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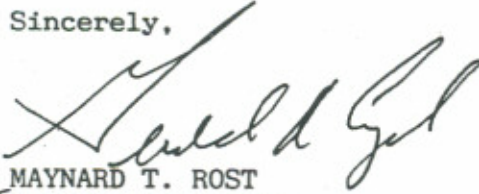
Date: November 2, 1990

Dear Interested Public:

In an effort to keep you informed of the changes to the Gila National Forest Land Management Plan, we are enclosing a copy of Amendment #6 with accompanying Decision Notice. This amendment reflects the inclusion of construction and maintenance of five developed recreation sites on the Reserve and Glenwood Ranger District.

Thank you for your interest in the management of the Gila National Forest.

Sincerely,

for 
MAYNARD T. ROST
Forest Supervisor

Enclosures



DECISION MEMORANDUM

VENUS PROJECT
RESERVE AND GLENWOOD RANGER DISTRICTS
CATRON COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

It is my decision to amend the Gila National Forest Land Management Plan for the inclusion of the construction and maintenance of five developed recreation sites. Specifically, Table 4 of Page 13 of the Land Management Plan will be amended to include the following projects:

<u>Forest Priority</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Acres</u>
5	Apache Creek CG	200	25
6	Walnut Grove PG	40	3
7	Glenwood CG	200	25
8	Pine Lawn PG	80	12
9	Visitor Center	20	2

The recreation development projects listed in the Land Management Plan have been prioritized and scheduled for funding and accomplishments through expected appropriated funds. The additional projects (priority 5-9) will be funded by specific appropriation from Congress or contributed funds and will not impact the schedule for accomplishment of priority 1 through 4.

The economic stability of communities within Catron County have historically been based on commodity outputs (lumber and beef). Of late, this stability has been threatened. The intent of this decision is to provide an avenue for the residents of Catron County to diversify their economy and become less dependent on a commodity based future. Amending the Land Management Plan is consistent with NEPA and Forest Service Policy.


The proposed projects were published in the Catron County Courier. Two meetings were held where scoping and alternative generation was accomplished. A wide range of local publics were involved in the proposals: Reserve Chamber of Commerce, Reserve Tourist Bureau, Reserve Water Recreation Committee, Glenwood Chamber of Commerce, Soil Conservation Commission, Village Government, Catron County Commissioners, Reserve Village Government, S.W.N.M. R.C. & D., and numerous local individuals who could be directly affected by the actions or have an interest in the Catron County Economic situations.

This proposed action falls within category 1b.3(a1 & 2) (Planning and Funding Activities) and no extraordinary circumstances exist that might cause the action to have significant effects; therefore, the action is categorically excluded from documentation in an environmental impact statement or an environmental assessment (FSH 1909.15, section 26.2).

Implementatin of this Decision may occur seven days after publishing of this Notice per 36 CFR 217.5.

This decision is subject to appeal in accordance with 36 CFR 217. A Notice of Appeal must be in writing and clearly state that it is a Notice of Appeal being filed pursuant to 36 CFR 217. Appeals must be fully consistent with 36 CFR 217.9, "Content of Notice of Appeal" and must be filed with David F. Jolly, Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service, Southwestern Region, 517 Gold Avenue S.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102, and simultaneously sent to Maynard T. Rost, Forest Supervisor, USDA Forest Service, Gila National Forest, 2610 North Silver Street, Silver City, New Mexico 88061, within 45 days of the date of publication of the legal notice of decision in the Silver City Daily Press.

For further information contact Mike Gardner, Box 170, Reserve, New Mexico 87830, at 505/533-6231.



Maynard T. Rost
Forest Supervisor
Gila National Forest

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Date

Table 3, Proposes Plan Outputs - Period 1

Unit of		
Average Annual Output	Measure	
Allowable Sale Quantity	MCF	8326.5
Net Sawtimber (sales)	MBF	30000
Net Products	MBF	548
Timber Stand Improvement	Acres	1585
Reforestation <u>1/</u>	Acres	3712
Fuelwood	MBF	11687.3
Recreation		
Developed	MRVDs	171.4
Dispersed	MRVDs	447.5
Wildlife	MRVDs	317
Wilderness	MRVDs	87.3
Grazing Capacity	MAUMs	329904
Permitted Livestock Use	MAUMs	347266
Water Yield	Acre-Feet	335749
Trail Construction/Rec.	Miles	8.6
Wildlife Habitat	MAcre	13646
Improvement	Structures	2898.5
Minerals	Operating Plans	100
Fuel Treatment	Acre	6282
Improved Watershed Cond.	MAcre	70

1/ Reforestation includes both artificial and natural means. It is assumed that about 15 percent of the acres will be by artificial means.

