

Changes to Chapter 3 Between Draft and Final EIS

An explanation of how and why MPCs were used in the effects analyses was added to the end of the Introduction section.

Most resource sections updated their analyses based on new or changed data since the DEIS. For example, the SPECTRUM model was rerun for the FEIS to show differences in vegetation size class and density that resulted from large-scale fires in the year 2000. These differences were incorporated in analyses for numerous sections in the FEIS, including SWRA, Vegetation Diversity, Vegetation Hazard, Terrestrial Habitat and Species, Timberland Resources, Recreation, Scenic Environment, and Socio-economics.

The Air Quality and Smoke Management section was greatly expanded to address individual airsheds, as well as additional requirements and comments from EPA.

In the SWRA Resources section, Issues #3 and #4 were reorganized so that the soil, water, and riparian analysis was separated from the aquatic habitat and species analysis.

The MIS were changed in the Terrestrial Habitat and Species section to better meet requirements for these species under the National Forest Management Act.

The Vegetation Diversity section was expanded to include a more detailed analysis of riparian vegetation and incorporate more indicators for non-forested vegetation. The Vegetation Hazard section was expanded to analyze effects to non-forested vegetation.

The head month indicator in the Rangeland Resources section was eliminated.

In the Recreation section, the issue indicators were changed and expanded to address comments and concerns on the DEIS. In the Scenic Environment section, three new indicators were added to address comments and concerns on the DEIS.

In the Inventoried Roadless Areas section, two new issues were added (forest health and the Roadless Conservation Rule), and indicators were expanded to address comments and concerns on the DEIS

A new eligibility study was conducted, resulting in a new assemblage of eligible river segments in the Wild and Scenic Rivers section.

In the Socio-economic section, Gooding and Weiser were added to the local community assessments, and all assessments were expanded to provide a more in-depth examination of job and income patterns.

A Resource Commitment section was added to address effects disclosures required under CEQ implementing regulations for the National Environmental Policy Act.