



## **Coconino National Forest Plan Revision**

### ***Frequently Asked Questions about Amendment 12***

#### **Q: How is Amendment 12 incorporated into the draft revised Forest Plan?**

**A:** The direction provided by Amendment 12 in the current Forest Plan has been an important tool in successfully managing the resources of Red Rock Country for the last 15 years. The Forest has given careful consideration to how best to carry forward the language from Amendment 12, and the entire content of Amendment 12 was reviewed by the Forest Plan Revision Team and Forest staff in order to determine how the direction and intent could fit into the strategic nature of the revised Forest Plan. As a result, the wording and location of direction from Amendment 12 in the draft revised Plan may have been adjusted to fit the format of the revised Plan or to be applied more broadly across the Forest. However, the intent behind the direction, if not the direction itself was retained.

Locations of elements of Amendment 12 in the draft revised Plan:

- Red Rock Landscape Character Zone pp. 16-17
- Vegetation Types pp. 38-54
- Wildlife Fish and Botanical Resources pp. 35-38
- Fire Management pp. 66-68
- Heritage Resources pp. 68-70
- Land Adjustments, pp.74-76
- Recreation pp. 80-88
- Special Uses pp. 92-95
- Forest Products pp. 96-98
- Wilderness pp. 99-102 & 105-107
- Sedona-Oak Creek Management Areas pp. 121-129

#### **Q: What about the restrictions on land exchanges from Amendment 12?**

**A:** This direction was retained “as-is” in the revised Forest Plan. The only changes made were that priority parcels that have already been exchanged were removed. It can be found on pages 74-76 of the draft revised Plan.

#### **Q: What content from Amendment 12 have you not included in the draft revised Plan?**

**A:** The existing Plan is tactical and prescriptive in nature. In some places the existing Plan describes in detail the work that needs to be done at the project-level, and in other places there is little direction. The revised Plan will differ from the existing Plan by its strategic and visionary approach, as opposed to being tactical and prescriptive in nature. The revised Plan will describe the desired conditions that the Forest should move toward and will leave the specifics for project-level planning. The strategic nature of the revised Forest Plan is intended to provide the flexibility and adaptability necessary to move toward desired conditions developed by the Forest Service with stakeholders during the plan revision process.

More information can be found at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino/plan-revision.shtml>

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Because of the difference in format and content of the Forest Plan, some Amendment 12 direction was not included in the draft revised Plan, for one of the following reasons:

- Direction that repeats law, regulation, or policy, including recovery plans for threatened and endangered species
- Projects that have already been completed
- Direction that is too administrative to be included in a Management Approach
- Direction that calls out site-specific projects to be completed.
- Direction that was redundant with Forest-wide direction

In cases where the Forest chose not to carry forward particular content because was too site-specific, the staff ensured that the intent behind the activity was still captured in desired conditions.

**Q: Why are the management areas for the Amendment 12 area different in the draft revised Plan compared to the current Plan?**

**A:** The Management Areas for the Amendment 12 area have been adjusted in the draft revised Plan to avoid redundancy where direction has been applied Forest-wide or are identical with other management areas. The following table provides a crosswalk between Amendment 12 management areas and those delineated in the draft Forest Plan, as well as other locations where Amendment 12 direction may be found. Even though Amendment 12 direction may have moved, the new locations of Amendment 12 direction in the draft revised Plan have not changed how the direction applies within the Amendment 12 area, but rather may have broadened the applicability of Amendment 12 direction across the Forest.

<b>Amendment 12 Management Area</b>	<b>Draft Revised Forest Plan Management Area</b>
Sedona-Oak Creek Ecosystem Area-wide direction	Forest-wide or Sedona-Oak Creek MA or Red Rock Landscape Character Zone
MA 1 – Wilderness	Direction for All Wilderness Areas or Munds Mountain Wilderness or Red Rock-Secret Mountain Wilderness
MA 14 – Oak Creek Canyon	Forest-wide or Sedona-Oak Creek MA or Oak Creek Canyon MA
MA 21 – Dry Creek Basin	Forest-wide or Sedona-Oak Creek MA
MA 22 – Gateway	Forest-wide or Sedona-Oak Creek MA or Red Rock Landscape Character Zone
MA 23 – Lower Oak Creek	Forest-wide or Sedona-Oak Creek MA
MA 24 – Neighborwoods	Forest-wide or Sedona Neighborwoods MA
MA 25 – Red Cliff	Forest-wide or Sedona-Oak Creek MA or Red Rock Landscape Character Zone



MA 26 – Redrock Frontcountry	Forest-wide or Sedona-Oak Creek MA or Red Rock Landscape Character Zone
MA 27 – Savannah	Forest-wide or Sedona-Oak Creek MA or House Mountain-Lowlands MA
MA 28 – Schnebly Rim	Forest-wide or Sedona-Oak Creek MA
MA 29 – Transition	Forest-wide or Sedona-Oak Creek MA

**Q: Who can I talk to if I have additional questions about how Amendment 12 is being addressed in the draft revised Plan?**

**A:** The Forest has a database where the Plan Revision Team has tracked the outcome of all 396 pieces of direction from Amendment 12. Yewah Lau (928-527-3411) or Sara Dechter (928-527-3413) would be happy to look up specific items and answer your questions. They can be contacted by phone or at [coconino\\_national\\_forest\\_plan\\_revision\\_team@fs.fed.us](mailto:coconino_national_forest_plan_revision_team@fs.fed.us). You can also get answers to Amendment 12 questions at the Forest Plan Revision Office Hours on March 8, 2011 from noon to 3pm at the Red Rock Ranger District on Hwy 290 south of the Village of Oak Creek.