

## **Notice of Decision**

### **Non-Significant Amendments to Land and Resource Management Plan to be Consistent with the Travel Management Rule**

**USDA, Forest Service  
Coronado National Forest  
All Districts  
Cochise, Graham, Pima, Pinal and Santa Cruz Counties, Arizona  
Hidalgo County, New Mexico**

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Coronado National Forest has completed an environmental assessment (EA) that discloses the potential impacts of a proposed action to amend the Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) to be consistent with the recently enacted Forest Service Travel Management Rule. The Forest Plan is a document that serves as a programmatic framework for Forest management and for public use of National Forest System lands. It provides guidance for the planning and design of site-specific actions to be undertaken by the Forest and other parties, as authorized by the Forest, but does not authorize, fund, or approve implementation of any project or activity. Thus, the proposed amendments to the Plan will not authorize or mandate any ground-disturbing actions that could impact the environment.

On August 5, 2010 the Responsible Official, Acting Forest Supervisor Reta Laford, signed a Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (DN/FONSI) approving several non-significant amendments to the Forest Plan, which include the following:

- New direction regarding motor-vehicle use on the Forest will be added to the Plan as follows:  
*Motor vehicle use off the designated system of roads, trails, and areas is prohibited, except as identified on a Motor-Vehicle Use Map (MVUM).*
- Obsolete direction regarding motor-vehicle use on the Forest will be removed from the Plan.

The MVUM will be available to the public at no charge at each Ranger District office on the Forest. The Forest Plan is posted on the internet on the Forest's public website, which is provided below.

Copies of the EA and DN/FONSI are available at the Coronado National Forest Supervisor's Office, 300 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona, during business hours, which are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., excluding Federal holidays. For additional information or to request a copy of the EA, contact Ms. Laura White, Travel Management Program Leader, on (520) 388-8419 and [lwhite@fs.fed.us](mailto:lwhite@fs.fed.us) or Ms. Jennifer Ruyle, Forest Planner, on (520) 388-8351 and [jruyle@fs.fed.us](mailto:jruyle@fs.fed.us). The EA and DN/FONSI are also available for public review on the internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado/forest/projects/enviro/viron.shtml>.

This decision is subject to administrative review and appeal, according to the "*Optional Appeal Procedures Available During the Planning Rule Transition Period*" (Procedures) (16 U.S.C. 551, 472; 54 Federal Register 3357, January 23, 1989, as amended) (formerly 36 CFR 217).

A written notice of appeal must be filed within 45 days, with the appeal period beginning the day after the day of publication of the Legal Notice in the *Arizona Daily Star*, as

provided for in Section 8(b)(1) of the Procedures. The appeal must be filed in duplicate (regular mail, facsimile, electronic mail (email), hand-delivery, or courier delivery) with the appropriate Reviewing Officer. For this proposal, written appeals must be submitted to:

**Reviewing Officer**  
**Mr. Corbin F. Newman, Regional Forester**  
**333 Broadway SE**  
**Albuquerque, NM 87102.**

Facsimiles must be sent to the Reviewing Officer at (505) 842-3173. Hand-delivered appeals may be submitted during office business hours, which are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. Electronic appeals must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), and Word (.doc) to [appeals-southwestern-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:appeals-southwestern-regional-office@fs.fed.us).

Each appeal must have a legible name on it, or verification of identity will be required. A scanned signature is acceptable as verification on electronic appeals. Please note that names and addresses of appellants will become part of the public record and are available to the public upon request under the authority of the Freedom of Information Act.

Appeals must conform to the requirements of Section 9 of the Procedures. The Optional Appeal procedures are on the internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/emc/applit/includes/PlanAppealProceduresDuringTransition.pdf>. Questions about the appeal process may be directed to Ms. Constance J. Smith, Regional Appeals Coordinator, on (505) 842-3223 and [cjsmith@fs.fed.us](mailto:cjsmith@fs.fed.us).

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