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Mr. Andriy Zhugayevych
1841 Adams Way
Jamison, PA 18929

Dear Mr. Zhugayevych:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your correspondence dated February 24, 2015, for correction of information disseminated by the Forest Service regarding a map of Trail 19.

In researching your request, I have made contact with the Carson National Forest in Taos, New Mexico, and have learned that Trail 19 resides on the Camino Real Ranger District of the Carson. Coincidentally, the Carson's GIS and Regional Geometronomic teams are currently updating the Jicarita Peak quad map that will show the accurate location of Trail 19. The location of Trail 19 was determined by a Global Positioning System unit and the data transferred to that quad. Unfortunately, the Carson National Forest does not know the timeframe for publication of the new quad map.

We do appreciate your concern for ensuring that information available for public use is accurate and we will continue to strive to provide the most accurate information to the public.

If you have additional questions, please contact Sharon Parker, Data Quality Officer, at 703-605-5257 or sparker01@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

DAINA APPLE
Director, Knowledge Management and Communications

cc: Sharon Parker, Steve Okamoto, Andriy Zhugayevych



-----Original Message-----

From: Andriy Zhugayevych [mailto:andriy.zh@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 3:14 PM

To: Parker, Sharon -FS

Subject: Request for Correction

1) I state that the Request for Correction of Information is Submitted Under USDA's Information Quality Guidelines.

2) Requestor Contact Information:

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3) Description of Information to Correct:

USDA FSTopo map:

http://data.fs.usda.gov/geodata/rastergateway/data/36105/fstopo/360010530_Jicarita_Peak_FSTopo.pdf

(pdf date stamp 06.03.2012)

Trail 19 as plotted in squares 13, 14, 23 does not exist as of 06/07/2014. It is not maintained and disappears within a mile from its trailhead. See the attached file. Instead there is a new version of trail 19 posted on the trailhead at the end of forest road 161.

4) Explanation of Noncompliance with OMB and/or USDA Information Quality Guidelines:

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Obsolete information.

5) Explanation of the Effect of the Alleged Error:

There is a multitude of barely visible quickly vanishing trails along the pass of trail 19 from the mentioned USDA map. It is possible that a lot of hikers use published USDA maps instead of the map posted on the trailhead. All these hikers have to ascend through the forest densely piled with fallen trees without a trail.

6) Recommendation and Justification for How the Information Should Be Corrected:

Update online and published maps with the one posted at the trailhead.

See the attached file for a very rough approximation of how the correct trail looks like.

