

DECISION MEMO
Forest Plan Amendment Number 7
Custer National Forest

The purpose of Amendment Number 7 is to change the budget as displayed in the Forest Plan on page 163. There have been some changes in funding needed to implement the Forest Plan and this amendment recognized these changes.

Comments related to the budget amendment were received from four sources. Comments varied from recognizing the need for more funding for access acquisition and noxious weed control to recommendations to shift money from recreation to noxious weed control. One respondent questioned the shifting of funds from recreation to minerals which is not within the scope of this amendment. There was also a comment that the proposed increase in wildlife funding would not be needed if range condition were brought up to optimum condition. A concern was also expressed that recreation funding should be allocated to commodity type activities as there is little income generated by investing in recreation management.

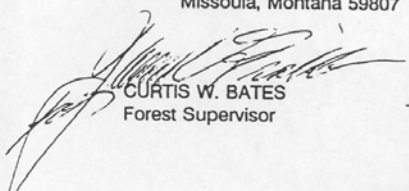
Adoption of this amendment will not significantly change the forest-wide environmental impacts disclosed in the Custer National Forest Plan Environmental Impact Statement. This amendment is categorically excluded from further documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement or Environmental Assessment (FSM 1950 Interim Directive No. 18 and FSH 1909.15 Interim Directive No. 2).

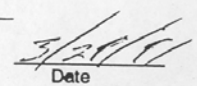
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Implementation of this decision shall not occur for seven days following publication of the legal notice (36 CFR 217.0). This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 217.8 and 36 CFR 217.9. Two copies of the notice of appeal and statement of reasons must be in writing and submitted within 45 days following the publication of this decision to:

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Forest Supervisor


Date

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Billings, Montana**

Following is the budget as amended. This replaces the existing Appendix III found on page 163 of the Forest Plan.

Fund- ing Item	Description	Forest Plan (1984 dollars)	Forest Plan (1990 dollars)	1990 Budget (1990 dollars)	Amended Budget (1990 dollars)
00	General Administration	1,959	2,404	1,743	2,404
01	Fire Protection	525	644	220	316
02	Fire Protection - Fuels	125	153	96	153
03	Timber Prep/Administration	146	179	117	179
04	Timber Resource Planing	24	29	131	29
05	Timber Silvicultural Exams	65	80	148	112
06	Range	1,221	1,498	883	1,498
07	Range (Noxious Weeds)	159	195	77	195
08	Minerals	1,155	1,417	709	1,547
09	Cultural		0	0	265
09	Wilderness		0	0	100
09	Recreation (Developed - Dispersed)		0	0	450
09	Recreation (Total 09)	350	430	437	815
10	Wildlife and Fish	408	501	279	936
11	Soil and Water	1,038	1,274	200	270
12	Maintenance of Facilities	70	86	48	86
13	Special Uses	230	282	197	200
15	Land Adjustment and Ownership	95	117	68	140
16	Landline Location	129	158	130	180
17	Road Maintenance	334	410	287	410
18	Trail Maintenance	70	86	72	160
19	Coop Law Enforcement	15	18	20	25
20	REF/TSI - Reforestation	0	0	269	0
21	REF/TSI - Timber Stand Improvement	0	0	39	0
23	REF/TSI - Genetic Tree Improvement	19	23	8	23
25*	SCSEP	20	24		24
26*	KV - Reforestation	6	7	10	7
27*	KV - Timber Stand Improvement	20	25	11	25
28*	KV - Other	0	0	14	15
29*	CWFS - Other	0	0	8	25
31*	Brush Disposal	26	32	30	32
32	Range Betterment Fund	324	398	110	438
33*	Const. - Recreation Facilities	60	74	5	265
34*	Const. - FA&O Facilities	286	351	0	305
35	Const. - Engineering Support	360	442	376	450
36*	Const. - Capitol Investment Roads	106	130	0	500
37	Const. - Trails	26	32	79	100
38*	Purchaser Credit	15	18	0	18
42	Land Status	10	12	0	15
43	Land Acquisition	10	12	20	40