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Santa Fe National Forest Land Management Plan Revision #49605 -- Your letter ID is 49605-1917-1.

I reviewed the list of [Management Areas](#) that are identified for the revised Forest Plan NEPA proposed action noting that National Trails are not listed. I recommend that the proposed action be modified to address the requirement of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST) Comprehensive Plan, FSH 1909.12 part 24.43, and FSM 2353.44. Whether or not the proposed action is modified, a reasonable alternative to the proposed action is to establish a management corridor for the CDNST with associated plan components that provide for the nature and purposes of this National Scenic Trail.

[Assessment Comments](#) submitted on June 19, 2015 and [Scoping Comments](#) submitted on August 14, 2016 address integrated planning for the CDNST, including a recommend management area corridor with associated plan components. The attached [CDNST Planning Handbook](#), dated March 5, 2017, further reviews land management planning NEPA considerations in Chapter V – Comprehensive Planning Relationship to NEPA.

To assist with public review of the forthcoming NEPA proposed action and DEIS, please post at the appropriate time geospatial data that supports DEIS alternatives and maps. Posted data for the proposed action and alternatives should include the following geospatial information:

- Administrative Boundaries (FSH 1909.12 22.2)
- Land Ownership (FSH 1909.12 22.2)
- Designated Areas, including Recommended Wilderness, Wilderness Study Areas, Suitable and Eligible Wild & Scenic Rivers, Inventoried Roadless Areas, and the extent of the CDNST management corridor/rights-of-way to be established (FSH 1909.12 22.2 and 24)
- Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Classes to be established – Summer and Winter (FSH 1909.12 22.2 and 23.23a)
- Scenic Integrity Objectives to be established (FSH 1909.12 22.2 and 23.23f)
- Lands that May be Suitable for Timber Production FSH 1909.12 Chapter 60)
- CDNST travel route as an independent data layer (FSH 1909.12 23.23i)
- NFS roads and trails with attribute data, including existing [road maintenance levels](#) and [trail travel route fundamentals](#) such as Designed Use, Management Use, and Trail Class (FSH 1909.12 23.23i)

The NEPA effects analysis for the development of the revised Forest Plan proposed action and alternatives should include cross-tabular tables that explore and disclose the relationship between (1) the proposed CDNST travel route location and management corridor/rights-of-way extent and (2) the intersection and overlap with the proposed ROS Classes and Scenic Integrity Objectives allocations.

For each alternative, the analysis of environmental consequences needs to address how the land use planning decisions will achieve:

1. Providing for the nature and purposes of the National Trail, including protecting the National Trail resources, qualities, values, and associated settings;

2. Identifying the National Trail primary users;
3. Ensuring carrying capacity is not exceeded; and
4. Preventing other uses from substantially interfering with the nature and purposes of the National Trail.

Thank you for considering these comments on the NEPA proposed action and alternatives.

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