

SMITH RIVER NRA

MANAGEMENT PLAN ADDENDUM

This addendum contains corrections to the Smith River National Recreation Area (NRA) Management Plan to bring the Plan into conformance with the Smith River National Recreation Area Act (NRA Act) and information in the records of Six Rivers National Forest. The Plan was approved in August, 1992. It was published as a stand-alone document in October, 1992, and included in the draft Six Rivers National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan published in September, 1993. Corrections cited below refer to the page in the published document and are given in that order.

1. Page 4, last paragraph; add:

Rock Creek and Little Mill Creek, tributary to the main stem of Smith River, were dropped from the Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

2. Page 5, last paragraph; clarify:

Prescott Fork is tributary to the South Fork Smith River rather than directly tributary to the Smith River, as stated in the NRA Act.

3. Page 10; change headings:

From Botanical Areas	To Special Interest Areas (SIA)/ Research Natural Areas (RNA)
L.E. Horton Darlingtonia Bog	L.E. Horton RNA
Smith River Botanical Area	North Fork Smith River Botanical SIA
Broken Rib	Broken Rib Mount. Ecological SIA
Bear Basin Butte	Bear Basin Butte Botanical SIA
Myrtle Creek Botanical Area	Myrtle Creek SIA: Botanical/Cultural
Craig's Creek Botanical Area	Craig's Creek RNA
Upper Goose Creek Botanical Area	Upper Goose Creek RNA

4. Page 10, last paragraph; change to:

The L.E. Horton, Craig's Creek, and Upper Goose Creek areas have been recommended for establishment as Research Natural Areas to enhance long term ecosystem and plant research.

5. Page 14; replace second paragraph of the Minerals narrative with the following text:

The serpentinized areas in the watershed, chiefly in the North Fork drainage, contain laterite-soil deposits of cobalt, nickel, and chromium, as well

as small lode deposits of copper, mercury, and chromium. California Nickel Corporation (CNC) proposed commercial development of the laterite deposits in the late 1970s. Environmental documents prepared in 1983 and 1984 met with severe public criticism. CNC did not actively pursue completion of revised documents after 1986. The Forest Service has no data or analysis of potential production costs or profits associated with laterite claims.

The NRA Act's prohibition of mineral development, subject to valid existing rights, means that a conclusion or determination of a valid existing right must be made for a claim before production operations on a claim can be considered for approval.

6. Page 14; add the following text at the end of the Minerals section:

Extraction of common variety materials such as stone, sand, and gravel from the NRA is limited to use in construction and maintenance of roads and other facilities within the NRA and excluded areas.

7. Pages 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, and 39; replace nine Management Area maps with the nine Management Area maps included in this Addendum. The new maps incorporate the following corrections:

** Identifies rivers as Wild, Scenic, or Recreational in conformance with the NRA Act.

** Identifies recommended Research Natural Areas (RNAs) and Special Interest Areas (botanical, ecological, or botanical/cultural) with the name and designation used in the Forest Plan and planning records.

** Identifies existing roads in the North Fork Smith Botanical Area with historic use by off highway vehicles.

8. Page 44; replace monitoring item for OHV impact with the following:

Monitor impact of OHV use on water quality in areas with designated OHV routes.

9. Page 52; add the following footnote to the river corridor width for that portion of the Middle Fork Smith identified as Recreational:

River corridor width in excluded areas is high water mark under the State of California designation.

10. Page 54; change the description of the Siskiyou Fork Wild segment to:

Headwaters 0.7 miles SE of Broken Rib Mtn. to its confluence with the South Siskiyou Fork Smith River

11. Page 55; add the following footnote to the river corridor width for that portion of the South Fork Smith identified as Recreational:

River corridor width in excluded areas is high water mark under the State of California designation.

12. Page 55; clarify:

Prescott Fork is tributary to the South Fork Smith River rather than directly tributary to the Smith River, as stated in the NRA Act.

13. Page 57; replace River Classification Map with the River Classification Map included in this Addendum. The new map incorporates the following corrections:

** Identifies rivers as Wild, Scenic, or Recreational in conformance with the NRA Act.

** Identifies the Boulder Creek excluded area.

14. Page 58; replace map showing Botanical Areas with map showing Special Interest Areas and Research Natural Areas.

** Identifies recommended Research Natural Areas (RNAs) and Special Interest Areas (botanical, ecological, or botanical/cultural) with the name and designation used in the Forest Plan and planning records.

15. Page 59; replace map showing Excluded Areas.

** Identifies the excluded areas in conformance with the NRA Act.