

# **Summary of the History of the Forest Plan**

## **Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, & Gunnison National Forests**

**Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests Land and Resource Management Plan – 1982**

**Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests Land and Resource Management Plan** (the existing Forest Plan was approved on September 29, 1983)

**Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests Land and Resource Management Plan** (1983; Volumes I and II)

### **Amendment 1a-Middle Point 6/12/85**

Changes 1.514 areas of management prescription 9B water augmentation emphasis in the Middle Point Timber sale area to management prescription 4D aspen management emphasis. Note: the 1991 significant Forest Plan Timber Amendment (#6) eliminated all 9B management prescriptions from the Forest.

### **Amendment 1b-Oil & Gas Leasing Stipulations 1/14/87**

Updated the oil and gas leasing stipulations in Chapter III and Appendix H. This Amendment was carried through to the 1991 Forest Plan Timber Amendment.

### **Amendment 2-Implementation Schedules 5/27/87**

Updated Appendices A (Capitol Investment Plan), B (Trail Construction/Reconstruction Plan), C (Wildlife Habitat Improvement Plan), E (Ten Year Timber Plan), O (Forest Highway Plan), & P (Facility Construction Plan). The 1992 Forest Plan Timber Amendment eliminated Appendices A, B, C, & P. Appendix E was entirely rewritten by the 1991 Forest Plan Timber Amendment. Appendix O was revised and updated by the 1991 Forest Plan Timber Amendment, which includes some but not all of Amendment #2.

### **Amendment 3-Land Line Location 5/27/87**

Changed 1986-2020 landline location miles in Table III-1 of the Plan from 20 miles per year to 170 miles per year. This amendment is not reflected in the Forest Plan Amendment.

### **Amendment 4-Recreation Appendix 5/27/87**

Adds a recreation appendix (S) to the Forest Plan, which “displays in a concise manner the outdoor recreation resources on the Forest.” This amendment was added as part of the settlement between the Regional Forester and the State of Colorado, in the State’s appeal of the 1983 Forest Plan. This amendment was carried forward into the 1991 Forest Plan Timber Amendment.

**Land and Resource Management Plan: Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests** (1987; reprint of the 1983 plan and Amendments 1 through 4)

**Amendment 5-Right-of-Way Acquisition 5/5/88**

Changed 1991-2010 right-of-way acquisitions in Table III-1 of the Plan from 10 per year to 20 per year. This Amendment is not reflected in the Forest Plan Amendment.

**Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Amendment for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests Land and Resource Management Plan** (1989)

**Proposed Amendment of the Land and Resource Management Plan: Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests** (1990)

**Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Amendment of the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests** (1991)

**Amendment 6 – New Timber Suitability Analysis 9/23/91**

Changed suited timber land base, the allowable sale quantity, added management goals, standards, & guidelines, corrected errors in the original management area maps, and revised the monitoring plan.

**Amendment 2/1 – Scenic Byway Amendment 3/31/92**

Updated the Forest Plan to identify the portions of three different scenic byways on the Forest.

**Amendment 2/2 – TransColorado Natural Gas Transmission 12/1/92**

Amends the Forest Plan to designate less than one mile of the TransColorado pipeline on the Uncompahgre National Forest as 1D utility corridor. The remainder of the pipeline would be placed on existing 1D utility corridors.

**Amendment 3/2 – Oil & Gas Leasing Analysis 4/19/93**

Amends the Forest Plan to Designate 951,450 acres of the Forest with high and moderate oil & gas potential as available or not available for leasing. Those available for leasing are further divided into lands with standard lease, lands with no surface occupancy, lands with controlled surface use, and lands with timing limitations. Leasing availability on the remaining 2,001,736 acres of low oil & gas potential National Forest system lands will be determined on a case-by-case basis. The Amendment also changes a number of Forest Plan general direction, standards, and guidelines.

**Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests: Final Oil and Gas Leasing Environmental Impact Statement** (April 1993; prepared by GMUG and BLM Montrose (cooperating agency); Volume I and II)

**Environmental Assessment: Grand Mesa National Forest Travel Management Plan Revision** (June 1994)

**Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact, Grand Mesa National Forest Travel Management Plan Revision** (December 1994)

**Uncomaphgre National Forest Travel Plan Revision Draft Environmental Impact Statement** (August 1998)

**Amendment 02-1 Management Area Adjustment-Crested Butte Ski Area 5/19/98**

This amendment was to incorporate minor modifications to the boundaries of the ski area into the Forest Plan and into the ski area permit.

**Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) in conjunction with revision of the land and resource management plan for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, Gunnison National Forests** (64 FR 52266, September 28, 1999; NOI to do EIS in conjunction with revision of plan)

**Uncompahgre National Forest Travel Plan Revision Final Environment Impact Statement** (April 2000)

**Environmental Assessment: Gunnison Travel Interim Restriction** (August 2000)

**Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact, Gunnison Travel Interim Restrictions** (March 2001)

**Telluride Ski Area Environmental Impact Statement 6/22/99**

Amends Forest Plan to expand 1B prescription area by 136 acres to encompass Telluride Ski Area permit. Reduced 2A prescription area by 136 acres. Non-significant amendment.

**Amendment 04/05/2004 Grand Mesa Travel Plan**

By this amendment, the designation of routes #4, #25, and #27 as motorized recreation travel routes is allowed even though these routes pass through areas which are not meeting stated habitat effectiveness objectives, and there is a consequent reduction in calculated habitat effectiveness for elk.

**Amendment 2005-01 5/11/2005**

This revises the Management Indicator Series (MIS) list in the Plan to the following species: *Elk, Abert's Squirrel, Brewer's Sparrow, Northern Goshawk, Merriam's Wild Turkey, Pine (American) Martin, Red-naped Sapsucker, Common Trout*; And revises language specific to MIS in Forest Direction and Standards and Guidelines for Management Areas, and the Monitoring Plan.

**Notice of Adjustment: The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG) exercised its option to adjust its land management plan revision process from compliance with the 1982 planning regulations, to conformance with new planning regulations adopted in January 2005.**(published in the Federal Register May 25, 2005).