

Monongahela National Forest

Administrative Correction 14 August 10, 2010 Changes to Special Areas Table

Under the 2000 Planning Rule (36 CFR 219.31), the following administrative corrections and additions may be made at any time, are not plan amendments or revisions, and do not require public notice or the preparation of an environmental document under Forest Service NEPA procedures:

- (1) Corrections and updates of data and maps;
- (2) Updates to activity lists and schedules as required by § 219.30(d)(1)-(6);
- (3) Corrections of typographical errors or other non-substantive changes; and
- (4) Changes in monitoring methods other than those required in a monitoring strategy.

The following corrections are updates or modifications to the Special Areas table in Chapter III of the Forest Plan. This table originally occurred on page III-46 of the Forest Plan but now occurs on page III-40 due to other Forest Plan corrections, specifically the removal of the MP 5.1 section as a result of Forest Plan Administrative Correction #10. All acreage figures have been rounded off to the nearest 10 acres.

CORRECTIONS

Forest Plan Chapter III, page III-40 (originally page III-46)

MP 8.0 Special Area Table, Sixth Row beneath the Table Header: Acres for the Fisher Spring Run Bog NNL and Botanical Area: 410

8.2, 8.4	Fisher Spring Run Bog NNL and Botanical Area*	Cheat-Potomac	410
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Change to: 380 acres, as shown below.

8.2, 8.4	Fisher Spring Run Bog NNL and Botanical Area*	Cheat-Potomac	380
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Rationale for Change: This acreage was recalculated using new boundary information and GIS technology.

MP 8.0 Special Area Table, Ninth Row: Acres for the Dolly Sods Scenic Area: 2,180

8.3	Dolly Sods Scenic Area	Cheat-Potomac	2,180
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Change to: 1,240 acres, as shown below.

8.3	Dolly Sods Scenic Area	Cheat-Potomac	1,240
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Rationale for Change: These acres changed as a result of the Wild Monongahela Act of 2009 (P.L. 11-111), which expanded the Dolly Sods Wilderness. This expansion included an estimated 940 acres that were previously in the Dolly Sods Scenic Area. These acres are now considered part of the Dolly Sods Wilderness, and they have been recalculated using new boundary information and GIS technology.

MP 8.0 Special Area Table, Tenth Row: Acres for the Bear Rocks Bog Botanical Area: 10

8.4	Bear Rocks Bog Botanical Area*	Cheat-Potomac	10
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Change to: 70 acres, as shown below.

8.4	Bear Rocks Bog Botanical Area*	Cheat-Potomac	70
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Rationale for Change: This acreage was recalculated using new boundary information and GIS technology.

MP 8.0 Special Area Table, Nineteenth Row: Rohrbaugh Plains Bog Botanical Area

8.4	Rohrbaugh Plains Bog Botanical Area	Cheat-Potomac	140
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Change to: Rohrbaugh Plains Botanical Area*, as shown below.

8.4	Rohrbaugh Plains Botanical Area*	Cheat-Potomac	140
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Rationale for Change: This botanical area lies within the Dolly Sods Wilderness. This change corrects an oversight in the original table, as well as the official name of the area.

MP 8.0 Special Area Table, Last Row: Total Acres – 79,360

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Change to: 78,450 acres, as shown below.

		Total Acres	78,450
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Rationale for Change: The total acres of MP 8.0 areas have now changed due to the shift of 940 acres from the Dolly Sods Scenic Area (MP 8.3) to the Dolly Sods Wilderness (MP 5.0), and the decrease of 30 acres in the Fisher Spring Run Bog Botanical Area and the increase of 60 acres in the Bear Rocks Botanical Area due to recalculations, as shown above.

MP 8.0 Special Area Table, Footnote: *Within Dolly Sods Scenic Area

Change to: *Within Dolly Sods Wilderness

Rationale for Change: With the expansion of Dolly Sods Wilderness under the 2009 Wild Monongahela Act, there are now three botanical areas situated entirely within the Wilderness, and none of these areas lies within the Dolly Sods Scenic Area.

