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Pike/San Isabel National Forests and Cimarron/Comanche National Grasslands ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM GUIDEBOOK

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4.1 - General Requirements

Purpose

The purpose of the Cimarron/Comanche National Grasslands' (CC) Environmental Management System (EMS) is to establish, document, implement, maintain and continually improve the environmental performance associated with the activities, products and services of the Forest. This document is the Guide to the Forest's EMS using the format and requirements of the ISO 14001 international standard. It is intended primarily as a reference for Forest Service managers and employees, those who do work on the agency's behalf and those who review EMS content and implementation.

This Guide has a separate section for each element. In each section, the reader will find a short summary in italics describing the requirements of the ISO 14001 element. The remaining text identifies how the Forest's EMS meets these requirements. The description includes links to other elements in this Guide and to other files and websites that further illustrate, direct, and document the CC Environmental Management System.

Scope

A key part of this element, 4.1 – General Requirements, is to define the scope of EMS. The scope for land management planning is specified in FSM 1921.9 – Environmental Management System Requirements for Land Management Planning. The scope requirement includes the unit's activities, products, and services associated with implementing the plan.

Geographically, the scope includes the activities, products and services affecting the environment that take place on the Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands. These are listed in the document [4.3.1 – Environmental Aspects](#). Excluded in this scope are facilities and their operation, and activities and requirements controlled by other organizations, such as the Department of Labor's OSHA requirements. Forest Service Law Enforcement activities are also outside the control of Forest Service line officers and are excluded.

This EMS Guide is found on the <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/psicc/>. The following link: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/projects/ems/index.shtml> provides more information on EMS and ISO 14001.