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Dear Interested Party:

This letter serves to provide notification of administrative changes to the Kaibab National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (2014) to align it with the 2012 Planning Rule. The current (2012) Planning Rule requires all forest plans must meet specific elements of the new Rule related to Forest Plan monitoring. These requirements include demonstrating that the monitoring plan was developed collaboratively using the best available scientific information, so that it informs forest management of the status of resources in the plan area "by testing relevant assumptions, tracking relevant changes, and measuring management effectiveness and progress toward achieving or maintaining the plan's desired conditions or objectives."(36 C.F.R. §219.12(a) (2)). The unit's Plan Monitoring Program is also to be coordinated and integrated with the broader scale monitoring strategy developed by the Region/Regional Forester (§219.12(a)(3)), and contain monitoring questions and associated indicators specified in Section §219.12(a)(5).

The proposed changes were specified in the document titled "Proposed Administrative Changes to the Land and Resources Management Plan for the Kaibab National Forest Monitoring Plan" along with a companion document, "Monitoring Plan Transition to the 2012 Planning Rule." These documents described the proposed changes and the Rule requirements in further detail, and were sent out for a 30-day public review on May 9, 2016. Four comments were received; two were editorial in nature, and two raised questions about the Best Management Practices and monitoring for a site-specific mining project. We considered the comments and determined that the clerical corrections were appropriate, but that the requested project-specific monitoring would not address plan-level desired conditions or objectives. As a result, we intend to continue working with our interested stakeholders to address project-specific concerns, but they will not be addressed in this administrative change to the plan. The enclosed documents include an errata for the plan changes, as well an updated copy of the Kaibab Land and Resource Management Plan. Copies of this plan and supporting material may be accessed at: <http://bit.ly/KaibabForestPlan>

These administrative changes are being made in accordance with the 2012 Planning Rule (36 C.F.R. §219.13(c) (2)), whereby changes to content that are not plan amendments or revisions may be made following public notice.

Sincerely,

HEATHER PROVENCIO  
Forest Supervisor

Enclosures (2)

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