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### ERRATA SHEET, LACKS CREEK MANAGEMENT PLAN

Dear Reader:

The attached errata sheet contains corrections for trail mileages for the Proposed Action, Recreation Management Section. The corrections are shown in red text. Please use the attached pages to replace pages 57 and 58. Thank you for your interest in the Lacks Creek Management Area Preliminary Management Plan and Environmental Assessment.

Sincerely,

Lynda Roush, Arcata Field Manager

Attachment: Errata sheet

Ensure a quality visitor experience and enjoyment of natural and cultural resources through enhanced signing, interpretation, education, and information.

- Ensure the public health, safety, protection, and security of visitors by providing well maintained and accessible facilities and an enforcement presence. Facility developments would be rustic in appearance, blending in with the natural environment to the maximum extent practicable. Facilities located on the west side of Lacks Creek are intended to provide visitors with a semi-primitive or primitive recreation experience. Facilities on the east side of Lacks Creek are intended to provide visitors with slightly more developed or “roaded natural” recreation experience. Proposed facility developments would be phased in over time, based on visitor need and demand, and increased rate of recreation use.
- Minimize user conflicts through facility design and spatial separation of user types.
- Ensure that natural and cultural resource values are protected from visitor impacts by establishing use regulations, educating visitors regarding resource values and proper use, and monitoring.

### ***Management Actions:***

#### ***Road and Trail Access***

##### 1) Road Improvements

- Maintain and/or improve approximately 13 miles of existing roads on the west side of Lacks Creek for administrative uses, **9.0 miles which would be used** as trails. Roads would be open for mountain biking, hiking, and horseback riding.
- Maintain Pine Ridge Road and spurs as needed to provide access by 2WD vehicles. Install new waterbars, culverts, and ditches where needed.
- Improve Lacks Creek Road to provide access by 2WD vehicles. Widen the road width to allow access for small horse trailers, construct turnouts, gravel where necessary, and install vehicle barriers where the road intersects with abandoned access routes. A short section of new road construction may be needed near the hiker/biker trailhead to avoid disturbing a small drainage.
- Maintain Midslope Road for 4WD vehicle use to the first large washout approximately three miles from its intersection with Pine Ridge Road. Brushing, ditching, waterbarring, and culvert cleaning would occur as needed to maintain safe travel conditions. Replace culverts as necessary to provide proper drainage and reduce the potential for soil erosion and sediment transport into streams.
- Monitor the condition of and the amount of vehicle traffic on Bair Road (county road).
- Coordinate with Humboldt County Public Works Department on repair and maintenance requirements and development a Cooperative Maintenance Agreement for Bair Road, if necessary.
- Develop a borrow pit in a location that would not impact watershed values to obtain up to 15,000 cubic yards of rock (over the life of the plan) for use as road and trail base within the management area (see Map 3-2 for location). Additional small borrow locations (up to 10 cubic yards per incident) may be established at other ridgetop sites (away from water courses) for emergency road repairs.

## 2. Trail Improvements on west side of Lacks Creek

- Use heavy mechanical equipment, decommission approximately 7.5 miles of unneeded roads and convert them to multi-purpose trails, accommodating hikers, bikers, and equestrians
- Use hand labor to convert approximately ~~6.0~~ 1.0 miles of unneeded roads and convert them to multi-purpose trails, accommodating hikers, bikers, and equestrians
- Construct approximately 1.5 miles of new multi-purpose trail on unroaded ground that would either connect converted logging roads or lead to prominent visual attractions such as waterfalls.
- Construct up to 10.0 miles of mountain biking trail separate from other use trails to provide a high quality riding experience and to avoid user conflicts (specific locations for these trails have not been determined, therefore, a separate environmental analyses would need to be completed prior to construction).
- Proposed and future trails would be located so that they avoid private land trespass (i. e. lead people to private land boundaries etc.).
- Trails would be located and designed to minimize watershed impacts as described in Appendix A-4.

## 3. Trail improvements on east side of Lacks Creek

- Construct approximately 2.0 miles of new hiking trail through Sidehill Prairie that would connect Pine Ridge to the trail network west of Lacks Creek.
- Construct approximately 0.25 miles of new hiking trail and convert nearly ~~23.0~~ 0.25 miles of unmaintained logging road from the end of Midslope Road (washout site four miles from beginning of road) that would connect to the new trail on Sidehill Prairie.
- Construct approximately 1.0 miles of new hiking/equestrian trail from Pine Ridge Prairie to Midslope Road.
- Construct approximately 0.25 miles of new multi-purpose trail from the proposed trailhead at the end of Lacks Creek Road to the proposed trail network on the west side of Lacks Creek.

### *Information/Interpretation/Education*

- Develop an overall visitor orientation brochure for the area, as well as recreation-activity specific brochures.
- Provide web-based information materials including updates on trail conditions, fire restrictions, etc.
- Incorporate use ethics messages into all visitor information and interpretive materials including -- inform all visitors about the remote nature of the area, the presence of adjoining private lands, and the extreme summer fire danger.
- Clearly sign public land boundaries.
- Incorporate information on the significant natural and cultural resource values of the area into interpretive materials.

### *Facility Development*

- Develop a trailhead parking/camping area that would hold up to five passenger vehicles and five horse trailers near to or at the end of the Lacks Creek Road. Facilities would be