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Dear Interested Forest User:

The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests began implementing their revised Land Management Plan (LMP) on October 25, 2015, under the provisions of the U. S. Forest Service's 1982 Planning Rule. Regional Forester Calvin Joyner signed the Record of Decision on July 30, 2015, and elected to use the "Optional Appeal Procedures" as provided for in 36 CFR 219.17(b)(3). Five Appeals were filed under this procedure. Two of the Appellants, the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) and the International Society for the Protection of Mustangs and Burros/TerraWind Ranch Eco-Action Group (ISPMB/TerraWind), elected to meet with Regional Forester Joyner to try to resolve the appeal issues prior to the end of the Appeal Review Period. After meeting with the Appellants, the Regional Forester agreed that the Forests would make certain Administrative Changes to the LMP to resolve 7 of the 8 Appeal issues in the AZGFD Appeal and all 4 of the issues in the ISPMB/TerraWind Appeal. AZGFD agreed to withdraw the 7 resolved Appeal issues, and ISPMB/TerraWind agreed to withdraw their entire Appeal. The Forests and partners also identified certain clerical and factual errors in the plan which are corrected in this Administrative Change. This letter is to document my approval of the Administrative Change made to resolve these appeal issues and correct the errors identified by the Forests and our partners.

Approval of Administrative Change

This Administrative Change is a modification of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests' Land Management Plan for the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests. We made changes to Other Content in Chapter 2 (Forestwide Direction), Chapter 3 (Management Area Direction), Chapter 4 (Suitability), the Glossary, Appendix D (Relevant Laws, Regulations, and Policies, and Other Sources of Information), and the Index. In addition, we corrected one clerical (typographical) error in a plan decision, as provided for in 36 CFR 219.13(c).

If you have any questions concerning this Administrative Change or would like more information about the Land Management Plan, please contact Tom Greene, our Forest Planner (thomasgreene@fs.fed.us; 928-333-6268).

Sincerely,

/s/ M. Stephen Best

M. STEPHEN BEST
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Enclosure

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