

SECTION 1 - INTRODUCTION

The Clearwater National Forest Monitoring and Evaluation Report, Fiscal Year 2003 summarizes the results of Forest Plan monitoring and evaluation activities during Fiscal Year 2003 (FY03) from October 1, 2002, through September 30, 2003.

Verifying data and assumptions through monitoring is a continuous process; analysis of this and prior year data helps us continue the process of preparing to revise the Clearwater National Forest Plan. Until the Forest Plan revision is complete, the current Forest Plan will remain the guiding document for management decisions on the Clearwater National Forest. The current Forest Plan will continue to be updated by use of amendments. Any anticipated amendments are described in Section 4; amendments implemented during FY03 are summarized in Section 5.

The **Monitoring and Evaluation Report** is organized into seven main sections.

Introduction - provides an overview of the report.

Monitoring Report - focuses on monitoring requirements by resource, in alphabetical order. Some resource reports contain more than one "Item No." that refers to the numbering system established in the Forest Plan for items to be monitored.

Appeals - lists unresolved Forest Plan appeals and project level appeals received in FY03, the status of each and the major issues associated with each. (The term "project" is used throughout this report and refers to any Forest Service activity on National Forest Land such as campground construction, trail maintenance and timber sales.)

Planned Action - identifies actions the Forest plans to take in FY03 - and beyond - to implement the Forest Plan.

Implemented Changes - discusses agreements and actions concerning ecosystem management, the Forest Plan and amendments to the Forest Plan.

List of Forest Contacts - includes acknowledgment of people who contributed to the development of this report.

Forest Supervisor Approval - signature by the Forest Supervisor.

