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## **Dear Interested Forest User,**

As is identified in our letter containing the Proposed Administrative Changes dated March 11, 2016, each forest plan monitoring program must contain one or more monitoring questions and associated indicators addressing each of the eight requirements of 36 CFR 219.12(a)(5) of the 2012 Planning Rule.

After a review of the existing plan monitoring program, it was determined that some changes were needed to be made to have the plan monitoring program in compliance with the 2012 planning rule requirements. The letter dated 3/11/16 notified the public of these proposed changes and provided the public an opportunity to comment on those proposed changes. The comment period ended on 3/30/16.

## **Approval of Administrative Change**

This Administrative Change is modification to monitoring elements found in Chapter 5 of the National Forest in Mississippi Forest Plan. We retained those elements of the original monitoring programs that address the eight requirements and developed new elements where needed to address a requirement.

After considering the comments received on the proposed administrative change, I am approving the attached Administrative Change to the National Forest in Mississippi Forest Plan.

If you have questions about this Administrative Change or would like more information, please contact Marc Weathersby, Forest Planner (<u>maweathersby@fs.fed.us</u>) or 601-965-1629.

Sincerely,

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Forest Supervisor



