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1. Introduction

The Other Direction listed in this section includes additional information and guidance authorized through other processes that is specific to the conditions on the Dixie and Fishlake National Forests. This direction can be a source of additional information during project design. It is included here as a tool for plan implementation.

2. Forest Service Manuals and Handbooks

Agency policy is articulated in Forest Service Manuals and Forest Service Handbooks. Together, these are known as the Forest Service Directives System. The Directives System is the primary basis for the management and control of all internal programs and serves as the primary source of administrative direction for Forest Service employees. The system sets forth legal authorities, management objectives, policies, responsibilities, delegations, standards, procedures, and other instructions.

The Forest Service Manual contains legal authorities, goals, objectives, policies, responsibilities, instructions, and the necessary guidance to plan and execute assigned programs and activities. Forest Service Handbooks provide instructions and guidance on how to proceed with a specialized phase of a program or activity. Handbooks either are based on a part of the Manual or they incorporate external directives.

In addition to Service-wide directives, there are often Regional supplements to the directives to provide guidance that fits the specific conditions present in a particular region. In some cases there are also Forest-specific supplements to the directives.

Some resources also have other agency direction available. For example, management of groundwater resources is guided by the Technical Guide to Managing Groundwater (USDA 2005e), and a similar technical guide for soils is forthcoming.

3. Laws and Regulations

There are many laws, policies, and regulations that govern management of National Forest System lands. Many of these key laws, policies, executive orders, and regulations can be located in the plan set of documents.

4. Direction Specifically Applicable to the Dixie and Fishlake National Forests

- Guiding Principles for Water Resource Management on National Forest System Lands (USDA 2003b)
- Native and Non-Native Stock Recommendations for Dixie and Fishlake National Forests (Loewen 2005)
- Culturally Important Plants on the Dixie and Fishlake National Forests (Loewen 2006)
- Wildland Fire Use: Implementation Procedures Reference Guide (BLM 2005)
- Foundational Doctrine Guiding Fire Suppression in the U.S. Forest Service (USDA 2005a)
- Utah Smoke Management Plan (2000)
- Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations (National Interagency Fire Center, no date)
- Last Chance Townsendia (*Townsendia aprica*) Recovery Plan (FWS 1993)
- Draft Utah Pediocactus: San Rafael Cactus and Winkler Cactus Recovery Plan (FWS 1995a)
- Maguire Daisy (*Erigeron maguirei*) Recovery Plan (FWS 1995b)
- Conservation Agreement and Strategy for Bonneville Cutthroat Trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki utah*) in the State of Utah (Lentsch et al. 1997)
- Range-wide Conservation Agreement and Strategy for Bonneville Cutthroat Trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki utah*) (Lentsch et al. 2000)
- Conservation Agreement and Strategy for Colorado River Cutthroat Trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki pleuriticus*) in the States of Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming (CRCT 2001)
- Virgin River Fishes Recovery Plan (FWS 1994b)
- Boreal Toad (*Bufo boreas boreas*) Conservation Plan in the State of Utah (UDWR 2006)
- Desert Tortoise (Mojave Population) Recovery Plan (FWS 1994a)
- Utah Field Office Guidelines for Raptor Protection from Human and Land Use Disturbances (FWS 2002)
- Conservation Strategy and Agreement for the Management of Northern Goshawk Habitat in Utah (1998)
- Utah Partners in Flight Avian Conservation Strategy, Version 2.0. (Parrish et al. 2002)
- Recovery Plan for the Mexican Spotted Owl: Vol. I (FWS 1995c)
- Strategic Management Plan for Sage-grouse (UDWR 2002)
- The Northern States Bald Eagle Recovery Plan (FWS 1983)
- Utah Prairie Dog Recovery Plan (FWS 1991)
- Utah Prairie Dog Interim Conservation Strategy (Utah Prairie Dog Recovery Implementation Team 1997)