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## FOREST SERVICE ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITY TO ORDER ROADLESS PROPOSED RULE/DEIS

**WASHINGTON. March 15, 2000** -- The Forest Service expects to publish the Roadless Area Conservation Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and Proposed Rule in May 2000. Two versions of these documents will be available for public review and comment:

- a 10-15 page summary;
- an approximately 400-page, two-volume set that includes the summary, the DEIS/proposed rule, appendices, and a set of maps.

Both versions will be available on paper, compact disk (CD) and the Internet. The paper edition will be available in black and white, while the CD and Internet edition will be full color.

To facilitate delivery, those who want a paper or a CD edition are encouraged to place their orders as soon as possible. Those who have already requested a copy of the DEIS/proposed rule do not need to resubmit their requests.

Requests for CDs or printed copies of the documents should be mailed to the Rocky Mountain Research Station, Publications Distribution, 240 West Prospect Road, Fort Collins, CO 80526-2098. Faxed orders will be accepted at 800-777-5805. Orders must specify summary or full set of documents and, CD or printed copy.

Those with Internet access may obtain a copy of the summary or full-color edition through the Roadless Project website (<http://roadless.fs.fed.us>) immediately upon release.

Approximately 11,000 printed copies of the full DEIS/proposed rule with maps will be distributed to county and municipal libraries nationwide for public review. In addition, Forest Service offices across the country will have copies of the full set of documents for review.

The release of the DEIS/proposed rule will be followed by a public comment period. Based on public input, the agency will develop a final rule and environmental impact statement.

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