

DECISION MEMO

FOREST LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN
AMENDMENT NO. 2

Grant, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, and Wheeler Counties, Oregon
Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, and Walla Walla Counties, Washington
Umatilla National Forest

Amendment No. 2 to the Forest Land and Resource Management Plan is to correct exception for current use not intended to be foreclosed by Forest Plan direction.

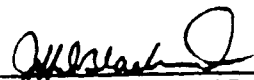
It is my decision to amend the Umatilla National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan to include the changes noted on the attached amendment page. To make the Plan consistent with this amendment decision you should insert this amendment into your Forest Plan documents and make the noted changes to the specified pages.

The scoping process was based upon past issues and concerns that were generated during the draft stages of the Forest Plan. A Forest Plan 'Errata' was mailed out (October, 1990) to those who have complete Forest Plan packets. From this 'Errata' no public comment has been received.

This amendment is not significant in relation to the National Forest Management Act 36 CFR 219.10 (f), and is consistent with the long-term resource management goals and objectives of the Umatilla National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.

I have determined that this action is within category 1 (administrative actions) of sections 26.1 of Interim Directive No. 3 of FSH 1909.15 of January 12, 1990, and it does not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect (40 CFR 1508.22) on the quality of the human environment, and therefore may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Environmental Assessment (EA) at 7 CFR 1b.3. This action will have limited context and intensity, individually or cumulatively, to the biological, physical, social, or economic components of the human environment.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 217. Any written notice of appeal of this decision must be fully consistent with 36 CFR 217.9 (Content of a Notice of Appeal) and must include the reasons for appeal. A written notice of appeal must be filed in duplicate and sent to John Butruille, Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region, 319 SW Pine, Post Office Box 3623, Portland, Oregon 97204-3623. This must occur within 45 days of the date the legal notice announcing this decision appeared in the East Oregonian newspaper (which equates on or before April 29, 1991). Implementation of this action may not occur before March 22, 1991. For further information contact Lyle Jensen, Planning Staff Officer, Umatilla National Forest, 2517 SW Hailey, Pendleton, Oregon, (503) 276-3811.


JEFF D. BLACKWOOD
Forest Supervisor

3/8/91
Date

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Plan p. 4-95. Insert a new fourth paragraph under Recreation. "Exception: in the A1 Management Area existing motorized use will be allowed to continue on the trail (trail #3135) that follows the north bank of the Tucannon River."

Plan p. 4-107. Excepted Portions Table. After "Road 44 to Forest Boundary," add exception statement "(except in T.7N., R.43E., section 29, east of Road 40)."