

Wasatch-Cache Forest Plan

Amendment No. 1

Effective with the Decision for the Bear Hodges II Timber Sale, May 14, 2004

POSTING NOTICE:

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EXPLANATION:

The analysis to substantiate these changes in management prescriptions for the Bear and Cache-Box Elder Management areas is found in the EIS for Bear Hodges II Timber Sale, May 2004.

This amendment is a non-significant amendment to the Wasatch-Cache Forest Plan that amends standard (S2.7) in Management Prescription (MPC) 2.7 as it is applied to the T.W. Daniel Experimental Forest. The amendment affects the 2.7 MPC only as it applies to the T.W. Daniel Experimental Forest. In other areas of the Wasatch-Cache where MPC 2.7 has been applied, timber harvest, road construction, and new recreation development are not to be allowed. The amendment is provided to allow management actions to meet the intent for which the experimental forest was established and the resolve the conflict between S2.7 and G2.7-4. (See FEIS for the Bear Hodges II Timber Sale for details.)

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Previous wording for the standard associated with MPC 2.7 is:

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Amended wording for the standard associated with MPC 2.7 is:

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*Timber harvest and road construction are allowed in the T. W. Daniel Experimental Forest, as these activities can be used to meet the intent for which this Special Interest Area was established.

Accompanying this amendment is a paragraph on the T.W. Daniel Experimental Forest that adds detail to and clarifies the Desired Future Condition (DFC) for the Special Interest Areas in the Bear and Cache-Box Elder Management Areas. As the T.W. Daniel Experimental Forest straddles two management areas, two identical paragraphs are needed, one for each management area. See Pages 4-122-a and 4-133-a.

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