

Forest Plan Amendments

Revised Forest Plan Amendment #1 to reallocate certain lands within South Waldron Ridge and East Newman ecological management units (7/10/08)

Currently, an old growth restoration area (Management Area 21) is designated in the South Waldron Ridge ecosystem management unit (C-296 and C-297) and the northern portions of East Newman ecosystem management unit (C-313 and C-314). This amendment would reallocate the Management Area 21 lands in South Waldron Ridge to Management Area 14 and 9 and increase the designated old growth restoration area (Management Area 21) of East Newman by approximately 3,984 acres to include the entire East Newman ecosystem management unit.

Revised Forest Plan Amendment #2 to reallocate certain lands within Shadley ecological management unit (10/19/09)

Currently, the Revised Forest Plan aligns Management Area 17 (semi-primitive) boundaries along section lines rather than topographic features. This amendment would correct this inaccuracy in the Shadley project area by reallocating MA 17 (semi-primitive) acres to MA 9 (water and riparian communities) and MA 14 (Ouachita Mountains, Habitat Diversity).

In Shadley, MA 17 acres would be reduced 1,445 acres from 5,027 acres to 3,582 acres; MA 9 acres would increase 2 acres from 812 acres to 814; MA 14 acres would increase 1,513 acres from 736 acres to 2,249 acres; and MA 21 would decrease 70 acres from 1,282 acres to 1,212 acres.

Revised Forest Plan Amendment #3 to implement the National Travel Management Rule (01/08/10)

Previously, the Revised Forest Plan did not prohibit cross-country travel; however, Subpart B of the **National Travel Management Rule** (36 CFR §212.51) required a system of roads and trails be designated for travel by motorized vehicles. The National Travel Management Rule also prohibited motorized vehicle use off designated roads and trails and outside designated areas. The amendment also changes the Revised Forest Plan to allow limited motor vehicle use for big game retrieval.