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Ashley National Forest
Ashton Energy Center, Suite 1150
1680 W. Highway 40, Vernal, Utah 84078

Reply To: 1920

Date: April 29, 1988

To Interested Parties:

Attached are copies of Amendments 1, 2 and 3 to the Ashley National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. Please insert these amendments in your review copy of the Plan or file them for ready reference by reviewers.

Thank You;

Duane G. Tucker

Duane G. Tucker
Forest Supervisor





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Reply To: 1920
Forest Plan Amendment # 01
Date: April 29, 1988

To Interested Parties:

During implementation of the Ashley National Forest Plan we have identified several mapping errors. These errors occur on the Ashley National Forest FEIS and Plan Map which was included as a part of both of these documents. The errors consisted of inclusions of developed areas into the shaded portion of the map which depicted "Area Remaining Unroaded and with No Commercial Timber Harvesting at the End of the First Planning Period". The map corrections are made to eliminate three areas which were included in timber sales existing at the time of Plan publication or which were in the preparation and sale process.

Correction one occurs in Section(s) 29, 32, and 33, T3N, R2W, Uintah Special Meridian. This is a result of approximately 28 acres of partial cut harvesting in 1986 near the mouth of Uintah Canyon on the Roosevelt Ranger District.

Correction two occurs in Section 4, T1N, R21E, Salt Lake Meridian. This is a result of approximately 10 acres of clear cut timber harvest in 1986 near Burnt Creek on the Flaming Gorge Ranger District.

Correction three occurs in Sections 2 and 12, T1N, R21E, Salt Lake Meridian. This is a result of a timber sale proposed prior to the time of Forest Plan publication and made without correction after Plan publication. This correction includes about 112 acres of cutting units in a gross area of 223 acres near the head of Allen Creek on the Flaming Gorge Ranger District.

The above corrections are depicted on the map attached to this amendment.

This change is consistent with the direction in Section 1922.33 of the Forest Service Manual (Interim Directive No. 13).

Regulations permit amendments that may result in either significant or non-significant changes to the Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (36 CFR 219.10(e)(f)). I have determined that this amendment is not significant because this action does not significantly alter





multiple-use goals and objectives for long-term land and resource management.

In accordance with Forest Service Manual 1952.2, I have determined that this Amendment is categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement.

This decision is subject to administrative review pursuant to Secretary of Agriculture Appeal Regulations 36 CFR 211.18. A Notice of Appeal must be filed within 45 days of this decision. The Notice of Appeal must be in writing and submitted to Duane G. Tucker, Forest Supervisor, Ashley National Forest, 1680 W. Highway 40, Vernal, Utah 84078.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Duane G. Tucker".

Forest Supervisor





AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN
for the
ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST


Amendment # 01, April 1988

Map included in pocket page IV-60 - correction of mapping errors.

