

**1997 Revision of the Land and Resource Management Plan
Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests
and
Pawnee National Grassland**

July 2017

Amendment No. 12

Forest Plan: Two temporary removal of two forest plan standards in the Forsythe II project area for the duration of project implementation.

Geographic Areas Included: Caribou, Lump Gulch, Sugarloaf, and Thorodin

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Temporarily Suspended

Goal 95

Standard 2

Description:

The final decision notice for the Forsythe II Project on Boulder Ranger District of the Roosevelt National Forest contained language regarding this Forest Plan Amendment:

My decision includes two non-significant Forest Plan Amendments that will only be in effect for the duration of project implementation. I am removing the applicability of Forest Plan Goal 95 (Retain the integrity of effective habitat areas) and Forest Plan Standard 2 under Management Area 3.5 (Maintain or increase habitat effectiveness, except where new access is required by law) on NFS lands within the Forsythe II project area. The vegetation management activities under this decision will decrease the effective habitat from the existing condition because the treatment activities will likely further reduce effective habitat based on reduction in canopy closure from thinning, patchcuts, and clearcuts where they are in close proximity to roads or trails. Some effective habitat reductions from fuels treatments are expected to return to functioning as effective habitat in the long-term as trees grow back, depending on human activity.

The removal of the applicability of Forest Plan Goal 95 covers the 9,930 acres of NFS lands within the project area and Forest Plan Standard 2 under Management Area 3.5 covers 8,634 acres of NFS lands within the project area (see Chapter 3, Section 3.6 in the EA). These amendments will only pertain to this decision for the entirety of implementation.

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July 10, 2017

Date