

**Amendment Transmittal Form  
Land and Resource Management Plan  
Routt National Forest**

**Amendment # 2**

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3-51 - 3-52 plus Maps of Management Area Prescriptions	1	2

Changes Made: Minor changes to the mapped management area prescriptions in the Mt. Zirkel Wilderness to facilitate relocation of a portion of the Luna Lake Trail as follows:

- \* 580 acres of Mgmt. Area 1.11 (Pristine Wilderness) re-allocated as 1.13 Mgmt. Area (Semi-Primitive Wilderness).
- \* 25 acres of Mgmt. Area 1.12 (Primitive Wilderness) re-allocated as 1.13 Mgmt. Area (Semi-Primitive Wilderness).
- \* 602 acres of Mgmt. Area 1.13 (Semi-Primitive Wilderness) re-allocated as 1.11 Mgmt. Area (Pristine Wilderness).

This amendment will result in a net change of acres in the three wilderness prescriptions in the Mt. Zirkel Wilderness as follows:

- 22 additional acres in the 1.11 management prescription,
- 25 fewer acres in the 1.12 mangement prescription,
- 3 additional acres in the 1.13 manegment prescription.

When compared to the 160,684 total acres in the entire Mt. Zirkel Wilderness, this minor swap of management prescription acres represents less than .03% net change.

Reason for Amendment:

This amendment will facilitate the relocation of a portion of the Luna Lake Trail that was impacted by the Routt Divide Blowdown event of 1997 to a more environmentally sound location. Trail corridors in the wilderness are typically categorized as 1.13 management area prescriptions. The amendment will allocate the new trail corridor to the 1.13 prescription. Conversely, 602 acres north of the existing trail corridor will no longer be influenced by sight and sounds of human use on the trail to be abandoned and rehabilitated. These acres will then properly fit the criteria (theme, setting, desired condition and standards and guidelines) for 1.11 Pristine Wilderness, and be re-allocated as such. The net result will be an approximate "swap" of management area prescription acres.

## Significance of the Amendment

The following factors are used when determining whether a proposed change to a forest plan is significant or not significant, based on NFMA planning requirements. Other factors may be considered, depending on the circumstances.

1. Timing. This forest plan amendment is an integral and necessary part of the proposed action. It will become effective when this decision is signed.

2. Location and Size. This amendment will “swap” management prescription acres and result in a net change of :

22 additional acres in the 1.11 management prescription,  
25 fewer acres in the 1.12 management prescription, and  
3 additional acres in the 1.13 management prescription.

When compared to the 160,684 total acres of these three prescriptions in the entire Mt. Zirkel Wilderness, this minor swap of management prescription acres represents less than .03 % net change.

3. Goals, Objectives and Outputs. There will be no change to the levels of outputs projected by the forest plan.

4. Management Prescriptions. The swap of management area prescriptions is specific to the location of the proposed action, and reflects the shift in recreational use and evidence of human activity from the existing trail corridor to the relocated trail corridor. The existing trail would be rehabilitated and naturalized. The area north of the former trail would be much less accessible, and would shift toward pristine wilderness conditions.

For the reasons listed above, this proposed amendment is considered to be a non-significant amendment.