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As the responsible official for the Uinta National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (UNF FP), this memo describes the process and summarizes the results by which management direction has been assigned to lands that will be used for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, and land exchanges and corrections that will be made to update the UNF FP and associated Forest Service GIS database. This memo presents the process of assigning management direction, the rationale for the process, and results of changes in management direction for the Forest.

Process - The process of assigning management direction for land management adjustments and associated GIS layers is based on the cause of the adjustment/acquisition, as well as the forest plan direction found on adjacent parcels. This correction was caused by the H.R. 2551 (Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act) and adjacent parcels were identified using GIS data of the UNF FP.

Rationale

- 1. Changes caused by laws:** The 117th Congress passed “H.R. 2551, AN ACT To designate and adjust certain lands in the State of Utah as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes”. ... “SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act may be cited as the “Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act”. This act adjusts Wilderness boundaries by removing from Wilderness designation certain lands of the Mount Naomi (11.17 acres), Mount Olympus (197.4 acres), Twin Peaks (9.8 acres), and Lone Peak Wilderness (107.9 acres) areas (Table 1) for the purpose of providing a location for the Bonneville Shoreline trail and certain lands of the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest within Mill Creek Canyon (326.27 acres) are incorporated into the Mount Olympic Wilderness.
- 2. Changes caused by land exchanges:** One parcel of land was added to the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest through a land exchange on the Pleasant Grove Ranger District. This is known as the Welch Land Exchange. Lands added to Federal Management were adjacent to Forest Lands that are guided by the UNF FP and will be managed by that forest plan. Lands removed from Federal Management are identified in this correction and will be removed from the GIS database.
- 3. Changes caused by improved information:** Several small slivers of land were corrected in the database because of data corrections. These corrections are only reflected in the GIS layers and are reflected in Table 2.



Under 36 CFR 219.13(c), Plan amendment and administrative changes, states

Administrative changes. *An administrative change is any change to a plan that is not a plan amendment or plan revision. Administrative changes include corrections of clerical errors to any part of the plan, conformance of the plan to new statutory or regulatory requirements, or changes to other content in the plan (§ 219.7(f)).*

FSH 1909.12, 22.2. states:

... With respect to land that is acquired through land exchange or other means, the Forestwide plan components apply to that land automatically. Additionally, the plan components for the management or geographic area within which the land lies in whole or in large part will apply, unless the plan is amended to add plan components specific to that land.

FSH 1009.12 – LAND MANAGEMENT PLANNING HANDBOOK, CHAPTER 2) – LAND MANGEMENT PLAN, 21.5 – Administrative Changes states

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Administrative changes are:

- 1. Corrections of clerical errors to any plan content, including plan components;*
- 2. Any changes to plan content, including plan components, when necessary to conform the plan to new statutory or regulatory requirements, for which there is no discretion.*
- 3. Any other changes to plan content except for changes to the substance of plan components, or to the application of plan components to specific areas within the planning area.*

The Responsible Official shall give public notice before issuing an administrative change (36 CFR 219.13(c)(2)). The public notice may be made in any way the Responsible Official deems appropriate, except for, at a minimum; the notice must be posted online on the administrative unit's planning website.

After reviewing comments on the proposed change, if any, the Responsible Official may make the change effective by posting the change online. Administrative changes are not subject to the objection process (36 CFR 219.50).

The above passage means that changes to Forest Plan management components for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail can be done using an administrative change because the plan is being made to conform to new statutory requirements.

Results – Due to the statutory change of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act, changes have been made to management prescriptions (MPC), scenery management systems (SMS) and recreation opportunity spectrum (ROS) (Table 1). These changes reflect land management adjustments to Wilderness and adjusting parcels in and out of wilderness designation.

Table 1. Summary of changes to management direction for lands removed from Wilderness designation.

Parcel Number	Area (acres) ⁽¹⁾	Status and Disposition
Lone Peak Wilderness (removed)	88.7	MPC is 3.2. Matches MPC to the north. ROS and Winter Rec matches adjacent parcel.
Welch Land Exchange	11.2	MPC is 4.4. Trailhead expansion, ROS and Winter Rec matches adjacent parcel.

⁽¹⁾ Acres rounded to the nearest whole number.

The Uinta Forest Plan Record of Decision page ROD-17 Table 1 Management prescription Areas has also been updated (Table 2).

Table 2. Management prescription area changed from this action.

Prescription Category	Prescription Name (Number)	Acres
Wilderness	1.4 Wilderness	58,300 58,211 (Letter to the file June 2023)
	1.5 Recommended Wilderness	9,937
Special Management Areas	2.1 Wild and Scenic Rivers – Wild	0
	2.2 Wild and Scenic Rivers – Scenic	0
	2.3 Wild and Scenic Rivers – Recreational	281
	2.4 Research Natural Areas	286
	2.5 Scenic Byways	11,085
	2.6 Undeveloped	19,690
Aquatic, Terrestrial, and Hydrologic Resources	3.1 Aquatic, Terrestrial, and Hydrologic	103,647
	3.2 Watershed Emphasis	86,994 87,080 (Letter to the file June 2023)
	3.3 Aquatic and Terrestrial Habitat	162,216 162,151 (Letter to the file June 2023)
Recreation	4.4 Dispersed Recreation	86,143 86,145 (Letter to the file June 2023)
	4.5 Developed Recreation	2,346
Forested Ecosystems	5.1 Dev.	148,601
	5.2 Mgt.	74,357
Non-Forested Ecosystems	6.1 Non-forested Ecosystems	118,158
Wildland Urban Interface	7.0 Wildland Urban Interface	106,504 106,230 (Letter to the file June 2023)
Long-Term Use or Occupancy	8.1 Mineral Development	94
	8.2 Utility Corridor/Communication Sites	16,196
	8.3 Administrative Sites	147
	8.4 Recreation Residences	209

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