

VII. LAND MANAGEMENT POLICY

All data accumulated by these monitoring programs will be used to mitigate impacts to resource elements of the National Forest lands and to update the Forest's land management plans, and to provide source information for processing new leases and/or new mining proposals and operations. The programs will be congruous with all present and future management plans. Changes in resource values and emphases will also have bearing on the intensity of these programs. Flexibility of these programs and their implementation is important in the management of the Forest. The Forest Service will, therefore, recommend modification of the monitoring programs as necessary.

This monitoring plan will be evaluated and updated as frequently as needed by the Forest Service, in cooperation with the Geological Survey and Office of Surface Mining, in response to the data generated and to changes in management policies and direction.

A problem to monitoring is access to surface areas, particularly on private land.