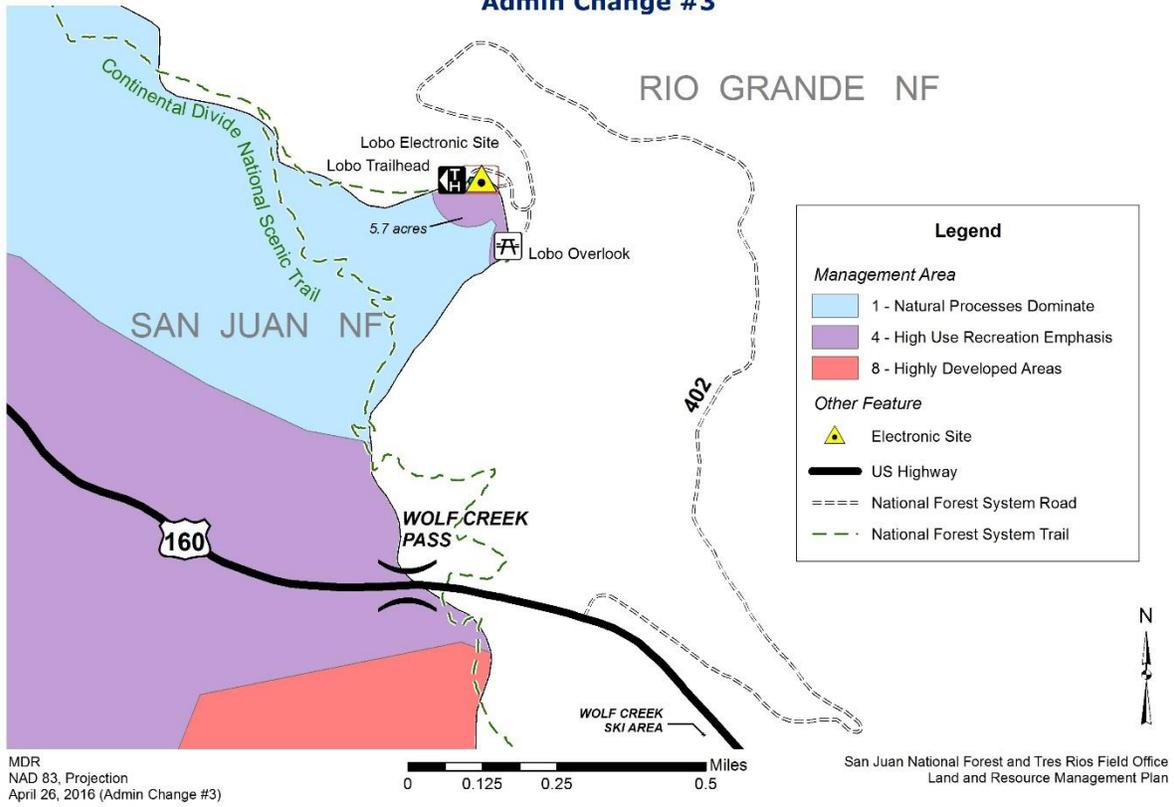
Description: On page 184, Figure 3.5, the boundaries of Management Areas (MA) are depicted. One of seven MA designations apply to all lands within the San Juan National Forest and describe the intensity of management that can be expected within each area, ranging from areas where natural processes dominate to areas that are intensely managed. A number of factors were considered in determining MA boundaries, including existing conditions, desired conditions, and a great deal of public input.

Through the process of finalizing these boundaries, the Lobo Overlook communication and recreation site, partially located on the far eastern end of the San Juan National Forest just north of Highway 160, was inadvertently not considered and currently lies within MA 1 (Natural Processes Dominate). The Lobo site contains communications towers, a popular overlook area with an informational kiosk, and a trailhead to access the Continental Divide Trail. It was likely overlooked in the MA mapping process because it is accessed through and primarily located on the adjacent Rio Grande National Forest, but a portion of the site does cross onto the San Juan National Forest as well.

Because this was a mapping error, and an MA 1 designation is inappropriate for a communications and developed recreation site, a minor change to the Forest Plan is needed. A small portion of the MA 1 designation (5.7 acres) will be replaced with MA 4 (High Use Recreation Emphasis). The revised boundary will be consistent with the boundary that was used elsewhere in the Forest Plan where the Lobo Overlook site was considered (Over-Ground Travel Suitability and Summer Recreation Opportunity Spectrum, for example).

Change: Page 184, Figure 3.5, modify the MA boundaries to be consistent with how this boundary was mapped elsewhere in the Forest Plan, and overlay the area with MA 4. This small boundary change is not visible on Figure 3.5, so a map depicting the new boundary is provided below. Also, page 183, Table 3.5.1, update acreages for MA 1 (change 598,517 to 598,511) and MA 4 (change 69,864 to 69,870); acreage changes are too small to affect percentages displayed in this table.

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Revised pages to the Forest Plan are attached below.