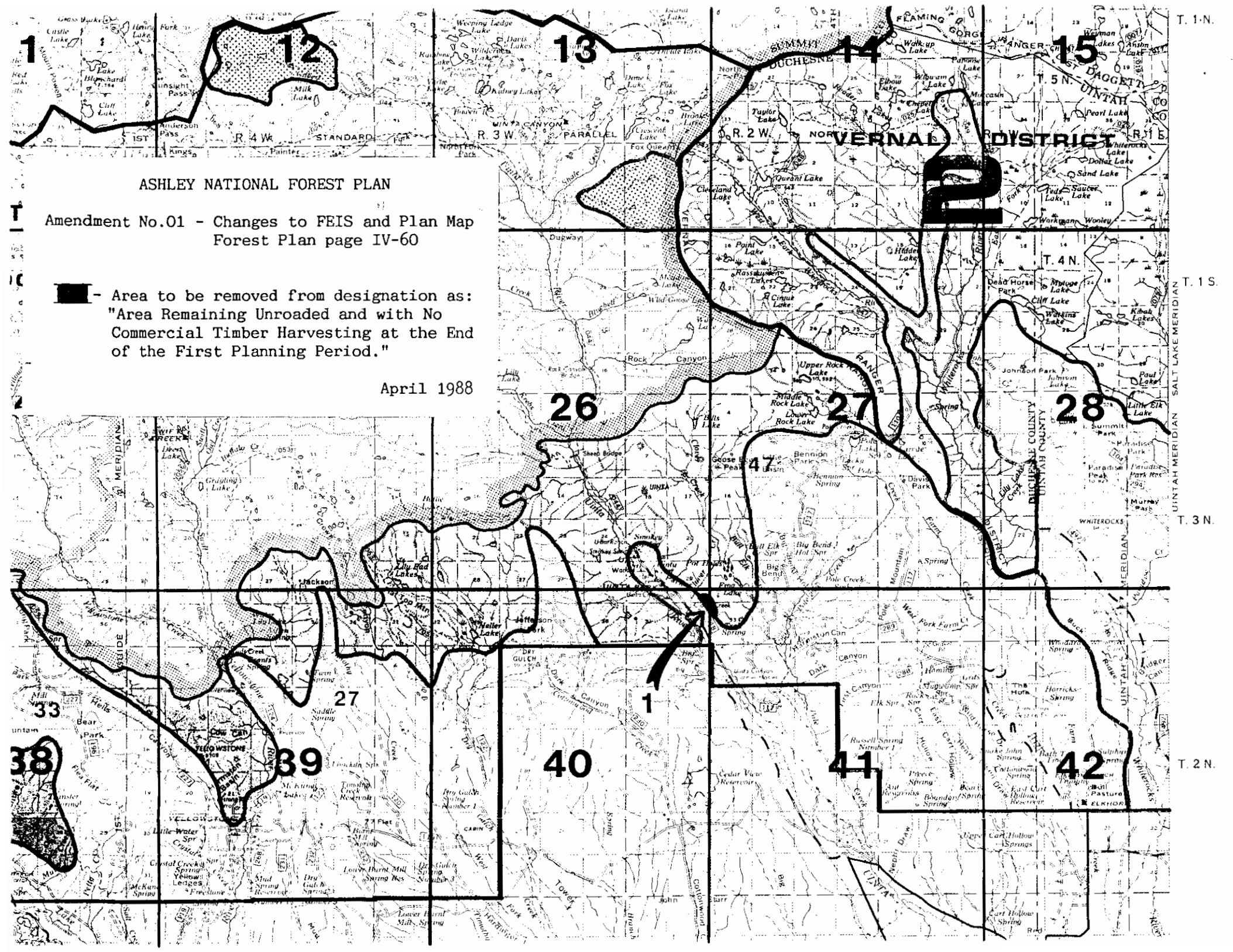


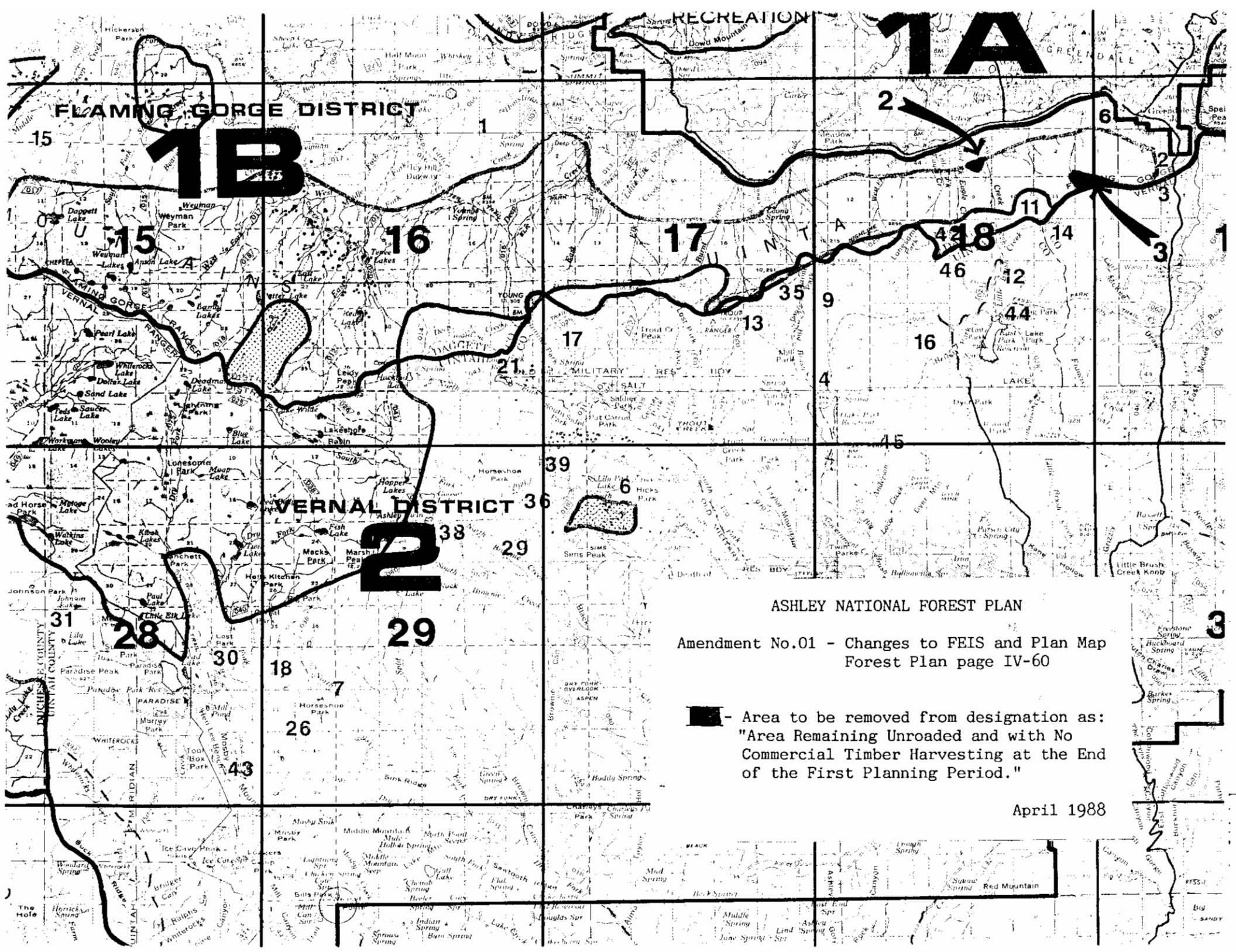
ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST PLAN

Amendment No.01 - Changes to FEIS and Plan Map
Forest Plan page IV-60

 - Area to be removed from designation as:
"Area Remaining Unroaded and with No
Commercial Timber Harvesting at the End
of the First Planning Period."

