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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwestern Region, Arizona; Timber Resource Analysis—Kaibab National Forest

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Cancellation of notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Southwestern Region of the Forest Service filed a Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 56, No. 37, pages 7659–7660) on February 25, 1991. Because of changing resource conditions and new planning issues, the original Notice of Intent is cancelled.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: The Regional Forester, Southwestern Region, is the responsible official for decisions that affect the Kaibab National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Director of Ecosystem Management Planning, Southwestern Regional Office, 517 Gold Avenue SW., Albuquerque, NM 87102, (505) 842–3210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The original environmental impact statement process was initiated to reanalyze the timber resource and to amend the Kaibab Land and Resource Management Plan as needed. A draft environmental impact statement was circulated for comment in July, 1994.

Concurrent to the Kaibab process, the Regional Forester conducted another environmental impact statement process to amend Southwestern Region Forest Plans to include guidelines for management for the Mexican spotted owl and northern goshawk. This process did not include the Kaibab National Forest. The Notice of Intent for the region-wide amendment was filed in the

Federal Register (Vol. 57, No. 122, pages 28171–28172) on June 24, 1992. A draft environmental impact statement for this process was circulated in December, 1994.

Public comments received from both environmental impact statement efforts requested that the two separate forest plan amendment procedures be combined. Other comments suggested that other alternatives need to be considered. Additionally, the Mexican spotted owl was listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act with a recovery plan and critical habitat designation currently under consideration by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Regional Forester decided to combine both environmental impact statement processes and issue a revised draft environmental impact statement that covers amendment of all forest plans in the Southwestern Region. Comments received from review of both draft environmental impact statements will be considered.

Dated: March 14, 1995.

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Southwestern Region, Arizona, New Mexico, West Texas and Oklahoma; Amendment of National Forest Plans in the Southwestern Region To Include Guidelines for Management of Habitat for the Mexican Spotted Owl and Northern Goshawk

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revised notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Southwestern Region of the Forest Service filed a Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 57, No. 122, pages 28171–28172) on June 24, 1992. Because of changing resource conditions and new planning issues, the original Notice of Intent is revised.

DATES: This notice is effective March 20, 1995.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: The Regional Forester, Southwestern Region, is the responsible official for decisions that affect Southwestern Region Forest Land and Resource Management Plans.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Director of Ecosystem Management Planning, Southwestern Regional Office, 517 Gold Avenue SW., Albuquerque, NM 87102, (505) 842–3210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The original environmental impact statement process was initiated to amend Southwestern Region Forest Plans to include guidelines for management for the Mexican spotted owl and northern goshawk. This process did not include the Kaibab National Forest. A draft environmental impact statement for this process was circulated in December, 1994.

Concurrent to this process, a separate timber analysis and forest plan amendment process was being conducted for the Kaibab National Forest. A Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for this process was filed in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 56, No. 37, pages 7659–7660) on February 25, 1991. A draft environmental impact statement was circulated for comment in July, 1994.

Public comments received from both environmental impact statement processes requested that the two separate procedures be combined. Other comments suggested that other alternatives need to be considered. Additionally, the Mexican spotted owl was listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act with a recovery plan and critical habitat designation currently under consideration by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Regional Forester decided to combine both environmental impact statement processes and issue a revised draft environmental impact statement that covers amendment of all forest plans in the Southwestern Region. Comments received from review of both draft environmental impact statements will be considered.

A revised draft environmental impact statement will be available for public comment for 90 days in January, 1996. A final environmental impact statement should be released in fall of 1996.