

**Hoosier National Forest**  
**Administrative Correction 8**  
April 2010  
**Addition to Table of Contents,**  
**Clarification of Forest-wide Direction**

Administrative corrections are defined at 36 CFR 219.31, may be made at any time, and are not plan amendments or revisions. They do not require public notice of the preparation of an environmental document under Forest Service NEPA procedures.

Administrative corrections include the following:

- (1) Corrections and updates of data and maps;
- (2) Updates to activity lists and schedules required by § 219.30(d)(1) through (6);
- (3) Corrections of typographical errors or other non-substantive changes; and
- (4) Changes in the monitoring methods other than those required in a monitoring strategy (§ 219.11 (c)).

This Administrative Correction applies to page 3-20, Under the Goal Provide for **Recreation Use in Harmony with Natural Communities**. This correction brings the direction on page 3-20 into compliance with current direction contained at 36 CFR 261.13 Motor Vehicle Use; Forest Service Manual (FSM) 7715.54 – Motor Vehicle Use for Big Game Retrieval and Dispersed Camping; FSM 7716.1 – Content Designations. This correction replace page 3-20 in its entirety.

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## **Provide for a Visually Pleasing Landscape**

Meet the visual quality objectives (VQO) indicated on the VQO map in Appendix J where not overridden by management area guidance.

Consult Handbook Number 462, National Forest Landscape Management, Volume 2, Chapter 1 where not overridden by the VQO map in Appendix J.

Rehabilitate the visual aspects of most projects as soon as possible.

## **Provide for Recreation Use in Harmony with Natural Communities**

- \* Camping is permitted anywhere unless restricted by Forest Order or other regulation.
- \* Prohibit public off-highway vehicle use in excess of 120 feet from the edge of roads identified on the Hoosier National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM). Motorized access applies to State licensed vehicles, not including all-terrain vehicles, utility terrain vehicles, or scooters, and is restricted to ingress and egress.

Prohibit paintball activity in Management Areas 5.1, 7.1, and 8.1 or where otherwise prohibited by regulation. Paintball guns are considered firearms and all applicable firearm regulations apply. Substances used in the paintballs and other devices must be water soluble and biodegradable.

Limit administrative use of off-highway vehicles to activities such as: trail or recreation site maintenance and construction, search and rescue, law enforcement, fire fighting, prescribed fire, permit administration, and maintenance of managed forest communities. Permit use of off-highway vehicles in activities such as contracts, volunteer and cooperative agreements, and special use permits only when specifically authorized by a line officer.

When possible, design roads, trails, and other facilities to enhance recreational experiences. Consider public health and safety, accessibility, and environmental quality as integral parts of recreation facility design and management.

Design or reconstruct roads open to the public to increase recreational opportunities by providing features such as parking, turnouts, overlooks, and points of interest.

### **Trails**

- \* Design trails to meet the standard of the highest impact user.
- \* Allow foot travel on any trail as well as off trails, unless otherwise prohibited.
- \* Allow horses, and other pack stock, on trails designated as open to horse use and on roads open to public vehicle travel, unless prohibited.
- \* Allow mountain bicycles on trails designated as open to mountain bicycle use, and on roads open to public vehicle travel, unless prohibited.
- \* Camping is not permitted at or within 300 feet of a designated trailhead, unless located in a campground or otherwise permitted.

Provide single and multiple-use trails.

Harden trails with appropriate material if conditions dictate. Motorized earth moving equipment may be used for trail maintenance.

Designate trails as system trails or special use permit trails.

Maintain a Forest-wide trail plan.

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