MP 8.0 Special Area Table, Footnote: **Within Pike Knob Candidate NRA

Change to: **Within Pike Knob Candidate RNA

Rationale for Change: This change corrects a typo in the 2006 Forest Plan. Pike Knob is a Candidate Research Natural Area (RNA) rather than a National Recreation Area (NRA).

MP 8.0 Special Area Table, Footnote: ***Within the NRA

Change to: ***Within Spruce Knob-Seneca Rocks NRA

Rationale for Change: Clarification.

SUMMARY

These administrative corrections are changes in the Forest Plan that are not substantive changes in the plan components. The changes are not substantive because they are simple updates, corrections, or clarifications of information in the Forest Plan. No substantive change in Forest Plan outputs, services, and expectations are anticipated from these corrections. No significant changes in management prescriptions or management direction are proposed.

Corrected page III-40 is attached below. It replaces page III-46 in the 2006 Forest Plan.

Management Prescription 8.0 – Special Areas

Management Emphasis

This prescription emphasizes:

- The preservation of unique ecosystems or areas for scientific or recreational purposes.
- Areas to conduct research.
- The protection of special areas of national significance.

The MP 8.0 Special Areas on the Forest have been categorized into similar groupings and are shown in the table below.

Number	Name of Area	District	Acres
8.1	Spruce Knob-Seneca Rocks National Recreation Area	Cheat-Potomac	57,200
8.2	Big Run Bog National Natural Landmark (NNL)	Cheat-Potomac	660
8.2	Shavers Mountain Spruce-Hemlock NNL	Cheat-Potomac	60
8.2, 8.4	Blister Run Swamp NNL and Botanical Area	Greenbrier	260
8.2, 8.4	Cranberry Glades NNL and Botanical Area	Gauley	780
8.2, 8.4	Fisher Spring Run Bog NNL and Botanical Area*	Cheat-Potomac	410
8.2, 8.3	Falls of Hills Creek Scenic Area and NNL	Gauley	150
8.2, 8.3	Gaudineer Scenic Area and NNL	Greenbrier	140
8.3	Dolly Sods Scenic Area	Cheat-Potomac	1,240
8.4	Bear Rocks Bog Botanical Area*	Cheat-Potomac	10
8.4	Bickle Slope Botanical Area	Cheat-Potomac	10
8.4	Big Draft Botanical Area	Marlinton-WSS	70
8.4	Black Mountain Botanical Area	Marlinton-WSS	10
88.4	Fanny Bennett Hemlock Grove	Cheat-Potomac	70
8.4	Glade Run Swamp Botanical Area	Greenbrier	60
8.4	Meadow Creek Botanical Area	Marlinton-WSS	20
8.4	Mt. Porte Crayon Botanical Area	Cheat-Potomac	390
8.4	North Fork Mountain Red Pine Botanical Area **	Cheat-Potomac	10
8.4	Rohrbaugh Plains Botanical Area*	Cheat-Potomac	140
8.4	Max Rothkugel Plantation	Greenbrier	150
8.4	Stuart Knob Botanical Area	Cheat-Potomac	350
8.4	Virgin White Pine Botanical Area	Marlinton-WSS	10
8.4	Whites Draft Botanical Area	Marlinton-WSS	70
8.4	Blue Rock Geological Area***	Cheat-Potomac	260
8.5	Pike Knob Candidate Research Natural Area (RNA)	Cheat-Potomac	1,950
8.5	Black Cherry Candidate RNA	Greenbrier	120
8.5	Red Spruce Candidate RNA	Greenbrier	60
8.5	Yellow Poplar Candidate RNA	Gauley	110
8.5	Fernow Experimental Forest (Research Area)	Cheat-Potomac	4,550
8.5	Loop Road Research Area	Greenbrier	800
8.6	Spruce Mountain Grouse Management Area	Cheat-Potomac	1,750
8.6	Brushy Mountain Grouse Management Area	Marlinton-WSS	6,830
		Total Acres	79,360

*Within Dolly Sods Wilderness

**Within Pike Knob Candidate RNA

***Within Spruce Knob-Seneca Rocks NRA