

## Sandia Public Meeting

### Manual High School

7/19/2016

#### Comments on Flipcharts by Resource Area:

##### Land Ownership& Boundary mgt.

- When access is acquired to help clean & maintain the road and Trails

##### Range:

- Like- Rec use with hiking on Sandia, Rock Hunting
- Like- Trad. Uses of Forest
  - o Range, Grazing, Wood harvest
- Like- Trad. Grazing, plant gathering
- Like- Preserve Land- Caja de Rio- Sec. Off
- Issue- Section out grazing to allow the land to look like it did pre-grazing

##### Veg/Fire

- Vegetation mgmt. in current Wilderness to manage fire

##### Minerals

- Abandoned/Non-active mines that need to be remediated or closed- Safety Hazard
- Need Mechanized Access to Claims within existing designated wilderness& recommended wilderness
- Land Locking Claims by closing roads

##### Management Areas& Proposed Recommended Wilderness:

- Number of acres proposed for rec. wild (Public Comment) vs. number acres included in ALT E
- Phase 3 Inventory: Questions RE: what was included
- Comment about “ No facilities” in Alt B for OERMA would like a facility
- Comment: It would have been good to have a map that just showed the current status of wilderness
- Comment: How communal grazing area might affect mountain biking in the area- would it still be allowed?

##### Recreation:

- All forms of recreation need to be treated equally (recreational propectors) need open lands specifically related to wilderness (recommended wilderness)
- General inquiries about trails design & management
- Concern about special mgmt. area and if it will change trails designations
- Concern about mountain biking at Tree Springs and affecting experience for other users

#### Species:

- Sandia: habitat (improve) for large mammals; Bighorn sheep, deer and elk.
- Audubon- Submitted comments- please consider black throated gray warbler, pinon jay
- Wilderness- How does designation affect wildlife mgmt.
- Why is travel mgt. not included in Forest Plan document?
- Need to enforce mgmt. direction in certain areas (people snow mobbing on X County ski trails)
- In favor of Alt E- would like to see more land protected for wildlife
- How are we managing for Climate Change?

#### Cultural:

- Ensure that cultural resources are not impacted by the implementation of the new plan.
- Need to develop a more comprehensive and long term monitoring plan to ensure site protection following projects. (For projects that have more long term effects monitoring once or twice might not be sufficient) Management Approach

#### Water, Air & Soil:

- Watersheds
  - o Restoration
  - o Definitions/Maps
- Spring Management
- Clarification on Wild & Scenic Rivers

#### How to Comment:

- No comment

### **Minerals/Infrastructure**

- Need to show and list existing mineral leases in plan

### **Cultural Identity**

- Account for paleontological resource in plan

### **Range + Livestock**

- % of comments need to be higher for the public with the most investment. (permittees that are invested day in & day out),
- Reached out to-specifically
- “adaptive management”
  - Need specific guidelines based on facts. With previous input from permittees, time, limits and cost estimate. Offer locals jobs.
- Reference manuals, handbooks, ect. Link the Draft Plan to them for the public to access them. With pg, line numbers ect.
- Verbage that referenced Local gov’t Land Use Plan for changes that impact Local gov’t + the economy (see the Planning Rule)

### **Species**

- Differences in page # from online version color pdf & black & white hard copy: problem starts on page 10
- Terrestrial
  - There are 300 vertebrate that NMGFD does not manage and no invertebrates
  - Consider special use permits for commercial activities concerning the 300 non MNGFD species
    - Similar to BCM current regs.
  - Need to be standard or guidelines on trapping on N.F. for human domestic animal and Federally listed species safety

### **Monitoring**

- Role of citizen science?

### **Fire/Fuel/Veg themes**

- Can we manage human caused fires for resource benefit?
- Will we ever be able to “manage” fires on the Sandia’s and Manzano’s
- Adaptive management try the Datil’s- No crass to carry fire what do we do?
- How do we create adaptive management?
- Utilize best available science to fix the problem
- We need to tell our story better on our landscape level managed fires. Help with public perception

- Cost effectiveness of allowing fire to be managed rather than mechanical treatment that is very expensive.
- We addressing the low lands to possibly do some Rx burning? How we addressing the lack of grass to help carry fires?

### **Suitability**

- Springs
- Groundwater
- Surface flows- private bind interface + springs.

Need to more proactivity manage wilderness/ all forest lands

- More/better logging
- Utilize available resources for the benefit of the public
- Utilize “dedicated” fire lines that are maintained.

### **Species**

- Connection between critical hab. + management areas.
- T + E management
- What are we doing about feral horses on Mt. Taylor
- How to propose a project to an area without restricting access.
- Look for list of spp.

