

EXHIBIT A

Wasatch-Cache Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan)

AMENDMENT NO. 10

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EXPLANATION:

The analysis to substantiate the change in capable and suitable lands for the Kamas Valley Cattle Allotment is found in the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Kamas Valley Cattle Allotment, September 2012.

This amendment is a non-significant amendment to the Wasatch-Cache Forest Plan.

Corrections to Table B-9-1 in Appendix B-9 and Table 2-3, Page 2-64 in Chapter 2 of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) - Implementation of the selected alternative increased the acreage of lands capable and suitable for livestock grazing on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest and within the Kamas Valley Cattle Allotment. The acres displayed in Table B-9-1 in Appendix B-9 and Table 2-3 in Chapter 2 of the FEIS has been adjusted to reflect to the decision for this EA.

Corrections to Appendix I, Table I-1 in the FEIS accompanying the Wasatch-Cache National Forest LRMP –Table I-1 in Appendix I contained a listing of open and closed allotments, the allotment type and acreage, and the status (open, closed, closed if waived without preference) among alternatives considered for the forest plan. Amendment 10 increases the acreage of the Kamas Valley Allotment in Table I-1 to reflect the decision for this EA.

Table 2-3. Suitable Lands, Acres by Alternative

| | Alternative | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Suited ¹ Lands for Aspen Timber Production | 0 | 0 | 1,600 | 27,800 | 74,500 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Suited ¹ Lands for Conifer Timber Production | 0 | 0 | 36,400 | 166,100 | 151,500 | 27,700 | 27,700 |
| Timber Harvest Allowed “Unsuited” ² | 0 | 79,900 | 131,600 | 55,200 | 71,800 | 72,100 | 171,400 |
| Forest-Wide Capable and Suitable Range Lands ³ | | 251,900 | 299,700 | 300,100 | 300,100 | 288,300 | 296,200 ^{6/} 296,700 |
| Lands Available for Oil and Gas Leasing, ASZ ⁴ | 0 | 40,100 | 50,100 | N/A | 68,300 | 48,300 | 47,900 |
| Lands Not Available for Oil and Gas Leasing, ASZ ⁴ | 68,300 | 28,200 | 18,200 | N/A | 0 | 20,000 | 20,400 |
| Total Lands Available for Oil and Gas Leasing ⁵ | 140,400 | 180,500 | 190,500 | 140,400 | 208,700 | 188,700 | 188,300 |

¹ Suited by definition is only available capable lands within Prescription 5.2 or 6.2.

² Areas with characteristics conducive to timber harvest (capable and available), Prescriptions that allow timber harvest to meet other needs, but are “unsuited” by definition because they are not mapped with Prescription 5.2 or 6.2.

³Table RN-4, FEIS Appendix B-9 provides discussion of basis for projections.

⁴North Slope Appeal Settlement Zone area only.

⁵North Slope Uinta Mountains, 1994 Leasing Decision plus Revised Forest Plan Decision.

⁶Corrected from 288,300 in FEIS to 296,200 in Errata #2 dated July 1, 2009.

Table 2-4. Acres of Summer Recreation Opportunity Classes Existing Conditions and Alternatives

| ROS Category | Alternative and Existing Condition (EC) | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4/1985 | 5 | 6 | 7 | EC |
| Wilderness/Primitive ¹ | 36,500 | 36,500 | 36,500 | 307,500 | 36,500 | 36,500 | 36,500 | 36,500 |
| Wilderness/SPNM ² | 272,400 | 272,400 | 272,400 | 0 | 272,400 | 272,400 | 272,500 | 272,500 |
| SPNM ³ | 556,200 | 436,300 | 392,100 | 241,900 | 308,400 | 411,800 | 416,100 | 416,100 |
| SPM ⁴ | 135,800 | 188,700 | 223,600 | 85,600 | 268,800 | 201,400 | 276,800 | 276,800 |
| RN(Roaded Natural) | 234,600 | 301,500 | 311,100 | 545,600 | 349,300 | 313,400 | 227,900 | 233,600 |
| Rural | 720 | 720 | 720 | 13,600 | 720 | 720 | 6,400 | 720 |
| Urban | 144 | 144 | 144 | 0 | 144 | 144 | 144 | 144 |
| NA ⁵ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45,200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL ⁶ | 1,236,364 | 1,236,264 | 1,236,564 | 1,239,400 | 1,236,264 | 1,236,364 | 1,236,344 | 1,236,364 |

Table B9-1. Analysis used for determining rangeland suitability by alternative.

| Criteria | Alt 1 | Alt 2 | Alt 3 | Alt 4 | Alt 5 | Alt 6 | Alt 7 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------------------|
| Total Forest Capable Acres | 369,900 | 369,900 | 369,900 | 369,900 | 369,900 | 369,900 | 369,900 |
| Capable Acres Within Currently Open (Active & Vacant) Allotments | 302,700 | 302,700 | 302,700 | 302,700 | 302,700 | 302,700 | 309,110 ⁶ 309,650 |
| Developed Rec. Sites Within Currently Open Allotments ¹ | -2,700 | -2,700 | -2,700 | -2,700 | -2,700 | -2,700 | -2,700 |
| Capable Acres Within Currently Open Allotments | 300,000 | 300,000 | 300,000 | 300,000 | 300,000 | 300,000 | 300,000 300,500 |
| Capable Acres Removed within Vacant Allotments Closed for Maintaining Resource Conditions ² | -10,392 | -10,392 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -2,453 |
| Capable Acres Removed within Vacant Allotments Closed For Bighorn Sheep ³ | -7,760 | -7,760 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -7,760 | -7,760 |
| Uplands Acres Removed - Not Meeting FP Objectives ⁴ | -16,200 | -16,200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -16,200 | 0 |
| Riparian Acres Removed - Not Meeting FP Objectives ⁴ | -2,100 | -2,100 | -2,100 | 0 | 0 | -2,100 | 0 |
| Acres Removed for Cutthroat Trout Management ⁵ | 0 | -26,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Capable and Suitable Acres | 263,548 | 237,548 | 297,900 | 300,000 | 300,000 | 273,940 | 296,197 ⁷ 296,730 |
| Percent of Capable and Within Currently Open Allotments (302,700 acres) | 87.8% | 79.2% | 99.3% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 91.3% | 96.6% |

¹ Information from Forest Corporate GIS database.

