

Administrative Correction 4 – April 24, 2009

This administrative correction responds to portions of the Forest Service Chief's Appeal Decision direction dated 2/16/06.

Plan Chapter 1 – Forestwide Direction, Water and Aquatic Standards (pages 1-28-29)

The Chief's appeal decision stated: "that not all forest plan standards related to water and water rights are consistent with the direction provided in appeal decisions for other national forests in the Rocky Mountain Region." As a result, the Chief's Office directed the Regional Forester to "review all LRMP water resource management standards for consistency and compliance with prior Departmental and agency direction, and pertinent case law, and to make all necessary changes to management standards, as appropriate, through correction or amendment."

Standard (3) 2003 LRMP: Manage land treatments to maintain enough organic ground cover in each land unit to prevent harmful increased runoff. [R2 Desk Guide]

Standard (3) CORRECTED LANGUAGE: Manage land treatments to maintain enough organic ground cover in each activity area to prevent harmful increased runoff. (FSH 2509.25-2006 -2, R2 Amendment)

Standard (4) 2003 LRMP: In the water influence zone next to perennial and intermittent streams, lakes, and wetlands, allow only those actions that maintain or improve long-term stream health and riparian condition. [R2 Desk Guide]

Standard (4) CORRECTED LANGUAGE: In the water influence zone next to perennial and intermittent streams, lakes, and wetlands, allow only those actions that maintain or improve long-term stream health and riparian ecosystem condition. (FSH 2509.25-2006 -2, R2 Amendment)

Standard (5) 2003 LRMP: Design and construct all stream crossings and other instream structures to allow passage of water and sediment, to withstand expected flood flows, and allow free movement of resident aquatic life. [R2 Desk Guide]

Standard (5) CORRECTED LANGUAGE: Design and construct all stream crossings and other instream structures to allow passage of flow and sediment, to withstand expected flood flows, and allow free movement of resident aquatic life. (FSH 2509.25-2006 -2, R2 Amendment)

Standard (6) 2003 LRMP: Conduct actions so that stream patterns, geometry, and habitats are maintained, or improved toward robust stream health. [R2 Desk Guide]

Standard (6) CORRECTED LANGUAGE: Conduct actions so that stream pattern, geometry, and habitats maintain or improve long-term stream health. (FSH 2509.25-2006 -2, R2 Amendment)

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Standard (7) 2003 LRMP: Maintain long-term ground cover, soil structure, water budgets, and flow patterns in wetlands to sustain their ecological function, per 404 regulations. [R2 Desk Guide]

Standard (7) CORRECTED LANGUAGE: Maintain long-term ground cover, soil structure, water budgets, and flow patterns of wetlands to sustain their ecological function. (FSH 2509.25-2006 -2, R2 Amendment)

Standard (8) 2003 LRMP: Return and/or maintain sufficient stream flows under appropriate authorities to minimize damage to scenic and aesthetic values, fish and wildlife habitat, and to otherwise protect the environment. [R2 Desk Guide, WCP Handbook]

Standard (8) CORRECTED LANGUAGE: Manage stream flows under appropriate authorities to minimize damage to scenic and aesthetic values, fish and wildlife habitat, and to otherwise protect the environment. (FSH 2509.25-2006 -2, R2 Amendment)

Standard (10) 2003 LRMP: Place new sources of chemical and pathogenic pollutants where they will not reach surface and groundwater. [R2 Desk Guide]

Standard (10) CORRECTED LANGUAGE: Place new sources of chemical and pathogenic pollutants where such pollutants will not reach surface or groundwater. (FSH 2509.25-2006 -2, R2 Amendment)

Water Resource Management Direction White Paper and new pages 1-28 and 1-29 attached.

Plan Chapter 2 – Management Area 2.2 Research Natural Areas

The Chief's appeal decision stated: "The basis for prohibiting motorized uses in RNAs is misstated in the FEIS and the restrictions on snowmobile use within the RNAs are described differently in Appendix L of the FEIS than they are in the Standards and Guidelines for MAP 2.2 Research Natural Areas in the revised LRMP.correct the discrepancies between the revised LRMP and the FEIS regarding the use of snowmobiles in the six RNAs."

Plan Chapter 2 page 2-31 reads: "Transportation Standard 1. Limit all motorized use, including snowmobiles, to administrative, law enforcement, search and rescue, emergency, and scientific purposes." This standard has been corrected to read "Transportation Standard 1. Manage all motorized use, including snowmobiles, to administrative, law enforcement, search and rescue, emergency, and scientific purposes." New page 2-31 attached.

Plan Appendix B Water – Water Quality

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Office directed the Regional Forester to “review all LRMP water resource management standards for consistency and compliance with prior Departmental and agency direction, and pertinent case law, and to make all necessary changes to management standards, as appropriate, through correction or amendment.”

Plan Appendix B Water – Water Quality 3. 2003 LRMP: Apply watershed conservation practices to sustain healthy soil, riparian, and aquatic systems. Adopt a stewardship ethic that treats land and resources as public assets for long-term benefits. Temper land and resource use to conserve limited resources for future generations. (FSH 2509.25-2006-2, R2 Amendment)

Plan Appendix B Water – Water Quality 3. CORRECTED LANGUAGE: Apply watershed conservation practices to sustain healthy soil, riparian, and aquatic systems. Adopt a stewardship ethic that treats land and resources as public assets for long-term benefits. Temper land and resource use to conserve limited resources for future generations. Cooperate with state, tribal and local governments, other federal agencies, holders of water rights and other interested parties to manage water resources. (FSH 2509.25-2006-2, R2 Amendment) New page B-12 attached.