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Dear Interested Public:

Enclosed is a copy of Correction Notice No. 4 to the Gila National Forest Land Management Plan.

In an effort to keep the Plan current, we have incorporated these corrections. The corrections reflect a change in terminology for Fire Use, FS Manual 5140. If you have further interest in FS Manual 5140, log on to the internet at: <http://fsweb.gila.r3.fs.fed.us> and view the directives.

Sincerely,

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GILA NATIONAL FOREST  
LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN  
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## INTRODUCTION

The Gila National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan was approved in December 1986, and implementation of the Plan began in 1987. The Plan was written to provide the Gila National Forest with management direction over 10-15 years. Goals and Objectives for management of the natural resources were identified along with scheduled projects to achieve them. With the inception of the Plan, it was widely acknowledged that plan direction would be modified as management situations changed, new issues and concerns surfaced, and legal casework evolved shaping resource management direction. The Plan was designed to be a changing and dynamic document that is responsive to the current trends and demands of the public we serve. The Plan provides management direction in a broad general sense but does not serve for project level decision making. Listing of site projects in the Plan is a scheduling event for site specific analysis and subsequent decisions.

This correction to the Gila National Forest Land Management Plan (LMP) constitutes an effort to clarify fire terminology set forth throughout the LMP. It is neither a significant nor a substantial change to the Plan in that it does not make an irrevocable commitment of resources, alter the multiple-use goals and objectives nor does it change the management standards and guidelines. This correction is a simple adjustment to the LMP fire management terminology to appropriately reflect recent terminology changes in the Forest Service Manual 5140.

## NEED

This correction to the Gila Land and Resource Management Plan is needed as LMP fire management terminology presently does not conform with Forest Service Manual 5140 "Fire Use" policy terminology, which was recently modified on June 18, 1999.

## SPECIFIC CHANGES

1. The Term Wildfire will be changed to **Wildland Fire**.
2. The Term Prescribed Natural Fire (PNF) will be changed to **Wildland Fire Use**.
3. The Terms Prescribed Fire, Management Ignited Fire (MIF), and Planned Ignition will be changed to **Prescribed Fire**.

4. The Term Suppression Action will be changed to **Appropriate Management Response**.
5. The Term Escaped Fire Situation Analysis (EFSA) will be changed to **Wildland Fire Situation Analysis (WFSA)**.
6. The Terms Planned and Unplanned ignitions will be changed to **Fire Use**.
7. The Term Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit will be changed to **Open Burn Permit**.
8. The use of the Term **Fire Use** can refer to **Prescribed Fire** which is the management of fire ignited by resource managers; and/or **Wildland Fire Use** which is the management of naturally ignited wildland fire.

Location of Correction	Existing LMP Text	Corrected LMP Text
P01 All pages 50 -278	Complete the fire management analysis planning and implement fire management area plans within the first decade.	Complete the fire management analysis planning and implement <b>the fire management plan</b> within the first decade.
P01 Within Wilderness or All pages 50 - 278	Prescribed natural fire within the Gila Wilderness will be guided by the Prescribed Natural Fire Plan.	<b>Fire use</b> will be guided by the <b>existing Fire Use Plan</b> .
	Prescribed natural fire within the Aldo Leopold Wilderness will be guided by the Prescribed Natural Fire Plan.	<b>Fire use</b> will be guided by the <b>existing Fire Use Plan</b> .
	Prescribed natural fire within the Blue Range Wilderness will be guided by the Prescribed Natural Fire Plan.	<b>Fire use</b> will be guided by the <b>existing Fire Use Plan</b> .
	Prescribed natural fire within the Gila and Aldo Leopold Wilderness will be guided by the Prescribed Natural Fire Plan.	<b>Fire use</b> will be guided by the <b>existing Fire Use Plan</b> .
P04 All pages 50 - 278	Unless other resource values dictate, suppression actions will be planned to control fires at no larger than the following designated sizes:	Unless other resource values dictate, <b>appropriate management response</b> will be planned to <b>suppress wildland fires</b> at no larger than the following designated sizes:

