

Green Mountain National Forest

Administrative Correction 2 August 13, 2007

Changes to Forest Plan resulting from the P1109-382, the New England Wilderness Act and PL110-001

Administrative corrections as defined at 36 CFR 219.31(b) in the 2000 Planning Rule¹ 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 NEPA procedures.

Administrative corrections include the following:

1. Corrections and updates of data and maps,
2. Updates to activity lists and schedules (proposed actions, anticipated outcomes, projected range of outcomes);
3. Corrections of typographical errors or other non-substantive changes; and
4. Changes in monitoring methods other than those required in a monitoring strategy (referring to the requirements for monitoring sustainability criteria in the 2000 rule.)

Forest Plan, Chapter 3, page 49 and 50 (36 CFR 219.31(b)(3))

Forest Plan Wilderness Management Area Major Emphasis states:

“The Wilderness Management Area emphasizes the management and protection of congressionally designated wilderness areas. The existing Wilderness areas include Bristol Cliffs, Breadloaf, Big Branch, Peru Peak, Lye Brook, and George D. Aiken (Table 3.1-1).”

Areas Congressionally Designated as Wilderness 5.1

Table 3.1-1: Designated Wilderness
George D. Aiken
Lye Brook
Peru Peak
Bristol Cliffs
Breadloaf
Big Branch

¹ The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California has enjoined the Forest Service from implementing the 2005 planning rule. Therefore, administrative corrections to the Forest Plan are currently governed by the 2000 planning rule, which became effective again on April 27, 2007.

The Major Emphasis is corrected to:

“The Wilderness Management Area emphasizes the management and protection of congressionally designated wilderness areas. The existing Wilderness areas include Bristol Cliffs, Breadloaf, Joseph Battell, Big Branch, Peru Peak, Lye Brook, Glastenbury, and George D. Aiken (Table 3.1-1).”

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Table 3.1-1: Designated Wilderness	
Wilderness	Acres
George D. Aiken	5,060
Lye Brook	17,718
Peru Peak	7,672
Bristol Cliffs	3,775
Breadloaf	25,237
Big Branch	6,767
Joseph Battell	12,333
Glastenbury	22,425

Standards and Guidelines for Wilderness 5.1 states:

“Guidance for managing Wilderness is found in:

Wilderness Acts

- PL 88-577, September 3, 1964 (Wilderness Act)
- PL 93-622, January 3, 1975 (Eastern Wilderness Act) and Amendment PL94-268, April 1976 for Bristol Cliffs
- PL 98-322, June 19, 1984 (Vermont Wilderness Act)”

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- PL 98-322, June 19, 1984 (Vermont Wilderness Act)
- PL 109-382, December 1, 2006 (New England Wilderness Act)

The corrections incorporate Public Law (PL) 109-382, December 1, 2006, the New England Wilderness Act into the Wilderness Management Area Direction. The corrections reflect updated data.

Corrected Pages 49 and 50 are attached.

Forest Plan, Chapter 3, page 79 (36 CFR 219.31(b)(3))

Forest Plan Management Area Direction states:
“White Rocks National Recreation Area”

This Management Area Direction is corrected to:
“Robert T. Stafford White Rocks National Recreation Area”

The correction incorporates PL 110-001, January 17, 2007, to redesignate the White Rocks National Recreation Area in the State of Vermont as the ‘Robert T. Stafford White Rocks National Recreation Area’. This correction reflects updated data.

Corrected Pages iii, 46, 66, 68, 74, 79, 80 and 160 are attached.

Forest Plan, Appendix F MAPS, page F-1 (36 CFR 219.7(b)(1))

Forest Plan Appendix F MAPS Management Area Allocations Table F-1 states:

Table F-1. Management Area Allocations for the 2006 Forest Plan		
Management Area (MA)	Acres	% GMNF
Diverse Forest Use	118,717	30%
Diverse Backcountry	59,665	15%
Remote Wildlife Habitat	30,399	8%
Escarpment	14,436	4%
Remote Backcountry	30,930	8%
Wilderness	59,001	15%
Wilderness Study Areas	27,473	7%
National Recreation Area	22,758	6%
Appalachian Trail	13,629	3%
Long Trail	2,640	1%
Recreation Special Areas	157	<1%
Moosalamoo Recreation & Education Area	12,375	3%
Alpine Ski Areas	2,889	1%
Alpine Ski Area Expansion	518	<1%
Research and Candidate Research Natural Areas	471	<1%
Ecological Special Areas	3,928	1%
Alpine/Subalpine Special Area	706	<1%
Eligible Wild, Scenic, or Recreational Rivers ¹	24,743	6%
Total National Forest System Acres	400,692	
¹ Management Area applies to stream corridors (1/4 mile each side of stream) which overlay and run through all other management areas.		

Table F-1 is corrected to:

Table F-1. Management Area Allocations		
Management Area (MA)	Acres	% GMNF
Diverse Forest Use	117,467	29%
Diverse Backcountry	62,577	15%
Remote Wildlife Habitat	30,672	8%
Escarpment	11,461	3%
Remote Backcountry	17,805	4%
Wilderness	101,074	25%
Wilderness Study Areas	957	<1%
Robert T Stafford White Rocks National Recreation Area	22,610	6%
Appalachian National Scenic Trail ¹	14,456	4%
Long National Recreation Trail	1,816	<1%
Recreation Special Areas	137	<1%
Moosalamoo National Recreation Area	15,862	4%
Alpine Ski Areas	2,840	1%
Alpine Ski Area Expansion	506	<1%
Research and Candidate Research Natural Areas	380	<1%
Ecological Special Areas	3,641	1%
Alpine/Subalpine Special Area	712	<1%
Eligible Wild, Scenic, or Recreational Rivers ²	24,743	6%
Total National Forest System Acres		404,973
<p>¹ Lands not owned 'in fee' (1,184 acres) are included for management purposes because of the 'corridor lands' specific management direction.</p> <p>² Management Area applies to stream corridors (1/4 mile each side of stream) which overlay and run through all other management areas.</p> <p>Management Areas acres were determined using the Automated Lands Project's GIS layer dated 04/23/2007.</p>		

Corrected Page F-1 and Corrected 2006 Forest Plan Maps are attached. These corrections reflect updates of data and maps.