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Dear Interested Party,

As identified in our letter containing the Proposed Administrative Changes dated March 21, 2016, each forest plan monitoring program must contain one or more monitoring questions and associated indicators addressing each of the eight requirements of 36 CFR 219.12(a)(5) of the 2012 Planning Rule.

After a review of the existing plan monitoring program, it was determined that changes are necessary to bring the Pike and San Isabel National Forests and Comanche and Cimarron National Grasslands Land and Resource Management Plan into compliance with the 2012 planning rule requirements. The letter dated March 21, 2016, notified the public of the proposed changes and provided the public an opportunity to comment on those proposed changes. The comment period ended on April 25, 2016. In response to the opportunity to comment, one individual representing one group provided comments. Appendix A to the attached Administrative Change document, contains summaries of the comments and the responses.

### **Approval of Administrative Change**

This Administrative Change is a modification to monitoring elements found in Chapter 4 of the Pike and San Isabel National Forests and Comanche and Cimarron National Grasslands Land and Resource Management Plan. Those elements of the original monitoring programs that address each of the eight requirements have been retained and new elements developed, where needed, to address a requirement.

After considering the comments received on the proposed administrative change, I am approving the PSICC Land and Resource Management Plan monitoring questions and indicators outlined in the attached PSICC 2012 Planning Rule Monitoring Questions and Indicators document.



If you have questions about this 2012 Planning Rule Administrative Change or would like more information, please contact John Dow, Forest Planner (jrdow@fs.fed.us) or 719-250-5311.

Sincerely,  
*/s/ Diana M. Trujillo (for)*

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Appendix A: Pike/San Isabel National Forests and Cimarron/Comanche National Grasslands 2012 Planning Rule Monitoring Transition Public Comments and PSICC Response to Public Comments

# Comment	FS Response
<b>Comments from Thomas Troxel of the Intermountain Forest Association</b>	
<p>1 <i>We recommend that you also consider results of the Colorado State Forest Service's periodic audits of Silviculture BMP implementation and effectiveness.</i></p>	<p>The Forest tiers to the National Best Management Practices Veg A. Ground-based Skidding and Harvesting to monitor implementation and effectiveness of BMPs to protect water, aquatic, and riparian resources. Soil BMP monitoring assesses BMP implementation for all ground disturbing activities on the Forests and Grasslands.</p>
<p>2 <i>We recommend that you add a question regarding distribution of forest Habitat Structural Stages, cover types, tree species, age class, and size class.</i></p>	<p>The only question that will be included under Category 4 is the one currently proposed regarding the federally threatened greenback cutthroat trout. The ecological conditions to be monitored will focus on aquatic habitat.</p>
<p>3 <i>We recommend that you edit the question and data sources to clarify annual and decadal monitoring of total volume sold.</i></p>	<p>Annual monitoring of total volume sold will part of any monitoring towards the question of providing for multiple uses. Data sources will be edited to include TIM accomplishment reports and others.</p>
<p>4 <i>We recommend you add monitoring of road closures and decommissioning.</i></p>	<p>Road closures and decommissioning will be added to the PSICC biennial Land and Resource Management Plan Monitoring Program.</p>