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Public Notice of Assessment Santa Fe National Forest Service Forest Plan Revision The Santa Fe National Forest is initiating the first phase of revising the Forest's land management plan (forest plan). Forest plans describe the strategic direction for managing forest resources for a period of ten to fifteen years, and are adaptive and amenable as conditions change over time. Pursuant to the 2012 Forest Planning Rule (36 CFR 219), the three-stage planning process begins with developing an Assessment. This notice announces the beginning of that Assessment process. A draft Assessment Report is expected to be completed in early 2015, and will be posted on the Forest's website at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/SantaFeForestPlan. The second stage, formal plan revision, involves the development of our forest plan in conjunction with the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The revised forest plan and EIS will be subject to the objection procedures of 36 CFR 219, Subpart B, prior to approval. A draft forest plan and EIS are expected to be completed by the end of 2017. The third stage of the process is monitoring and feedback, which is ongoing over the life of the revised forest plan. The Responsible Official for revising the Forest Plan for the Santa Fe National Forest is Maria T. Garcia, Forest Supervisor. The Forest will be hosting a series of public forums about the Assessment throughout April and May 2014. In addition, the Forest is hosting day-long workshops focused on the processes for public participation for forest plan revision on March 11 in Espanola, and March 12 in Santa Fe. Information about forest plan revision on the Santa Fe National Forest as well as opportunities for public engagement throughout the revision process, including these upcoming meetings, will be available on our website www.fs.usda.gov/goto/SantaFeForestPlan. If you are interested in being on the Forest's mailing list to receive notifications about forest plan revision, including public meetings, or would like any additional information about the Santa Fe National Forest's plan revision process, contact Jennifer Cramer at Santa Fe National Forest, 11 Forest Lane, Santa Fe, NM 87508 or email SantaFeForestPlan@fs.fed.us. You may also call 505-438-5442. Names and addresses from our mailing list will become part of the public record. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Journal: March 6, 2014

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