

DECISION TO PROCEED WITH
AMENDMENT NUMBER 2
TO THE
LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN
FOR THE
FISHLAKE NATIONAL FOREST
AN ACTION THAT HAS BEEN
CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED FROM FURTHER DOCUMENTATION
U.S.D.A. FOREST SERVICE
FISHLAKE NATIONAL FOREST
BEAVER COUNTY, UTAH

During implementation of the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Fishlake National Forest it has come to our attention that the boundaries of several management areas on the Tushar Mountains were drawn incorrectly. This has resulted in short stretches of existing trails being placed in Management Areas 3A and 3B where motorized recreation is not permitted. These trails were constructed and open to motorized recreation prior to plan implementation. Closing these three stretches of trail to motorized travel eliminates the potential for loop rides. Further, placing Management Area boundaries along trail edges makes them more identifiable on the ground. This amendment to the Forest Plan is to correct those errors as called for in FSM 1922.33. The boundary adjustments are shown on figure 1.

The two western boundary adjustments, one in Trail Canyon and one in Bear Canyon, resulted from incorrect drafting. In both cases the management area boundaries were intended to be along the east side of existing trails. The boundary adjustment in the Mud Lake area is due to the inaccurate map location of the trail in that area. Instead of going north from Mud Lake as shown on the map, the trail swings west for about half a mile before turning north toward Blue Lake.

The boundary adjustment in the Trail Canyon area will result in moving 37 acres from Management Area 3B to 4B. That in the Bear Canyon area will result in decreasing Management Area 3A by 222 acres and adding 166 acres to Management area 6B and 56 acres to Management Area 4B. The adjustment in the Mud Lake area will move 224 acres from Management Area 3B to Management Area 9F.

This amendment is in accordance with Forest Service Manual (FSM) 1922.33. It is an amendment done to correct planning errors found during plan implementation. I have determined that this is a nonsignificant amendment based upon the following considerations. The action is an adjustment of Management Area boundaries that will not significantly change the long-term output of goods or services from the Forest. The action will effect only 483 acres, which will not significantly alter the multiple-use goals and objectives for long-term land and resource management.

I have determined that this action will not significantly effect the quality of the human environment and is excluded from further documentation. This determination is based upon the following factors: 1) The trails already exist on the ground; 2) Permitting motorized recreation travel on the Bear Canyon and Trail Canyon trails returns to practices well established prior to Forest

Plan implementation; 3) There will be no change to management of the trail around Mud Lake from this amendment as motorized use on the trail has been permitted since plan implementation. This change corrects the mapping error discovered while doing other resource inventories and; 4) The area around Mud Lake will be changed to the prescription emphasizing improvement of watershed condition so off road vehicles will be permitted only on the trail;and 5) Except for motorized use on short portions of two of the trails, there will be no change to on the ground management resulting from this amendment.

Implementation of this amendment to the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Fishlake National Forest will take place immediately.

This decision is subject to administrative review pursuant to 36 CFR 211.18. A Notice of Appeal, Statement of Reasons, and request for oral presentation must be postmarked within 45 days of the date of this decision.

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