

**DECISION MEMO**  
**Forest Plan Amendment Number 6**  
**Custer National Forest**

The purpose of Amendment Number 6 is to change the wording in the Forest Plan that allows camping in the administrative site at Meyers Creek Station on the Beartooth Ranger District. Use of this area by campers and hunter is creating an unacceptable situation. Administrative sites are not designed for public use and health and safety problems are a concern.

This proposed amendment generated more input from the public than any other proposed amendment. Most of those that responded felt that there is a need for improved public access and opportunities for dispersed camping in this area. The Forest Service recognizes the access problem in this area and is working on resolution, but great progress has not been made to date. To respond to the concern that a suitable camping area is needed a map has been added to the amendment that displays where camping is permitted. The road through the administrative site is open to the public.

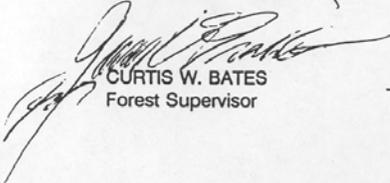
Adoption of this amendment will not significantly change the forest-wide environmental impacts disclosed in the Custer National Forest Plan Environmental Impact Statement. This amendment is categorically excluded from further documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement or Environmental Assessment (FSM 1950 Interim Directive No. 18 and FSH 1909.15 Interim Directive No. 2).

Additional information can be obtained from:

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Implementation of this decision shall not occur for seven days following publication of the legal notice (36 CFR 217.0). This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 217.8 and 36 CFR 217.9. Two copies of the notice of appeal and statement of reasons must be in writing and submitted within 45 days following the publication of this decision to:

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USDA Forest Service  
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CURTIS W. BATES  
Forest Supervisor

3/28/11  
Date

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I am amending the Forest Plan by removing the wording "Hunter camps are permitted at the Meyers Creek Station on the Beartooth Ranger District."

The above wording in the Forest Plan is on page 88 under "C. Management Standards, 1. Recreation, item b. Following is a map that shows where camping will be permitted. The road through the administrative site is open to the public.

