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Public Input Sought on Ryan Park Vegetation and Fuels Project

(SARATOGA, Wyo.) March 2, 2018 – The U.S. Forest Service, Brush Creek/Hayden Ranger District, is seeking public input on the proposed Ryan Park Vegetation and Fuels Management Project in Carbon Co., Wyo.

The project area is located near the community of Ryan Park. That location is in the Medicine Bow National Forest, which has a high level of mortality in mature lodgepole pine due to the mountain pine beetle epidemic.

This project is separate from the ongoing Medicine Bow Landscape Vegetation Analysis. The Ryan Park project decision will utilize Farm Bill categorical exclusion authority, with an open public process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed.

The main purpose of the project will be to address effects of declined forest health and reduce risk to public safety due to dead snags. The project will promote a resilient forest through the use of vegetation treatments on up to 3,000 acres of Forest Service-managed lands. As appropriate for the forest type, the project will maximize the retention of large live trees. Additionally, it will prohibit the establishment of permanent roads and will include decommissioning of temporary roads created by the project within three years of project completion.

Public comments would be most helpful by March 12, 2018 but will be accepted until March 22, 2018. A public open house for those interested in treatment area details will take place on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at the Brush Creek/Hayden District Office from 4-7 p.m.

The project web site is located at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53423>

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