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Comments: Preliminary Draft Forest Plan Summary of Management Situation

Page 11 Lines 19-20

CPSWCD has not found reference throughout the plan in all resource areas how all resource management should be prioritized given the varying levels of funding

Preliminary Draft Forest Plan Forest-Wide Plan Components and Management Approaches

Wildland Urban Interface

Page 21 Line 9

Stand changing catastrophic wildfire often shifts the dominant plant community to a mono culture of low shrub. The arid and drought effected areas have shown little tree or grass regeneration thus effecting the upper watershed for soil stabilization and diversity

Preliminary Draft Forest Plan Forest-Wide Plan Components and Management Approaches

General Management of all Vegetation Types - Management Approaches

Page 27 Line 2

Coordinate with local SWCDs (local government) for project management using their Land Use Plans and Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Preliminary Draft Forest Plan Groundwater - Management Approaches

Page 57 Line 33

"Collaborate with external groups" - this wording approach is expertly written and should be used for all resource management approaches

Preliminary Draft Forest Plan Non-Native Invasive Species - Management Approach

Page 72 Line 13

Special Annual Monitoring and work with public to identify present of feral hogs within the forest

Preliminary Draft Forest Plan Range and Grazing - Guidelines

Page 81 Line 27

In front of the word "Shrub" insert "palatable"

Preliminary Draft Forest Plan Range and Grazing - Guidelines

Page 82 Line 1

Livestock acclimation to a new grazing area may cause a one year calf crop loss to the producer. New areas are high risk due to all the unknown factors including topography. Cattle will not know the country and will tend to stay bunched together. Water resources may be very limiting on a vacant allotment. Cattle may bring in new weeds and organisms to a new location. New NEPA may be required to reestablish grazing on certain allotments.

Preliminary Draft Forest Plan Range and Grazing - Management Approaches

Page 82

Coordinate the planning, development and funding of new range improvement projects with the local SWCDs and NRCS. This may also require the development of a Coordinated Resource Management Plan working with the permittees, forest service resource specialists (multiple use) and the entities listed above.

Preliminary Draft Forest Plan Range and Grazing - Management Approach

Page 83Line 7

Livestock are not an appropriate control agent for noxious and invasive weeds

Preliminary Draft Forest Plan Rural and Historic Communities - Background and Description

Page 89 Line 30

Preceding Rural Communities European descent individuals settled lands for ranching, mining and farming and their families became the communities across rural New Mexico.

Preliminary Draft Forest Plan Rural and Historic Communities - Management Approaches

Page 90 Line 10

Coordinate Land use restoration and sustainable land use with local SWCDs who are authorized under State Statute to work across the landscape with the historical communities and the Forest Service.

Preliminary Draft Forest Plan Land Ownership Adjustment and Boundary Management - Management Approaches

Page 95 Line 13?

The 300+ acre private land inholding within the Manzano Wilderness that does not have legal road access. This private land ownership predates Forest Service and is the perennial water source for the proposed Tajique Creek W&SR.

Preliminary Draft Forest Plan Recreation - Management Approaches

Page 108 Line 37

Post more discrete (small) signs for roads, boundary and legal public access to forest areas.

Preliminary Draft Forest Plan Management Areas and Designated Areas

Page 127 Line 23

Proposing "cienega" in the Manzano mountains on the Barranca Allotment for special management consideration.

Preliminary Draft Forest PlanEligible Wild and Scenic Rivers

Page 136 Line 5

How will this affect the private land and water rights that control the source of this water?

Preliminary Draft Forest PlanAlternative "B"

Mountainair Ranger District

Page 179 Line 16

CPSWCD agrees this is a unique scenic, botanical, recreational area within the Manzano mountains. CPSWCD would support 4th of July Canyon as a special management area, but there has to be consideration of the socio-economic impact on the private landowner's inholding within the Manzano Wilderness.

Preliminary Draft Forest PlanAlternative "B" Mountainair Ranger District

Page 179 Line 32

Gross Kelly is a closed 15,000 acre allotment closed by EA with 11,000 acres containing 30-40% rocky slopes that are not be suitable for grazing cattle. There is no reliable perennial water to support livestock grazing and the area contains many rocky steep arroyos.

Preliminary Draft Forest PlanAlternative "B" Mountainair Ranger District

The portion of the Gross Kelly allotment that is 30-40% rocky slopes is suitable for Big Horn Sheep habitat. Big Horn Sheep have been observed in this area, which is part of the Ojo Peak Fire burn scar.

Preliminary Draft Forest PlanAlternative "B" Mountainair Ranger District

Page 181 D4 ADJ7, D4 ADJ8

These areas are important public parking areas and provide an important buffer to the existing wilderness.

Preliminary Draft Forest Plan Alternative "D" Mountainair Ranger District

Page 183 D4 ADJ7, D4 ADJ7

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Preliminary Draft Forest Plan Alternative "E" Mountainair Ranger District

Page 186 D4 ADJ4

This area is adjacent to the Isleta Thinning Project and is used as a car camping area for recreationists.

Preliminary Draft Forest Plan Alternative "E" Mountainair Ranger District

Page 186 D4 ADJ1

This area is used by the private land owner and the Pueblo of Isleta for livestock and fire management.

Preliminary Draft Forest Plan Alternative "E" Mountainair Ranger District 186D4_ADJ2

Parking lot for the Encino trailhead, public parking lot and contains allotment range water development and associated access trails.

Preliminary Draft Forest Plan Alternative "E" Mountainair Ranger District 186D4_ADJ2

This area is a part of the 2004 Lookout Fire and the upland portion is degraded into low growing shrubs and bare gravelly soils. May not possess wilderness characteristics.

Preliminary Draft Forest Plan Alternative "E" Mountainair Ranger District 186D4_ADJ7

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Preliminary Draft Forest Plan Alternative "E" Mountainair Ranger District 186D4_ADJ8

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Preliminary Draft Forest Plan Alternative "B" Mountainair Ranger District 180 Gallinas Watershed

CPSWCD supports this management area designation given the importance as a priority watershed for the municipal water serving the Village of Corona