

Huron-Manistee National Forests – Administrative Correction August 27, 2007

Administrative corrections are defined at 36 CFR 219.31(b) in the 2000 Planning Rule, which became the effective rule for National Forest System planning on April 27, 2007¹. Such corrections may be made at any time and are not Forest Plan amendments or revisions.

1. Administrative corrections can be made under this rule within the following categories:
2. Corrections and updates of data and maps,
3. Updates to activity lists and schedules (proposed actions, anticipated outcomes, projected range of outcomes,
4. Corrections of typographical errors or other non-substantive changes, and
5. Changes in monitoring methods other than those required in a monitoring strategy (referring to the requirements for monitoring sustainability criteria in the 2000 rule).

Guideline Clarification to the Forest Plan, Chapter II, page II-13.

On May 2, 2007 Randy Moore, Regional Forester, Eastern Region, agreed to clarify a guideline in the Huron-Manistee National Forests' 2006 Forest Plan concerning use of motorized vehicles on trails. This was an agreement reached through an informal resolution of an appeal to the Regional Forester's decision regarding the 2006 Forest Plan (appellant 06-13-00-0112). The informal resolution clarifies a guideline which previously excluded use of trails by vehicles greater than 50 inches. Clarification to the guideline makes the revised forest plan consistent with the travel management rule (36 CFR 212.51) and is a non-substantive change to the 2006 Forest Plan.

Original Guideline Wording:

VII Trails (Other than North Country National Scenic Trail)

D Off-Highway Vehicles, Including Snowmobiles

8 Vehicles used on motorized trails may not be more than 50 inches wide, except for administrative use.

Clarified Guideline Wording:

VII Trails (Other than North Country National Scenic Trail)

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¹ Compliance with District Court Injunction in, Citizens for Better Forestry v. USDA and Defenders of Wildlife v. Johanns. Chief of the Forest Service memo, April 27, 2007.

8 Visitors can use motor vehicles only on roads, trails, or areas that are designated open by vehicle class and by time of year.