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Subject: Forest Plan Administrative Change

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Enclosed is an administrative change to the White Mountain National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan).

An administrative change, as defined at 36 CFR 219.13(c), is any change to a plan that is not a plan amendment or plan revision. Administrative changes include corrections of clerical errors to any part of the plan, conformance of the plan to new statutory or regulatory requirements, or changes to other content in the plan (§ 219.7(f)). Administrative changes do not require the preparation of an environmental document under Forest Service National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) procedures and changes other than substantive changes to the monitoring plan may be made at any time after public notice (§ 219.16(c)(6)).

I find that the enclosed clarification meets the definition of an administrative change. It is accepted as a correction to the Forest Plan as of the date that this letter and enclosures are posted to the Forest's website at:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/whitemountain/landmanagement/planning/?cid=STELPRDB5200215&width=full>.

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Administrative corrections, as defined at 36 CFR 219.31(b), may be made at any time, are not plan amendments or revisions, and do not require public notice or the preparation of an environmental document under Forest Service National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) procedures. Administrative corrections include the following:

- Corrections and updates of data and maps,
- Updates to activity lists and schedules as required by 219.30(d)(1)-(6).
- Corrections of typographical errors or other non-substantive changes, and
- Changes in the monitoring methods other than those required in a monitoring strategy (§219.11(c)).

Background

1. Mapping Correction

A project decision resulted in the need to correct the zoning map in the Wilderness Management Plan.

Pemigewasset Wilderness

On September 24, 2018, District Ranger Brooke Brown signed a decision to remove the footbridge that crosses the East Branch of the Pemigewasset River on the Thoreau Falls Trail. The decision was consistent with the Forest Plan and did not require a site-specific amendment. However, the removal of the bridge changes the physical condition of the trail and the current zoning (Zone C) on the most southern portion of the Thoreau Falls Trail is no longer accurate. This section of trail is better characterized as Zone B.

Summary

This correction is a non-substantive change to update the map to reflect on-the-ground changes that are consistent with the Forest Plan.

Corrections

Page E-39, Map E-04, Pemigewasset Wilderness Zones

- Map updated to change Zone C to Zone B on the most southern portion of the Thoreau Falls Trail to account for on the ground changes resulting from the September 24, 2018 decision.

Map E-04. Pemigewasset Wilderness Zones.