Table 4, Recreation Site Construction Schedule - Period 1

Forest Priority	Site	Capacity	Acres
1	Turkey Creek		
2	Military Road		
3	Quemado Lake	250	40
4	Trail Heads	200	24
	Wolf Hollow		
	Pueblo Park		
	Redstone		
	Deloche Canyon		
	Trail 700		
	Willow Creek		
	Loco Mountain		
	Sapillo Creek		
	East Fork		
	Alum		
5	Apache Creek CG	200	25
6	Walnut Grove PG	40	3
7	Glenwood CG	200	25
8	Pine Lawn PG	80	12
9	Visitor Center	20	2
Totals		990	131

Table 5. Rehabilitation Schedule - Period 1				
Forest Priority	Site	PAOT Capacity	Acres	Acres
1	Gila Corridor Plan	100		5
	Willow Cr. Complex	100		8
2	Little Walnut Group	200		15
	Little Walnut (Other)	135		12
	Whitewater Picnic	80		3
3	Lake Roberts Picnic	30		4
4	Upper End	50		13
5	Iron Creek C.G.	75		7
6	Mesa	120		13
7	Pueblo Park	30		7
	Cherry Creek C.G.	60		6
	Ben Lilly Memorial	50		2
	McMillan C.G.	10		1
	Rocky Canyon C.G.	10		1
	Catwalk	125		48
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9	Powerhouse Trailhead	25		2
Totals		1,100		140

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Table 6. Facilities Construction and Reconstruction Schedule - Period 1	
Forest Priority	Name
1	Quemado Office
2	Reserve Office Rehabilitation
3	Negrito Work Center Phase II A. Crew Quarters, Trailer Park B. Warehouse, etc.
4	Gila Center Well
5	Reserve Water/Sewer
6	Glenwood Warehouse Phase I
7	Grant County Airport-Aerial Firebase Interior Road Surfacing
8	Mimbres Warehouse Expansion
9	Glenwood Warehouse Phase II
10	Rehabilitation of Lookout

1/ Completion of this schedule is dependent on funding. The schedule is a priority listing.

Table 7. V.I.S. [Visitor Information Services] - Rehabilitation Schedule - Period 1		
Forest Priority	Site	POAT Capacity
1	Wilderness V.I.S. Center	250
2	Mimbres R.D. Office	10
3	Silver City R.D. Office	5
4	Black Range R.D. Office	15
5	Reserve R.D. Office	8
	Total	288

Table 8. Trail Construction and Reconstruction Schedule - Period 1			
Priority	Trail NO.	Name	Miles
1	212	South Fork	6.2
2	155	Turkey Creek	5.3
3	153	Mogollon	8.7
4	156	Sycamore	11.6
5	207	Whitewater	12.0
6	201	Mineral Creek	11.5
7	74	Continental Divide	23.0
8	177	Cienega	6.4
9	268	Hells Hole	1.5
10	231	Sheep Corral	1.0
11	301	Kemp	2.7
12	247	Spring Canyon	3.0
13	189	Pitt Ranch	3.0
14	43	WS Mountain	10.0
15	175	Clayton	4.9
16	117	Animas Divide	1.5
17	307	Kerman	2.5

Table 9. Land Line Location Program - Period 1				
Forest Priority	Project Name	Sections	Twns - Rng	Miles
1	O Bar O Camp	Sec. 2 & 3	T9S, R17W	2
2	Davis Canyon		T14S, R17W	1.5
3	Carrizo Allotment		T18S, R9W	5
4	Spar Canyon Allotment		T15S, R16W	4
5	Fierro Forest Boundary		T17S, R12W	4
6	Dark Spring		T5S, R15W	2.5
7	Kingston Townsite Survey		T16S, R2W	3.75
8	Pleasanton, West Sides		T11 & 12S, R20W	4
9	Minnehaha Mineral Complex	Sec. 2 +	T10S, R9W	2.5
10	Harris	Sec. 21, 28, 22, 33, 35	T2S, R17W	8
11	Toriette Lakes		T5S, R18W	4
12	Y Canyon	Sec. 24 & 25	T7S, R15W	3.25
13	Exterior Forest Boundary		T7S, R14W	6
14	Retrace Mineral Surveys, BRAD			5
15	West Luna		T6S, R21W	1.5