

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

**Amendment # 4**

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Changes Made:

Routt National Forest 1997 MIS List	
Common Name	Scientific name
Common flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>
Hairy woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>
Red-backed vole	<i>Clethrionomys gapperi</i>
Pine grosbeak	<i>Pinicola enucleator</i>
Warbling vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>
Blue grouse	<i>Dendragapus obscurus</i>
Beaver	<i>Castor canadensis</i>
Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus leucurus</i>
Vesper sparrow	<i>Pooecetes gramineus</i>
Sagebrush vole	<i>Laagurus curtatus</i>
Brown C. rosy finch	<i>Leucosticte australis</i>
Wilson's warbler	<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>
Elk	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>
Mule deer	<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>
Blue-gray gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila caerulea</i>
Green-tailed towhee	<i>Pipilo chlorurus</i>
Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>
Pine marten	<i>Martes americana</i>
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
Bald eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>
Greater sandhill crane	<i>Grus canadensis tabida</i>
Wood frog	<i>Rana sylvatica</i>
CO River cutthroat trout	<i>Oncorhynchus clarki pleuriticus</i>
Sharp-tailed grouse	<i>Tympanuchus phasianellus columbianus</i>

2007 Revised Routt National Forest MIS List	
Common Name	Scientific name
Golden-crowned kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>
Northern goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>
Vesper sparrow	<i>Pooecetes gramineus</i>
Wilson's warbler	<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>
Colorado River cutthroat trout	<i>Oncorhynchus clarki pleuriticus</i>
Brook trout	<i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>

Reason for Amendment:

To amend the Forest Plan with a revised MIS list that is better aligned with the planning regulation as clarified by Region 2 direction, to ensure that monitoring is conducted on species for which monitoring population trend is most feasible and useful, and to ensure that monitoring is focused on major management issues that have the potential to affect species.

Significance of the Amendment:

The following factors are used when determining whether a proposed change to a forest plan is significant or not significant, based on NFMA planning requirements. Other factors may be considered, depending on the circumstances.

1. **Timing** - This amendment will become effective seven days from the publication of the legal notice for this decision and will apply until changed by subsequent amendment or revision.
2. **Location and Size** – This amendment will apply to all National Forest System lands included in the Routt National Forest Plan planning area, which includes the Williams Fork portion of the Arapaho National Forest. However, this amendment is administrative and programmatic in nature and has no physical, biological or social effects.
3. **Goals, Objectives and Outputs** – This amendment would not affect any of the goals, objectives or outputs stated in the Routt Forest Plan. This amendment does not prevent the RNF from achieving any of the Forest Plan’s goals and objectives because it only changes which species will be monitored at a forest-wide scale. In addition, the changed list does not prevent attaining any of the outputs defined in the Forest Plan as the outputs are not dependent on the content of the MIS list.
4. **Management Prescriptions** – This amendment will not make changes to nor have an effect on management area prescriptions. This amendment will not change the desired future conditions or alter management direction for the Routt National Forest planning area.
5. **Finding and Conclusion** – The above documents the evaluation of this amendment to the RNF Forest Plan in context to the significance factors as described in FSH 1909.12 (5.32(3)). Based on considerations of timing; location

and size; goals, objectives and outputs; management prescriptions; and other provisions of NFMA, I find the selected alternative will not constitute a significant amendment to Forest Plan for the Routt National Forest planning area.

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