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SIERRA NEVADA FOREST PLAN AMENDMENT

Record Of Decision

ERRATA

(January 2001, additions August 2001)

The narrative in the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment Project Environmental Impact Statement summarizes management standards and guidelines for national forests in the Sierra Nevada and Modoc Plateau. Appendix A of the ROD presents the final land allocations and standards and guidelines for the decision. There are some discrepancies between the summarized standards and guidelines in the narrative of the ROD and the detailed standards and guidelines in Appendix A. Where there are discrepancies between the two, the standards & guidelines in Appendix A govern.

(March 2001)

1. In the ROD on [page 43](#), the second sentence under the heading *Further collection and evaluation of additional information* should read:

“My intent is to complete **by the end of calendar year 2002** a Conservation Assessment for the willow flycatcher in cooperation with the Fish and Wildlife Service.”

Rationale: This timeframe is consistent with the timeframes specified for this Conservation Assessment in other parts of the ROD (pages 5 and 15).

Citation: Record of Decision, pages 5 & 15

2. In the ROD on [page 43](#), change the second sentence under the heading *Southern Sierra Fisher Conservation Area* to read:

“This consists of an elevational band from **3,500** to 8,000 feet on the Sierra and Sequoia National Forests.”

Rationale: The 3,500 foot elevational level reflects the actual elevational band of the Southern Sierra Fisher Conservation Area on the westside of the Sierra Nevada.

Citation: Record of Decision, Page 4

3. In Appendix A on [page A-4](#), change the second sentence under the heading *Southern Sierra Fisher Conservation Area* to read:

“This consists of an elevational band from **3,500** to 8,000 feet on the Sierra and Sequoia National Forests.”

Rationale: The 3,500 foot elevational level reflects the actual elevational band of the Southern Sierra Fisher Conservation Area on the westside of the Sierra Nevada.

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4. In Appendix A on [page A-42](#), first paragraph, change the first sentence to read:

“Retain all snags 15 inches or greater **except** following stand-replacing events **and** except to address imminent hazards to human safety.”

Rationale: The inserted words were unintentionally omitted during the final edits of this standard and guideline. The other sentences in this standard and guideline imply the intent to allow the removal of snags larger than 15 inches following large stand-replacing events. Inserting these three words in the first sentence makes this standard and guideline clearer.

*Citations: FEIS Volume 1, Chapter 2, page 172 under the heading “snags”
FEIS Volume 4, Appendix D1, Page D1-24, S&G FW-FC-25*

5. In Appendix A on [page A-45](#), change the second sentence under the heading *Description* to read:

“This consists of an elevational band from **3,500** to 8,000 feet on the Sierra and Sequoia National Forests.”

Rationale: The 3,500 foot elevational level reflects the actual elevational band of the Southern Sierra Fisher Conservation Area on the westside of the Sierra Nevada.

Citation: Record of Decision, Page 4

6. In Appendix A on [page A-62](#), change the first sentence in the first paragraph under the heading *Willow Flycatcher Habitat: Activity-Related Standards and Guidelines* to read:

“Within 3 years of signing of the record of decision for the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment Project, survey emphasis habitat ***in active grazing allotments*** within 5 miles of the 82 known willow flycatcher sites to determine willow flycatcher occupancy.”

Rationale: The intent is to survey emphasis habitat in active grazing allotments so that grazing practices can be adjusted if willow flycatchers are detected, consistent with the standards and guidelines for conserving willow flycatcher habitat.

Citation: FEIS Volume 4, Appendix D1, Page D1-13, First Standard and Guideline

7. In Appendix A on [page A-62](#), the last sentence in the first paragraph under the heading *Willow Flycatcher Habitat: Activity-Related Standards and Guidelines* should be changed to read:

“If willow flycatcher surveys of emphasis habitat ***in active grazing allotments*** within 5 miles of the 82 known willow flycatcher sites are not completed within **3** years, allow only late season grazing in these emphasis habitats.”

Citation: FEIS Volume 4, Appendix D1, Page D1-13, First Standard and Guideline

Rationale: The additional phrase “ in active grazing allotments” makes this standard and guideline consistent with the erratum above. The wording of 5 years was a typographical error. The 3-year commitment to surveying emphasis habitat in active grazing allotments is supported by the first sentence in this standard and guideline as well as pages 42 and 43 of the ROD under the section heading “Grazing standards and guidelines.”

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The standard and guideline for retaining canopy cover appears in Appendix A of the Record of Decision (ROD) in the following sections:

- forest-wide direction for California Wildlife Habitat Relationships (CWHR) types 5M, 5D, and 6 (page A-26),
- old forest emphasis areas (page A-41),
- California spotted owl home range core areas (page A-44),
- threat zone of the urban wildland intermix zone (page A-48), and
- general forest (pages A-49 and A-50).

The words “in dominant and co-dominant trees” should be removed from this standard and guideline. This standard and guideline should read as follows:

“In westside forest types, where pre-treatment canopy cover is between 50 and 59 percent, design mechanical treatments to retain a minimum of 50 percent canopy cover. Do not reduce canopy cover in stands that currently have between 40 and 50 percent canopy cover, except where canopy cover reductions result from removing primarily shade-tolerant trees less than 6 inches dbh. In the eastside pine forest type, retain a minimum of 30 percent canopy cover.”

Rationale: The words “in dominant and co-dominant trees” are placed differently in this standard and guideline throughout Appendix A of the ROD. These words do not appear in the canopy cover standard and guideline in Modified Alternative 8 in the FEIS.

*Citations: FEIS, Volume 1, Chapter 2 – page 172, “Stand Structure. Canopy Cover.”
FEIS Volume 4, Appendix D1, page D1-31, standard and guideline ID number FW-RX31H
FEIS Volume 4, Appendix D1, page D1-33, standard and guideline ID number FW-RX21F
FEIS Volume 4, Appendix D1, page D1-34, standard and guideline ID number FW-RX21I*