² Alternatives 1 and 2 close all vacant allotments and Alternative 7 closes those vacant allotments (Clegg, Hardscrabble, Mill Canyon, Shingle Mill and Wright) within the Salt Lake and Davis County watersheds for watershed condition maintenance.

³ Vacant allotments (Burro Peaks, Thompson Peak, and West Beaver) closed for bighorn sheep health purposes. This would reduce suitable acres by 7,800 acres.

⁴ Information extrapolated from monitored areas (INFRA database) and applied forest-wide.

⁵ Entire watershed acres removed within allotments with both known cutthroat trout populations and reported riparian acres in unsatisfactory condition.

⁶ Corrected from 302,700 in Errata #2, July 1, 2009.

⁷ Corrected from 289,787 in Errata #2, July 1, 2009.

Potential Future Changes in Suitable Acres - In addition to the closure of vacant allotments in the Eastern Uintas Management Area (Burro Peaks, Thompson Peak, and West Beaver) for bighorn sheep habitat, Alternatives 1, 2, and 6 allow for the future closure of Gilbert Peak, Henry's Fork-Hessie Lake, & Red Castle Allotments should those permits be voluntarily waived without preference. This would reduce suitable acres by 9,500 acres. Alternative 7 allows for these, as well as East Fork Blacks Fork, West Fork Blacks Fork, East Fork Bear River, and Stillwater allotments to be closed if permits are voluntarily waived without preference. This would reduce suitable acres by 9,800 acres (for a total of 19,300 acres) with the associated benefit being reduced risk for disease transmission from domestic sheep to bighorn sheep as well as watershed protection and establishment of ungrazed benchmarks. Given that these Allotment closures would be based strictly on voluntary actions by permit holders, net effects on permittee

APPENDIX I³**Current Allotment Status and Allotment Status by Alternative**

Table I-1 lists all open allotments on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest, their type (cattle, sheep, or sheep & cattle combined) and their current status as well as their proposed status by each alternative:

- o = open, grazed
- c = closed
- ah = allotments closed only if permits are voluntarily waived without preference (for the benefit of bighorn sheep habitat and disease prevention).

| Table I-1: Status of Currently Open Allotments by Alternative | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Total Acres¹ | Allotment Type | Current Status² | Alt 1 | Alt 2 | Alt 3 | Alt 4 | Alt 5 | Alt 6 | Alt 7 |
| Stansbury Mountain Allotments | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barlow Deadman | 6,250 | Cattle | o | c | c | o | o | o | o | o |
| Others – Open all allotments | 5,900 | Sheep | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | o |
| Others – Open all allotments | 37,900 | Cattle | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | o |
| Bear River Range and Wasatch Range Allotments | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blacksmith Fork | 550 | Cattle | o | c | c | o | o | o | o | o |
| Clegg | 900 | Sheep | o | c | c | o | o | o | o | c |
| Hardscrabble | 300 | Sheep | o | c | c | o | o | o | o | c |
| Mill Canyon | 750 | Sheep | o | c | c | o | o | o | o | c |
| Pete's Hollow | 3,150 | Sheep | o | c | c | o | o | o | o | o |
| Shingle Mill | 300 | Sheep | o | c | c | o | o | o | o | c |
| Wright | 5,900 | Sheep | o | c | c | o | o | o | o | c |
| Others – Open all allotments | 150,700 | Sheep | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | o |
| Others – Open all allotments | 171,000 | Cattle | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | o |
| Others – Open all allotments | 500 | Cattle & Sheep | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | o |
| Uinta Mountains Allotments | | | | | | | | | | |
| Burro Peaks | 19,950 | Sheep | o | c | c | o | o | c | c | c |
| East Fork Bear River | 19,800 | Cattle | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | ah |
| East Fork Blacks Fork | 25,400 | Sheep | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | ah |
| Gilbert Peak | 11,150 | Sheep | o | ah | ah | o | o | o | ah | ah |
| Henry's Fork - Hessie Lake | 14,150 | Sheep | o | ah | ah | o | o | o | ah | ah |
| Red Castle | 15,150 | Sheep | o | ah | ah | o | o | o | ah | ah |
| Smith – Morehouse | 15,300 | Sheep | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | ah |
| Stillwater | 26,450 | Sheep | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | ah |
| Thompson Peak | 14,150 | Sheep | o | c | c | o | o | c | c | c |
| West Beaver | 11,100 | Sheep | o | c | c | o | o | c | c | c |
| West Fork Blacks Fork | 14,800 | Sheep | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | ah |
| Others – Open all allotments | 78,400 | Sheep | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | o |
| Others – Open all allotments | 238,050 239,940 | Cattle | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | o |

Figures I-1, I-2, I-3, and I-4 show where these allotments occur on the Forest.

¹ Acreage figures are approximate – Rounded to nearest 50 acres.

² Current is defined as February 2003 when the Final Environmental Impact Statement Appendices was printed.

³ Table I-1 was updated in Errata #2, July 1, 2009