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Toiyabe National Forest  
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Reply To: 2320/1950

Date: September 12, 1994

Dear Customer:

Enclosed is the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Forest Supervisor's decision to amend the Toiyabe National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP). This amendment reassigns those Toiyabe Wildernesses designated by the Nevada Wilderness Protection Act of 1989 (the Act) to LRMP Management Area 5 - Existing Wilderness. This decision designates no new Wilderness but rather assures that the LRMP, which predates the Act, is consistent with existing legislation. This Decision Notice and FONSI reference the analysis of roadless areas, Wilderness Qualities, and present and potential Wilderness conducted during the development of the LRMP and documented in Appendix C of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the LRMP. This decision formally recognizes that the Wildernesses designated by the Act and administered by the Toiyabe will be managed as Wilderness in accordance with the Act and the Wilderness Act of 1964.

The Act designated five Wildernesses on the Toiyabe - the Mount Rose in the Carson Range north of Lake Tahoe and southwest of Reno; the Mount Charleston in the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area northwest of Las Vegas; and the Arc Dome, Alta Toquima and Table Mountain Wildernesses in the Austin and Tonopah Ranger Districts in central Nevada. The amendment transfers these areas from the management areas in which they were previously included and places them under the direction and guidance established for the Existing Wilderness Management area. For further information on this decision, contact Scott Lamoreux at the Supervisor's Office of the Toiyabe National Forest, 1200 Franklin Way, Sparks, Nevada, 89431.

Sincerely,

R.M. NELSON  
Forest Supervisor

Enclosures

cc: R.Larkin  
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DECISION NOTICE

FOREST PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 4  
LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

USDA Forest Service  
Toiyabe National Forest  
Alpine, El Dorado, Lassen, Nevada, Placer, and Sierra Counties, California  
and  
Clark, Douglas, Eureka, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, Washoe, and Carson City  
Counties, Nevada

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was prepared and finalized in 1986 in conjunction with the development of the Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) for the Toiyabe National Forest. The Final EIS (FEIS) and LRMP were approved in a Record of Decision dated June 23, 1986. One component of the analysis provided by the FEIS was a discussion of roadless areas, Wilderness qualities, and present and potential Wilderness. This analysis was documented in Appendix C of the FEIS. Since the approval of the FEIS and LRMP in 1986, the Nevada Wilderness Protection Act (the Act) was signed into law on December 5, 1989. This act designated five new Wilderness areas on the Toiyabe: the Mount Rose in the Carson Range north of Lake Tahoe and southwest of Reno; the Mount Charleston in the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area northwest of Las Vegas; and the Arc Dome, Alta Toquima and Table Mountain Wildernesses in the Austin and Tonopah Ranger Districts in central Nevada.

The Wilderness designations prescribed by the Act have, up to this time, not been officially incorporated in the LRMP. While the Wilderness designations of the Act take precedence over the recommendations for Wilderness in the LRMP, the analysis provided in the FEIS still constitutes a thorough and valid assessment of the Wilderness qualities and consequences of Wilderness versus nonwilderness designations.

As per Chapter 30.3 of FSH 1909.15 - Environmental Policy and Procedures Handbook WO Amendment 1909.15-92-1, a new decision notice may be issued when an action has been sufficiently analyzed in a completed EIS but not approved in an appropriate decision document. Therefore, it is my decision to herein amend the Toiyabe National Forest Land and Resource Plan to include the Wilderness allocations made in the Act. This amendment incorporates these five Wildernesses into LRMP Management Area 5 - Existing Wilderness and removes them from the Management Areas in which they were originally included. The general direction already established for the Existing Wilderness Management Area henceforth will also be applied to these five additional Wildernesses. The amendment essentially updates the TLRMP to make it consistent with the Act. In conjunction with the Wilderness Act of 1964, the Act already requires that the Wildernesses that it designated be managed as Wilderness.

The National Forest Management Act (NFMA) regulations at 36 CFR 219.10 (f) state that:

The Forest Supervisor may amend the Forest Plan. Based on an analysis of the objectives, guidelines, and other contents of the Forest Plan, the Forest Supervisor shall determine whether a proposed amendment would result in a significant change in the Plan. If the proposed amendment is determined to be significant, the Forest Supervisor shall follow the same procedure as that required for development and approval of a Forest Plan.

Adoption of this amendment will not significantly alter Forest Plan goals, objectives, or outputs. Therefore the Forest Supervisor of the Toiyabe may approve this amendment and Regional Forester approval and the ten-step planning process required for significant amendments are not necessary.

As per the accompanying Finding of No Significant Impact, this decision will not implement a major federal action affecting the quality of the human environment and does not require an EIS.

This decision to amend the TLMP is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 217.3. A written Notice of Appeal must be postmarked within 45 days after the date this notice is published in the Reno Gazette-Journal, Reno, Nevada. The Notice of Appeal should be sent to, USDA, Forest Service, Intermountain Region, ATTN: Appeals Deciding Officer, 324 25th Street, Ogden, Utah 84401, (801)-625-5605.

Appeals must meet the requirements of 36 CFR 217.9. For further information on this decision, contact Scott Lamoreux at 1200 Franklin Way, Sparks, Nevada 89431 or at (702) 331-6444.

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