P04 page 39	Protect life and property from wildfire.	Protect life and property from <b>wildland fire</b> .
P04 page 39	Unless other resources dictate, when a fire reaches the established maximum size listed in the management area, an escaped fire situation analysis will be prepared. Based on EFSA, a decision will be made to establish a new perimeter or control the fire.	A Wildland Fire Implementation Plan (WFIP) will be initiated for all wildland fires. Unless other resources dictate, when a fire reaches the established maximum size listed in the management area, a <b>Wildland Fire Situation Analysis</b> will be prepared. Based on the <b>WFSA</b> , a decision will be made to establish a new perimeter or control the fire.
P04 page 43	For emergency wildfire suppression...	For emergency <b>wildland fire</b> suppression...
P08 page 39	Fire suppression strategies appropriate to meet management directions may range from direct control minimizing acres burned and resource damage to move indirect methods of containment or confinement. Surveillance can be appropriate when a fire is expected to be self-contained. Wildfire should be suppressed at a minimum cost consistent with land and resource objectives and values.	Fire suppression strategies appropriate to meet management directions may range from direct control minimizing acres burned and resource damage to <b>more indirect</b> methods of containment or confinement. Surveillance can be appropriate when a fire is expected to be self-contained. <b>Wildland fire</b> should be suppressed at a minimum cost consistent with land and resource objectives and values.
P12 page 43	When Fire Management Planning is completed on a Management Area, utilize planned and unplanned ignitions when within established prescriptions to accomplish wilderness management goals.	When fire management planning is completed on a Management Area, <b>apply Fire Use</b> within established prescription to accomplish management goals.
P12 All pages 50- 278	When fire management planning is complete, utilize planned and unplanned ignitions, when in established prescriptions, to accomplish fuel treatment goals outside wilderness and wilderness goals within wilderness.	When fire management planning is completed, <b>apply Fire Use</b> within established prescription to accomplish management goals.

	When fire management planning is complete, utilize planned and unplanned ignitions, when in established prescriptions, to accomplish fuel treatment goals. or	When fire management planning is completed, <b>apply Fire Use</b> within established prescription to accomplish management goals.
	When fire management planning is complete, utilize planned and unplanned ignitions, when in established prescriptions, to accomplish fuel treatment objectives. or	When fire management planning is completed, <b>apply Fire Use</b> within established prescription to accomplish management goals.
	When fire management planning is complete, utilize planned and unplanned ignitions to accomplish fuel treatment goals within prescription.	When fire management planning is completed, <b>apply Fire Use</b> within established prescription to accomplish management goals.
P15 All pages 50-278	Prescribed fire will be used to control invasion of woody and tree species into natural openings, grasslands, and meadows. or	<b>Fire Use</b> will be used to control invasion of woody and tree species into natural openings, grasslands, and meadows.
P15 All pages 50-278 cont . .	Prescribed fire will be utilized for resource management purposes. or	<b>Fire Use</b> will be used to control invasion of woody and tree species into natural openings, grasslands, and meadows.
	Prescribed fire will be used to control invasion of woody and tree species into natural openings, grasslands, and meadows. Unplanned ignitions when within the prescription will also be used.	<b>Fire Use</b> will be used to control invasion of woody and tree species into natural openings, grasslands, and meadows.
P16 Gila Wilderness (Class I Area) pages 50-278	Perform Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit application reviews to determine the potential effect increased emissions from stationary sources will have on air quality related values (AQRV) of this National Forest Class I area. Impact from air pollution generating activities will be predicted using current modeling techniques.	Perform <b>Open Burn Permit</b> application reviews to determine the potential effect increased emissions from stationary sources will have on air quality related values (AQRV) of this National Forest Class I area. Impact from air pollution generating activities will be predicted using current modeling techniques.