### **Concerns**

- Excess trash are left behind in Mt. Taylor. How can Wilderness or Special Mgment areas be established if there are no enforcement.
- FS assistance w/ development of Springs
- Keep all existing roads open + don't block existing Springs- must have water for wildlife + livestock
- Maps that delineate proposed actions. (available)

8-02-2016 Corona Recreation Room Public Meeting  
Flip Chart Notes

**Themes**

1. ELK! → Overpopulation, Clanage (feces, deer;etc)
  - a. → also, Bears, coyotes

8-03-2016 Mountainair Dr. Saul Community Center Public Meeting  
Flip Chart Notes

**Veg + Fire**

1. Availability of fuelwood to local communities.
2. Concern about wood being shipped out of state & local areas

## 08/09/2016 Canon de Carnuel Land Grant Annex Hall Public Meeting Flip Chart Notes

### Management Group:

- Boundaries for grazing. (Clarify)
- Communal grazing in Plan D be an alternate plan for Plan B (as they differ a little bit).
  - Sandia Communal grazing + Mountainair Communal grazing.
- Renewable->timber + water
  - But rock+ minerals aren't growing back (from a mining perspective).
- AGAINST Establishment of NEW Wilderness Areas
  - Because they can expand without meeting other wilderness criteria.
- Hard for someone in the public to understand Forest Service Environment. Keywords-that are not used in all Jobs.
  - Learning the "vocabulary" needs to be easier for public to access so they can make informed decisions on the Forest Plan.
- Make sure recreation has free use of Public Lands.
- Having large mining areas costs money + tend to get carried away by profit.
  - But minerals still need to be mined as a viable resource (even if at a smaller scale).
- SMALL Mining- "Substances" are better if managed by the Locals-because then they are more conscience of their impact to earth + other resources- like (maintaining) clean water.

### Cultural Identity Group:

- Cultural Areas not on map (specific to Land Grants).
- Carnuel Land Grant wants to share specific sites that it wants protected during- project work.
- 179L.31 (D) Add Otero Canyon to grazing (communal)
- Pg. 180L.34-39, Use same language from Las Heurtas Section to create Carnve protection area above Carlito Springs.
- Pg. 88L.20 Include language more specific to protection of religious and cultural site adjacent to land grants.
- Pg. 84 (desired conditions L.27) more specific to and include language that forest products can support preservation of historic villages such as harvesting those material-example: rocks and vigas.

### Water, Air, and Soil Group:

- Wild and scenic rivers.
- Specific polygons droppers out of WSR eligibility, had ORV's.
  - Example: Ryan Hill.
- Congressional district 3 map WSR.



**Species Group:**

- “Wildlife Doorways” -> CONNECTIVITY
  - -> Don’t just solve problems; inset solutions into planning process.
- Coordination between agencies.
  - ->Timeline, guides documents
- Preservation of species should be dominant paradigm.
  - -> Fit everything else around that.
  - -> Includes plants.

**Vegetation and Fire Group:**

- Unstable ground.
  - Resulting from fires.
- Thinning.
  - Traditional subsistence users.
- Public can contribute to maintenance of road.
- Smaller managed.
  - Prescribed.

**Recreation + Scenery Group:**

- Motorized recreation.
- Cross-country ski trails.
  - Dispersed recreation.
    - Trails for hiking, biking, motored skiing. With varying difficulty.
      - Limit negative effects.
- Recreational users from ski/showcase areas.
- Are certain users groups more damaging than others?
  - Multiuser trails vs. single use trails.
  - High use vs. low use areas.
- How do recreational users impact cultural sites?
- Tragedy of the commons and preventing moonscape.
- Managing certain areas for certain types of recreation.
- How do certain types of trail users impact the experience of others?
  - Increased opportunities for motorized recreation.
  - Increased public knowledge of recreation areas of school, students, etc.. Can this provide revenue for maintenance of recreational areas?

**Management and Recreation Group:**

- Have maps more readily available.
  - For example: at public libraries.
- More opportunities for mountain bikers.
  - -> PROBLEM: trail congestion. Lots of hikers make it difficult for mountain bikers.
- Potential Solutions:
  - Create more mountain bike trails on Northern end of Sandia Mountains.
  - Or map major forest roads, identified by numbers.
- Hikers already have more options than mechanized recreation in the form of wilderness and multi-use.
- Conflicts due to increased use by all users in non-wilderness.
- Proposed draft management area might limit mechanized travel even more.
- Relocate proposed draft management area south of Crest Road.
- Area North (per Elaine) potential focus to wheel (mechanized) non-motorized recreation.