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REPLY TO: 1920/2730

DATE: March 24, 1995

SUBJECT: Forest Plan Adjustment to Management Area Boundaries in
Section 34, T147N, R100~~W~~ and Sections 3 and 4, T146N, R100~~E~~^W

TO: District Ranger, McKenzie Ranger District

I have reviewed your proposal to adjust the boundaries of the B, C, and J Management Areas in the sections noted above and as shown on the map enclosed with your request (copy enclosed here for documentation). I concur with the rationale for this minor adjustment, and concur that it meets with the intent of the Forest Plan for minor boundary adjustment as allowed for on page 41 of the Forest Plan. Therefore, I am approving this adjustment to the management area boundaries. This approval and your supporting rationale is to be included in the documentation for the Koch and Belle Fourche Pipeline project.

for Cheri Bashor
NANCY T. CURRIDEN
Forest Supervisor

Enclosure

cc:
Planning, SO





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REPLY TO: 1950

Date: March 25, 1995

SUBJECT: Request for Forest Plan Adjustment to Management Areas
B, C, and J in Section 34, T147N, R100W and Sections 3
and 4, T146N, R100W, 5th PM.

TO: Forest Supervisor

The McKenzie Ranger District proposes a minor adjustment to the B, C, and J Management Area boundaries in Section 34, T147N, R100W and Sections 3 and 4, T146N, R100W, 5th PM as indicated on the enclosed map.

A minor adjustment to the J Management Area boundary was approved November 30, 1993 when Apache Corporation requested a special use permit for a road to access the private surface and minerals in Section 3, T146N, R100W. Since that time, Meridian Oil, Incorporated has constructed a road to access their private mineral estate in Section 34, T147N, R100W. This was approved under a private road Special Uses Permit on July 21, 1994. Now, I am preparing to make a decision, acting on your behalf, to approve a Special Use Permit authorizing the construction of a crude, gas, and saltwater disposal pipeline transportation system in the same area. Our analysis of the pipeline proposal also indicated it was appropriate to make this adjustment whether the pipeline was approved or not.

I am recommending that these management area boundaries be adjusted because: 1) there are no identifiable land features to distinguish between the B, C, and J Management Areas in this area; 2) we continue to receive requests to legally develop leases and/or private minerals in the area, exacerbating an already complex situation in the Bennett-Cottonwood area; and 3) the Forest Plan allows for this minor boundary adjustment.

Chapter III of the Forest Plan (page 41) notes that the management area boundaries are intended to be flexible in order to incorporate additional information obtained during project level planning. I feel this adjustment constitutes a minor change in the boundary and still represents an opportunity to maintain the low development qualities of the J Management Area. There is a total of twenty-eight acres affected. The resulting net acreage change to the C Management Area is the loss of two (2) acres, and the J Management Area is the loss of twelve (12) acres. There would be a net increase of fourteen (14) acres to the B Management Area.

Lesley W. Thompson

LESLEY W. THOMPSON
District Ranger

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cc: SO Resources



Management Area Boundary Adjustment

— Existing Roads

- - - Existing Management Area Boundary

— Approved MA Boundary

SCALE: 2.00 INCH = 1 MILE 1:31,680 3/95

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