

**Amendment Transmittal Form
Land and Resource Management Plan
Routt National Forest**

Amendment #1

Date: 5/27/1999

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Changes Made:

Management Area Prescription 3.4 National River System – Scenic Rivers, Designated and Eligible, Standards and Guidelines – Vegetation, Standard 1. Changes the Vegetation Standard wording to: Silvicultural practices may be allowed within the river corridor, provided such practices do not have substantial adverse effects on the river or the corridor landscape. Timber harvest is not scheduled and does not contribute toward the allowable sale quantity.

Reason for Amendment:

This amendment was documented in the Upper Elk River Access Analysis Supplemental Final Environment Impact Statement approved on May 27, 1999.

This decision amends the Forest Plan, concerning salvage within the scenic river corridor. The Forest Plan is inconsistent with the FEIS used to prepare the Forest Plan. On page 3-214 the FEIS states: *Silvicultural practices may be allowed within the river corridor, provided such practices do not have substantial adverse effects on the river or the corridor landscape.*

The Forest Plan lists the first Vegetation Standard on page 2-31 as: *Use only vegetation management practices necessary to meet specific resource objectives other than wood production. Timber harvest is not scheduled and does not contribute towards the allowable sale quantity.*

By amending the Forest plan the Vegetation Standard will read as follows: *Silvicultural practices may be allowed within the river corridor, provided such practices do not have substantial adverse effects on the river or the corridor landscape. Timber harvest is not scheduled and does not contribute toward the allowable sale quantity.*

Significance of this Amendment:

The following factors were used to determine whether a proposed change to the Forest Plan is significant or not significant, based on National Forest Management Act planning requirements.

- a. Timing – This Forest Plan amendment will occur immediately.

- b. Location and Size – This amendment applies to Management Area 3.4 within the Routt National Forest. This management area comprises 3,700 acres out of a total acreage of over 1,358,000 acres. This area covered by this proposed amendment lies along the North and Middle forks of the Elk River.
- c. Goals, Objectives, and Outputs- There is no anticipated change to goals, objectives or outputs projected by the forest plan.
- d. Management Prescription- This amendment brings the Forest Plan standard into alignment with the resource protection measures described and analyzed in the FEIS for the forest Plan.

For the reasons listed, this amendment is considered to be a non-significant amendment.