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Dear Planning Participants:

I am providing public notice of an administrative change to the 2004 Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (2004 LRMP). Information related to administrative changes is available in the Forest Service's 2012 Planning Rule at 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §219.13(c). The purposes for making administrative changes to a land and resource management plan include correction of clerical errors to any part of the plan, conformance of the plan to new statutory or regulatory requirements or a change to other content in the plan (§219.7(f)). Administrative changes require public notification (§219.16(c)(6)). Administrative changes are not subject to an objection process (36 CFR 219.50).

The purpose of the enclosed administrative change is to correct and clarify direction regarding proposed projects and activities that are not consistent with the 2004 LRMP's guidelines.

I determined the enclosed correction to the 2004 LRMP meets the requirements of an administrative change as defined at §219.13(c). In accordance with Forest Service Policy (§219.13(c)(2) and Forest Service Handbook 1909.12, Chapter 20, paragraph 21.5), this administrative change is effective immediately after publication of this notice on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/cnnf/>.

For additional information please contact David Fitz-Enz, Forest Planner, at david.fitz-enz@usda.gov or Kaleigh Maze, Public Services Staff Officer, at Kaleigh.Maze@usda.gov or 530-643-6221.

Sincerely,

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2004 Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan

Administrative Change: Clarifying direction for consistency with guidelines

Background

The 2004 Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (2004 LRMP) contains inconsistent language regarding project adherence to guidelines.

The following are examples of how the language differs across the LRMP and its supporting documents:

- LRMP Preface page P-2: “A project-level analysis and a signed decision (by the responsible official) are required if proposed management activities would deviate from an established guideline.”
- LRMP Chapter 2 page 2-1: “Deviations from a guideline must be analyzed and documented in a Project Level Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement.”
- LRMP Appendix EE, Glossary of Terms, page EE-6: “A project-level analysis and a signed decision (by the responsible official) are required in order to deviate from an established guideline.”
- Frequently Asked Questions about 2004 CNNF Forest Plan Implementation, page 2: “Like all guidelines, it means that we will follow the guidelines with few exceptions, and deviations need rationale explained in the NEPA documentation.”

Change

To correct the error of differing language used to define actions when a proposed project or activity is not consistent with a 2004 LRMP guideline, the direction is as follows:

When a proposed project or activity is inconsistent with a 2004 LRMP guideline and there is no way to modify the proposed activity to achieve consistency, the deviation(s) must be analyzed and documented in the appropriate NEPA document (categorical exclusion, environmental assessment, or environmental impact statement) and decision.