

Erratum (July 20, 2000)

The Washington Office of the Forest Service recently released decisions on two of the appeals filed to the 1998 Revision of the Routt National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. The consolidated decision on appeals #98-13-00-0035 and #98-13-00-0036 contained direction to correct an inconsistency discovered in the Revised Routt Plan. The inconsistency is corrected through this erratum.

Background:

From page 8 of the Appeals Decision:

Additionally, I direct the Regional Forester to correct the inconsistency contained in Revised Plan direction for MA 3.4. My review focused on information contained in the Revised Plan that lists the activities allowed in MA 3.4 (Revised Plan, Table 2-2, p. 2-3), direction contained in the Prescription guidelines for MA 3.4 (Revised Plan, p. 2-32), and the Forest-wide direction contained in the Infrastructure-Travelways Standard #5 (Revised Plan, p. 1-23). Table 2-1 of the Revised Plan shows MA 3.4 is comprised of 3,700 Routt acres. As stated previously, this is approximately one percent, or 1.02% of the total Routt acres allocated to non-motorized winter use (363,900). In my view, I believe that this comprises a small percentage of the total Routt acres allocated to non-motorized winter use and correcting the inconsistency will not preclude any future management opportunities. Therefore, it is not necessary to reverse the Acting Regional Forester on the inconsistency. I direct the Regional Forester to correct the inconsistency and provide the updated information to all parties and interveners to these two appeals, and to those individuals/organizations on the mailing list for the final planning documents. Additionally, the updated information should be posted on the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests World Wide Web site and a copy of the correction should be available at all Forest Offices upon request.

The Infrastructure-Travelways Standard #5 from the Revised Routt National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, page 1-23 is corrected as follows:

Did Read: Prohibit winter motorized use in Management Areas 1.11, 1.12, 1.13, 1.5, 2.2, 3.4, 5.41, and 8.22. Allow motorized use in the remaining areas, unless restricted in the future following site-specific analysis.

Now Reads: Prohibit winter motorized use in Management Areas 1.11, 1.12, 1.13, 1.5, 2.2, 5.41, and 8.22. Allow motorized use in the remaining areas, unless restricted in the future following site-specific analysis.

It is clear from reviewing the Plan, and FEIS that the inconsistency resulted from a typographical error. The Infrastructure-Travelways Standard #5 as it now reads is consistent with the Plan direction in Management Area 3.4 and the analysis displayed in the FEIS. The new wording is effective July 20, 2000.

