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The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests is making the following administrative changes to the 2025 Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests Land Management Plan:

- Page 7 – add “diversity” to the last sentence of the first paragraph under Ecological Diversity, to complete the reference to the Glossary for “ecosystem diversity”.
- Page 39 – Change “Guideline FW-GL-FIRE-03” to “Guideline FW-GL-FIRE-04” in the last paragraph on this page.
- Page 53 – Change “FW-STD-ARLND-04” to “FW-STD-ARLND-03” in the first paragraph at the top of the page.
- Page 56 – Within FW-STD-CWN-01, replace “Watershed” with “watershed”.
- Page 97 – In Table 30, replace “MA2-SUIT-DWSR-07” and “MA2-SUIT-DWSR-08” with “MA1-SUIT-DWSR-07” and “MA1-SUIT-DWSR-07”.
- Page 111 – In Table 39, replace the superscript “2” with “3” in the table and replace the reference to superscript 2 with “Except in the following current allotments: Buckner, Cedar, and Musselshell.”
- Land Management Plan Appendices, Appendix 2, Page 46 – remove the second glossary entry and definition for “Scenic Integrity Objective”.
- Land Management Plan Appendices, Appendix 4, Page 138 – remove “Ecosystem Component” from the heading and replace it with “Fire Management”.
- Land Management Plan Appendices, Appendix 4, Page 169 – remove “These desired conditions” from the first paragraph.

The purpose for these changes is to make corrections for accurate references to definitions, plan components, terminology, and remove an unfinished sentence (pp. 7, 35, 53, 56, 97, Appendix 2, p. 56, and Appendix 4, p. 169). The purpose of the administrative change on page 111 in Table 39 is to accurately reflect the suitability of livestock grazing within the Lolo Trail National Historic Landmark.

The administrative change does not change desired conditions, goals, objectives, standards, guidelines, or suitability determinations in the land management plan or where such direction applies. The administrative change does not change the monitoring plan.

The administrative changes are provided below and will be effective on August 11, 2025.



Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Administrative change to the Nez Perce-Clearwater Forests Land Management Plan

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Definitions of ecosystem and ecosystem **diversity**, as well as other helpful terms, are available in the Glossary (Appendix 2).

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Guideline FW-GDL-FIRE-03~~4~~ identifies exceptions to snag retention requirements for safety purposes.

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Aquatic restoration is also encouraged in HUC12 sub-watersheds outside of the Conservation Watershed Network that are important for meeting recovery of listed species. For other plan components related to conservation watershed networks see FW-STD-ARINF-07, FW-STD-ARLND-03, and FW-STD-ARLND-04~~3~~.

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FW-STD-CWN-01. In Conservation Network ~~w~~Watersheds not meeting aquatic and riparian desired conditions, activities shall be designed and implemented in a manner that supports and contributes towards the recovery of federally listed species and the achievement of these desired conditions and does not retard them when evaluated at the HUC12 subwatershed scale. Short-term adverse effects from project activities may occur when they support the long-term recovery of aquatic and riparian desired conditions and federally listed species.

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Table 30. Management action suitability on designated Wild and Scenic Rivers

Management Action	Wild Segment Suitability	Scenic and Recreation Segment Suitability
MA1-SUIT-DWSR-01. Timber Production	No	No
MA1-SUIT-DWSR-02. Timber Harvest	No ¹	Yes ¹
MA1-SUIT-DWSR-03. Road Construction	No ²	Yes ²
MA1-SUIT-DWSR-04. Prescribed Fire	Yes	Yes
MA1-SUIT-DWSR-05. Livestock Grazing	Yes	Yes
MA1-SUIT-DWSR-06. Minerals Materials-Saleable	No ³	Yes ³
MA<u>1</u>2-SUIT-DWSR-07. Minerals Materials-Leasable	No ³	Yes ³
MA<u>1</u>2-SUIT-DWSR-08. Minerals Materials-Locatable	No ³	Yes ³
MA1-SUIT-DWSR-09. Construction of new permanent buildings ⁶ or structures	Yes ⁴	Yes ⁴
MA1-SUIT-DWSR-10. Motorized travel	No ⁵	Yes ⁵
MA1-SUIT-DWSR-11. Mechanized travel (for example, bicycles, game carts)	No ⁵	Yes ⁵



¹Subject to river management plan or policy direction in FSM 2354.42(d)

²Subject to river management plan or policy direction in FSM 2354.42(g)

³Subject to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, Section 9, and the General Mining Act of 1872

⁴Subject to river management plan or policy direction in FSM 2354.42(c) and (f)

⁵Subject to river management plan or policy direction in FSM 2354.42(o), except for motorized boats in the Salmon River, per the designating legislation and Comprehensive River Management Plan.

⁶Building is defined as a structure designed to be inhabited.

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Table 39. Management action suitability in the Lolo Trail National Historic Landmark

Management Action	Suitability
GA-SUIT-NHL-01. Timber Production	No
GA-SUIT-NHL-02. Timber Harvest	No
GA-SUIT-NHL-03. Permanent Road Construction	Yes ¹
GA-SUIT-NHL-04. Temporary Road Construction	Yes ¹
GA-SUIT-NHL-05. Prescribed Fire	Yes
GA-SUIT-NHL-06. Livestock Grazing	No ²
GA-SUIT-NHL-07. Minerals Materials-Saleable	No
GA-SUIT-NHL-08. Construction of new permanent buildings ²³ or structures	No
GA-SUIT-NHL-09. Over-snow vehicle motorized use	Yes
GA-SUIT-NHL-10. Recreational motorized travel	Yes
GA-SUIT-NHL-11. Recreational mechanized travel (for example, bicycles, game carts)	Yes

¹Only if the purpose is to benefit integrity of the Lolo Trail National Historic Landmark and integrity is maintained, see GA-STD-NHL-02.

²Except in the following current active allotments: Buckner, Cedar, and Musselshell. ~~Beginning May 2024, the Cedar Allotment will become vacant and the Musselshell Allotment will be administratively closed.~~

³Building is defined as a structure designed to be inhabited.

Land Management Plan Appendices, Appendix 2, Page 46

~~**Scenic Integrity Objective:** The minimum level of scenic integrity allowable on each acre of the forest in order to indicate whether or not the scenic character is being maintained or enhanced.~~

Land Management Plan Appendices, Appendix 4, Page 138

Potential Management Approaches: Ecosystem Component Fire Management

Purpose of Plan Component(s)

The desired conditions describe the characteristics of Riparian Management Zones that projects may strive to maintain or achieve, emphasizing the importance of these areas to stream function. Important indicators to consider are summer and winter thermal regulation, nutrient filtering, appropriate rates of surface erosion, bank erosion, and channel migration. In this case, the word “appropriate” is intended to be synonymous to those conditions that occur in reference watersheds, that are largely unaltered by human caused actions. A key concept is maintaining or achieving a range of riparian conditions in managed watersheds that is similar or the same as reference watersheds. ~~These desired conditions~~