

**SUMMARY PROGRAMMATIC FOREST PLAN AMENDMENTS
5/2001**

Amendment No.	Date	Description
No. 1	2/22/89	Added Big Creek and the North & Middle Forks of the Bull River as eligible for study for inclusion in the Wild and Scenic River System. Also added management standards for eligible rivers. (NOTE: This amendment was appealed and was confirmed in-part pertaining to the addition of Big Creek and the Management Standards for the Wild and Scenic Study Rivers. It was reversed in-part relative to the North and Middle Forks of the Bull River). (Enclosure 1).
No. 2	2/22/89	Mapping and acreage changes for MA-11 and MA-14 (all the changes were on the old Yaak District, D-2). A total of 4,650 acres were added to MA-11 and 4,750 acres were reduced from MA-14. (Enclosure 2).
No. 3	10/27/89	Added the North, Middle, and East Forks of the Bull River to the list of Wild and Scenic Study Rivers. (NOTE: This amendment was a result of the review directed by the Regional Forester in his decision on Forest Plan Amendment #1, see above.) (Enclosure 3).
No. 4	10/3/90	Clarified language in the Forest Plan concerning ORV's. (Enclosure 4).
No. 5	4/19/91	Partitioned the ASQ into two non-interchangeable categories (roaded and unroaded). This was a Regional Forester's decision which was later rescinded by the Chief. (Enclosure 5).
Correction	10/91	Issued Appendix 26, Riparian Area Guides. (Enclosure 6).
No. 6	6/14/93	Modified the open-road-density (ORD) for MA-12 on 5,022 acres in the Detgen Cr.-Cowell Cr. area, located 11 miles south of Libby. The ORD is changed from 0.75 miles per square mile to 1.5 miles per square mile after harvest (it also allows for a temporary ORD of 2.1 miles per square mile during an actual harvest period). (Enclosure 7).
No. 7	8/3/93	Modified the open-road-density (ORD) for MA-12 on 12,613 acres in the Stevens Ridge area, located 2 miles south of Noxon. The ORD is changed from 0.75 miles per square mile to 1.5 miles per square mile after harvest (it also allows for a temporary ORD of 2.0 miles per square mile during an actual harvest period). (Enclosure 8).
No Number	8/28/93	Created two new management areas MA 31, Mineral Development, and MA 23, Electric Transmission Corridor for the Montanore Project. (Enclosure 9).

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Clarification	9/13/93	Clarification of outfitter and guide policy. (Enclosure 10).
Correction	5/10/94	Appendix 26, correction to Riparian Guides. Incorporates HB 731, Montana Streamside Management Act. (Enclosure 11).
No. 8	5/5/95	Modified the open-road-density (ORD) for MA-12 on 9,640 acres in the Cripple Horse drainage, compartment 609, located 24 miles northeast of Libby. The ORD is changed from 0.75 miles per square mile to 1.5 miles per square mile (it also allows for a temporary ORD of 2.0 miles per square mile for the Cripple Horse sale). (Enclosure 12).
No number	7/28/95	Inland Native Fish Strategy. Amends the management direction established in the Kootenai Forest Plan to protect habitat and populations of resident native fish. This interim direction is in the form of riparian management objectives, standards, and guidelines, and monitoring requirements. (Enclosure 13).
No. 9	9/95	Forest Plan, Appendix 8, Grizzly Bear Management Situation Guidelines, page A 8-12 is modified for the "Timber/Fire Management" section, Standard #3a, to allow an open-road density of 1.0 miles per square mile within the Murphy Bear Analysis Area and 1.3 miles per square mile within the Deep Bear Analysis Area after the Murphy Timber Sale Activities are completed within the Krinklehorn Bear Management Unit, Fortine Ranger District. This guideline is also modified to allow a site specific exception of 1.79 miles per square mile within the Deep BAA and 1.36 miles per square mile within the Murphy BAA until the Murphy Timber Sale and associated activities are completed and the road management strategy is fully implemented. (Enclosure 14).
No. 10	11/15/97	Modify Forest Plan, Management Area 24, Range Standard #1 to state that domestic livestock grazing is permitted.
No. 11	7/26/96	Forest Plan, page III-51, in Management Area 12 is modified for the "Facilities" section, standard #3, to allow an open-road density of 1.6 miles per square mile during non-activity periods, and 2.0 miles per square mile during activity periods, in compartment 603, Barron Creek drainage on the Libby Ranger District. Approximately 977 acres of MA-12 are affected. An activity period is in effect when management activities require open-road access (roads open to the public).

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No. 12	7/29/97	<p>Forest Plan, management area 21, page III-90 through III-95, Research Natural Area Candidates is modified to read that the Norman-Parmenter, Lower Ross Creek and LeBeau are formally established as Research Natural Areas. Section C, Standards, is modified to read "The Forest-wide management direction included in Chapter II of this plan applies to this MA. Specific management direction as outlined in the pertinent Establishment Records (ERs) will be followed." In addition, Forest Plan Management Area 21, page III-107 through III-109, Botanical Areas is modified to read that Hidden Lake Areas is established as a Special Interest Area. This area will be management with he same goals and standards as outlined in the plan page III-107 and as outlined in the pertinent ERs.</p> <p>Norman Mountain and Parmenter proposed RNAs in the Forest Plan have been combined and are now referred to as the Norman-Parmenter RNA. In addition, the Ross Creek RNA is now referred to as the Lower Ross Creek RNA and is adjacent to, but does not include, the Ross Creek Scenic Area. The Lower Ross Creek Map, Forest Plan Appendix 21, has been updated to include the modified boundary. Several Management Area designations were also modified.</p>
No. 13	6/25/98	<p>The Forest Plan, page III-51, in Management Area (MA) 12 is modified for the "Facilities" section, standard #3, to change the open-road density standard to 1.1 miles per square mile during non-harvest periods, and 1.5 miles per square mile during activity periods, in the Beaver Creek Drainage (Compartments 30, 31 and 32), Cabinet Ranger District. Approximately 20,810 acres are affected.</p>
No. 14	3/11/99	<p>Forest Plan, page III-51, in Management Area (MA) 12 is modified for the "Facilities" section, standard #3, to allow an open-road density of 1.5 miles per square mile during non-activity periods, and 2.6 miles per square mile during activity periods in compartment 592, (Chief, Marl, Deer and Tesnsaw Creek) on the Libby Ranger District. Approximately 3,700 acres of MA-12 will be affected.</p>
No. 15	6/16/99	<p>Forest Plan, page III-51, in Management Area (MA) 12 is modified for the "Facilities" section, standard #3, to allow an open-road density of 1.51 miles per square mile during non-activity periods, and 1.81 miles per square mile during activity periods in compartment 18 and 21, (Pinkham Planning Area) on the Rexford Ranger District. Approximately 7,968 acres of MA-12 will be affected, (see the attached map). An activity period is in effect when management activities require open-road access (roads open to the public).</p>

No. 16	1/2001	Off-Highway Vehicle Amendment to Nine National Forest Plans for Montana, North Dakota and Portions of South Dakota. The amendment eliminates wheeled motorized cross-country travel with a few specific exceptions. The decision applies to National Forest System Lands only. This amendment, prepared jointly with the Bureau of Land Management, provides a unified federal policy for OHV use and provides procedures to control and direct the use of OHV's on public lands to 1) protect the resources of those lands, 2) promote the safety of all users of those lands and 3) minimize conflicts among the various users of those lands.
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