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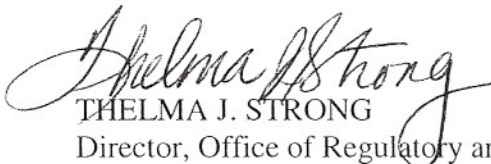
Dear Mr. Kestas:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your request to correct mapping information disseminated on the Forest Service public Website. Specifically, your request pertains to the names of communities adjacent to the Cleveland National Forest in California.

Your petition, postmarked May 16, 2008, has been accepted by the Forest Service under the United States Department of Agriculture's Information Quality Guidelines. It has been forwarded to the appropriate office within the Agency, where the information you suggested for correction will be reviewed, and if appropriate, the corrections will be made. We will provide a response to you by July 16, 2008.

If you should have additional questions, please contact George Vargas, Data Quality Officer, at (202) 205-0444, or Nancy Bond, Data Quality Analyst at (202) 205-1595.

Sincerely,


THELMA J. STRONG
Director, Office of Regulatory and Management Services

cc: William Metz, La Sean Brown



Thomas Kestas <tom@kestas.net>

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Please respond to

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Dear US Forest Service,

This Request for Correction of Information is hereby submitted under USDA's Information Quality Guidelines.

Requestor Information:

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Description:

As of May 15, 2008, there are cartographic inaccuracies on the following maps depicting areas of the Cleveland National Forest. These maps are directly and intentionally made available to the public. In all four instances, the community of Julian, CA is erroneously indicated to be at the location of the community of Santa Ysabel, CA. Julian is, in fact, at the the next major highway intersection to the east...a 6.8 mile drive. These are distinctly separate communities. A study of any USGS or publicly-available highway map (or even Google Earth) for the region will immediately highlight the error:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/ap/maps/index.shtml>

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/ap/maps/cnf-overview.shtml>

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/ap/maps/cnf-alpine.shtml>

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/ap/maps/cnf-goose-valley.shtml>

The pdf links for printable maps available at each of the above links contain the same error.

Explanation of Noncompliance:

The inaccurate cartographic information violates the Objectivity and Utility criteria of the USDA Information Quality Guidelines.

Effect:

These maps give erroneous information regarding geographic locations which could result in navigation errors or confusion regarding the general locations of highways and USDA-managed resources. There is no indication that these maps should not be used for navigation.

Recommendation:

Correct the location of the community of Julian, CA on the maps. Alternatively, rename the current indicated location on the maps to accurately reflect the community of Santa Ysabel, CA.

If I may provide any further clarification or assistance in correcting this matter please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,
Thomas Kestas



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Dear Mr. Kestas:

Your petition to correct mapping information on the Cleveland National Forest Recreation Fee Area website has been accepted and completed under the USDA Information Quality Guidelines. On July 7th, 2008, the Cleveland National Forest issued a letter identifying the following corrected website locations:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/ap/maps/index.shtml>

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/ap/maps/cnf-overview.shtml>

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/ap/maps/cnf-alpine.shtml>

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/ap/maps/cnf-goose-valley.shtml>

If you do not agree with the corrections, you may file a Request for Reconsideration. Requests for Reconsideration must be filed with the Forest Service (postmarked, shipped by an overnight delivery service, faxed, or sent by e-mail) within 45 days from receipt of the original correction letter, and sent to:

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1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250-1143

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Sincerely,

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