3.5 Management Areas (San Juan National Forest)

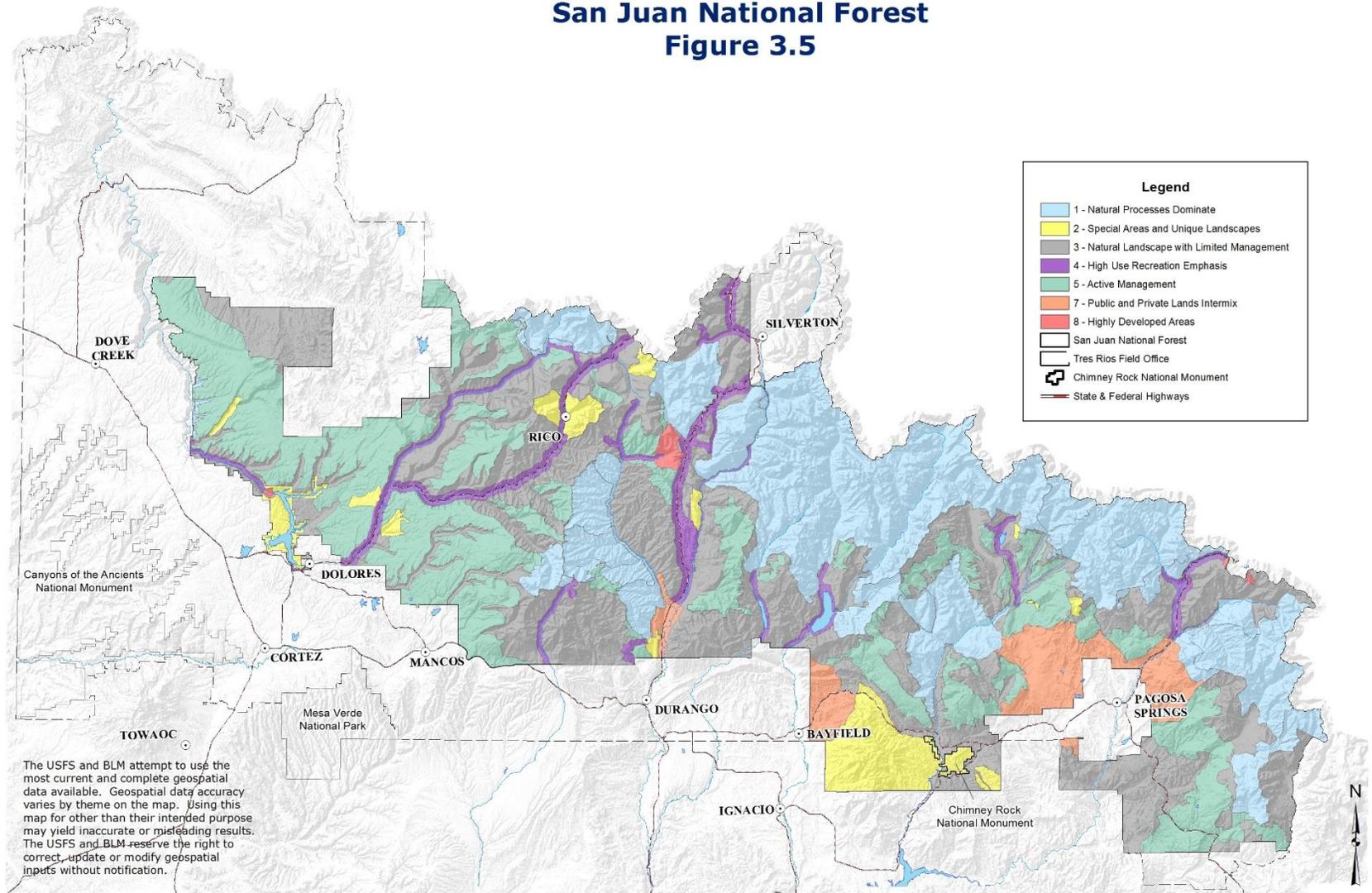
MA designations apply to all SJNF lands within the planning area, but not to TRFO lands. MAs describe the intensity of management that can be expected within each MA, ranging from areas where natural processes dominate and shape the landscape to areas that are intensely managed. In addition to the level of management, MAs also provide a general sense of how the landscape will appear and identify uses and activities that are allowed. To varying degrees, multiple uses occur within all the MAs. The allowable use tables for each MA portray the suitability determinations made under the grazing, timber, and travel programs in Chapter 2 as they apply to each MA, and also identify additional uses that are listed as allowable, restricted, or prohibited (if there are discrepancies between allowable use tables and grazing, timber, or travel suitability maps, the suitability map takes precedence). Table 3.5.1 identifies the distribution of MAs across the SJNF (see also Figure 3.5).

Table 3.5.1 Management Area Allocations on San Juan National Forest Lands

Management Area	Acres	Percent of SJNF
MA 1 Natural Processes Dominate	598,511	32.1%
MA 2 Special Areas and Designations	91,985	4.9%
MA 3 Natural Landscapes, with Limited Management	596,119	32.0%
MA 4 High-Use Recreation Emphasis	69,870	3.7%
MA 5 Active Management (commodity production in order to meet multiple-use goals)	451,730	24.2%
MA 7 Public and Private Lands Intermix	49,560	2.7%
MA 8 Highly Developed Areas	7,056	0.4%
Total	1,864,831	100%

Some exceptions may apply to activities, particularly those activities that are pursuant to reserved or outstanding rights, or as provided by statute or treaty. Additionally, there are 566,100 acres of CRAs on the SJNF. CRAs are governed by the Colorado Roadless Rule and may have additional restrictions beyond the general suitability identified by MAs. When guidance in a forest plan is more restrictive than direction described in the Colorado Roadless Rule, actions must be consistent with the more restrictive direction.

Management Areas San Juan National Forest Figure 3.5



Legend

- 1 - Natural Processes Dominate
- 2 - Special Areas and Unique Landscapes
- 3 - Natural Landscape with Limited Management
- 4 - High Use Recreation Emphasis
- 5 - Active Management
- 7 - Public and Private Lands Intermix
- 8 - Highly Developed Areas
- San Juan National Forest
- Tres Rios Field Office
- Chimney Rock National Monument
- State & Federal Highways

The USFS and BLM attempt to use the most current and complete geospatial data available. Geospatial data accuracy varies by theme on the map. Using this map for other than their intended purpose may yield inaccurate or misleading results. The USFS and BLM reserve the right to correct, update or modify geospatial inputs without notification.

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