

1997 Revision of the Land and Resource Management Plan
Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests
and
Pawnee National Grassland

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Superseded
Standard 11

Description

As applied to the Lakewood Raw Water Pipeline project, the wording of forest-wide Standard 11 on page 14 is changed to:

Standard 11. *Maintain long-term ground cover, soil structure, water budgets, and flow patterns in wetlands to sustain their ecological function, per 404 regulations.*

Reason for Amendment

This standard was originally taken from the Forest Service Watershed Conservation Practices Handbook (WCPH) (FSH 2509.25, R2 Amendment 2509.25-96-1) which was specifically included in the Forest Plan decision as part of the 1997 Forest Plan Revision. The application of Standard 11 was intended to allow short-term disturbance, if effects are fully mitigated in the short-term. But the original wording of the standard was not explicit in this intent, although it was implied in the design criteria of the WCPH and in other parts of the WCPH. The intent of the standard and the associated design criteria is to maintain long-term protection of wetlands, not to prohibit all activities in wetlands.

The Watershed Conservation Practices Handbook of USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region was revised in March 1999 (Region 2 Amendment No. 2509.25-99-2). This standard, number 6 in the WCPH, was changed as part of that revision. The change clarifies the original intent of the standard, by making it read as understood by line officers, staff officers, and resource professionals throughout the Region and as explained in the original design criteria for the standard and in other parts of the WCPH. This wording has not yet been adopted into the 1997 Forest Plan Revision. Therefore, we are amending the Forest Plan for this project so that implementation of the project will be consistent with the Forest Plan.

This amendment will not result in a significant change to the Plan, as defined by 36 CFR 219.10(f)