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Dear US Forest Service,

This Request for Correction of Information is hereby submitted under USDA's Information Quality Guidelines.

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Description:

As of May 15, 2008, there are cartographic inaccuracies on the following maps depicting areas of the Cleveland National Forest. These maps are directly and intentionally made available to the public. In all four instances, the community of Julian, CA is erroneously indicated to be at the location of the community of Santa Ysabel, CA. Julian is, in fact, at the the next major highway intersection to the east...a 6.8 mile drive. These are distinctly separate communities. A study of any USGS or publicly-available highway map (or even Google Earth) for the region will immediately highlight the error:

http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/ap/maps/index.shtml

http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/ap/maps/cnf-overview.shtml

http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/ap/maps/cnf-alpine.shtml

http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/ap/maps/cnf-goose-valley.shtml

The pdf links for printable maps available at each of the above links contain the same error.

Explanation of Noncompliance:

The inaccurate cartographic information violates the Objectivity and Utility criteria of the USDA Information Quality Guidelines.

Effect:

These maps give erroneous information regarding geographic locations which could result in navigation errors or confusion regarding the general locations of highways and USDA-managed resources. There is no indication that these maps should not be used for navigation.

Recommendation:

Correct the location of the community of Julian, CA on the maps. Alternatively, rename the current indicated location on the maps to accurately reflect the community of Santa Ysabel, CA.

If I may provide any further clarification or assistance in correcting this matter please contact me at your earliest convenience.