April 1988





FLAMING GORGE DISTRICT

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VERNAL DISTRICT

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Reply To: 1920
Forest Plan Amendment # 02
Date: April 29, 1988

To Interested Parties:

The Gates of Birch Creek was identified as a candidate for Research Natural Area (RNA) status in the Ashley National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) and its accompanying Environmental Impact Statement published in October 1986. The classification of RNA's is noted on pages II-6 and II-28 in the Forest Plan, the candidate areas are displayed on the Plan Map which is included in the pocket page numbered IV-60, and the Final Environmental Impact Statement lists the candidate and potential candidate areas on pages III-14 through III-16.

This Forest Plan amendment moves the Gates of Birch Creek from candidate to classified status. The Chief of the Forest Service approved the establishment report for this RNA on February 2, 1988.

The specific objective of the Gates of Birch Creek RNA is to protect and maintain the ecosystem structure and function in several of the drier and less productive forest types in the Intermountain Region. These forest types are; A. subalpine fir/twinflower; B. Douglas fir /Oregon grape; C. Douglas fir/mountain snowberry; and D. lodgepole pine/kinnikinnik. Area included in this RNA is an estimated 250 acres.

Forest Plan direction for RNA's is described on pages IV-5 and IV-6 of the Plan (Management Area a.). This direction is summarized as follows:

Recreation - Use not encouraged, may be discouraged or even limited. VQO's managed at inventoried levels.

Wildlife - No improvements permitted.

Range - Closed to permitted grazing use. No improvements permitted.

Timber - No harvest permitted.

Minerals - No surface occupancy permitted.





Facilities - No utility/transportation corridors. No facility construction. No trail maintenance if trails exist.

Protection - Manage to maintain natural conditions.

Riparian - Protect.

This amendment is consistent with the direction in the Forest Service Manual , Section 1922.33 (Interim Directive No. 13).

Regulations permit amendments that may result in either significant or non-significant changes to the Forest Plan (36 CFR 219.10(e)(f). I have determined that this amendment is not significant because this action does not alter multiple-use goals and objectives for long-term land and resource management.

In accordance with Forest Service Manual 1952.2, I have determined that this amendment is categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement.

This decision is subject to administrative review pursuant to Secretary of Agriculture Appeal Regulations 36 CFR 211.18. A Notice of Appeal must be filed within 45 days of this decision. The Notice of Appeal must be in writing and submitted to Duane G. Tucker, Forest Supervisor, Ashley National Forest, 1680 W. Highway 40, Vernal, Utah 84078.

Sincerely,


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Amendment # 02, April 1988

Changes Gates of Birch Creek from candidate to classified Research
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Forest Plan Amendment # 03
Date: April 29, 1988

To Interested Parties:

It is necessary to amend the Ashley National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) to update the Timber Sale Schedule (ten year proposed and probable) found on pages IV-102 and IV-103.

This amendment is made to reflect changes in sale size, recognition of some changes in on-the-ground conditions, and because of concern for environmental conditions.

This amendment changes the volume of the following listed sales:

Name of Sale	Volume in MMBF		FY Year of Sale	
	Plan	Proposed	Plan	New
McAfee Basin	3.0	1.0	88	88
Spirit Lake	1.5	0.5	91	91

The amendment deletes the following sales:

Birch Cr. Salv.	2.5	94
Leona Spring	2.5	95

The amendment adds the following sale:

Clover Creek	1.0	88
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This change is consistent with direction in Section 1922.33 of the Forest Service Manual (Interim Directive No.13), with Section V C. of the Ashley Forest Plan (see page V-18), and with the footnote on page IV-103 of the Plan which recognizes the need for changing schedules.

Regulations permit amendments that may result in either significant or non-significant changes to the Forest Plan [36 CFR 219.10 (e)(f)]. I have determined that this Amendment is not significant because it does not alter the long-term land and resource management goals, it does not vary from the standards and guidelines for the Management Areas involved, and it complies with the expression of the "Desired Future





Condition" for the Ashley National Forest as contained in Chapter IV of the Plan.

In accordance with Forest Service Manual 1952.2, I have determined that this Amendment is categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement.

This decision is subject to administrative review pursuant to Secretary of Agriculture Regulations 36 CFR 211.18. A Notice of Appeal must be filed in writing within 45 days and submitted to Duane G. Tucker, Forest Supervisor, Ashley National Forest, 1680 W. Highway 40, Vernal, Utah 84078.

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Amendment # 02, April 1988

Changes Gates of Birch Creek from candidate to classified Research Natural Area.

Amendment # 03, April 1988

Revises the timber sale schedule on pages IV-102 and IV-103 of the Plan.

