



## Proposed Administrative Corrections

### Background

The Colorado Roadless Rule (36 CFR 294, Subpart D) allows for administrative corrections to Colorado Roadless Area (CRA) boundaries. Administrative corrections are adjustments to Colorado Roadless Areas to remedy errors such as clerical or improvements in mapping technology (36 CFR 294.47(b)). The Colorado Roadless Rule requires State coordination and 30-day public comment period for administrative corrections.

### Need for correction

The administrative corrections are needed to resolve three events that occurred:

- 1) Changes to CRAs between the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RDEIS) – specifically the CRA boundaries were updated but the corresponding match between the CRA boundary and North Fork Coal Mining Area boundary was not made.
- 2) Due to a calculation of acres error made in preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), an area of about 470 acres was removed from the North Fork Coal Mining Area twice. With this error the final North Fork Coal Mining Area acreage was reported as the 19,100 acres in the FEIS but should have correctly been reported as 19,500 acres.
- 3) A more accurate inventory of roads existing prior to 2012 in the North Fork Coal Mining Area made through global positioning system (GPS) technology which allows for more accurate boundary location of CRAs and the North Fork Coal Mining Area.

### Proposed correction

The Forest Service proposes to administratively correct the CRA and North Fork Coal Mining Area boundaries to address the three issues identified above. The administrative correction would entail the following:

#### CRA Correction:

- Add 65 acres based on the more accurate inventory of roads.
- Subtract 35 acres based on the more accurate inventory of roads.

#### North Fork Coal Mining Area Correction:

- Add 419 acres to align the North Fork Coal Mining Area with CRA boundaries.
- Subtract 256 acres to align the North Fork Coal Mining Area with CRA boundaries.
- The total area of the North Fork Coal Mining Area would be about 19,700 total acres (19,673 acres).