

September 30, 2021

Forest Plan Revision Team
11 Forest Lane
Santa Fe, NM 87508

Reference: Final Land Management Plan for the Santa Fe National Forest,
Dated September, 2021

Dear Ms. Debbie C. Cress and the Forest Planning Team:

These comments on the Final Land Management Plan for the Santa Fe National Forest are being submitted on behalf of the Holy Ghost Canyon Owners Association, which represents the 23 permittees in Holy Ghost Recreation Residence Tract located within the Santa Fe National Forest.

First, we believe the Three Forest Consistency Guide is an excellent example of three local forests working together, particularly in the Traditional Communities and Uses sections where commonality exists.

Second, we appreciate that our previous comments have been heard and acted upon. Our association and individual permittees feel strongly that the plan must specifically mention the Recreation Residence program and recognize the contributions and importance of this program not only to sustainable recreation on National Forest Lands, but also to stewardship, heritage, partnerships and outreach activities on this Forest and across the entire National Forest System.

We also appreciate this opportunity to make final comments on the Land Plan Revision for the SFNF.

We wish to make the following three specific comments on the Final Plan as referenced below:

1. This sentence in the last paragraph on page 234 reads:

Dispersed camping is common in the GA because of motorized access, numerous private inholdings, and recreational residents.

To provide proper intent and be grammatically correct we believe this sentence should read:

"Because of motorized access in the GA, dispersed camping is common, as are numerous private inholdings and recreation residences."

2. On page 145 of the Carson Forest Plan discussing the Management Approach for Special Uses, paragraph #3 would seem to make sense for inclusion on page 134 in the SFNF Plan - Management Approach for Recreation Special Uses. The Carson Plan states:

"3. Consider including reference to the most recent edition of "A Guide to Maintaining the Historic Character of Your Forest Service Recreation Residence" in the operations and maintenance plan of recreation residence special uses authorizations to provide guidance on any improvements or maintenance to eligible historic or unevaluated recreation residences."

3. On page 335 of the SFNF plan in the long list of Laws and Regulations, there appears to be an omission of reference to the "Term Permit Act of 1915 (16 U.S.C. & 497)" which authorizes the use and occupation of Forest Service lands for resorts and summer homes (recreation residences). We believe reference to this Act should be included in the new Land Management Plan.

The recreation residence program has been an authorized recreation use in this forest for over 100 years, and we feel strongly it should be part of the ROS specifically mentioned in the Recreation Special Uses section.

Thank you for your consideration of the comments listed above. Please feel free to contact us at the phone or email shown below if you have questions or desire clarification.

Very Sincerely,



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