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The U.S. Forest Service Douglas Ranger District, Medicine Bow/Routt National Forest and Thunder Basin National Grassland, has completed a Roads Analysis Process for the Big Porcupine CBM Project. This process has been conducted according to the principles contained in U.S. Forest Service Miscellaneous Report FS-643, *Roads Analysis: Informing Decisions About Managing the National Forest Transportation System* (1999).

The roads analysis process is designed to improve decisions relating to transportation issues associated with development projects on Forest System lands. The Big Porcupine CBM Project will result in the construction or upgrading of approximately 24 miles of roads on USFS surface in the Highlight Bill Geographic Area of the Thunder Basin National Grassland. In addition, approximately 54 miles of existing classified and undetermined roads on Forest System lands will be used to access the Project Area. The new construction allows the Forest Service to make decisions regarding closing or maintaining both existing and new routes. The Roads Analysis Process conducted by the Douglas Ranger District has resulted in recommendations regarding the future transportation network in the Project Area.

Appendix M of this EA consists of a summary of the results of the Roads Analysis Report. The summary comprises a table of road segments originally discussed in the Project Transportation Plan (Independent Production Company, 2003). The Forest Service has made a determination, for each described road segment as to current or future closure or maintenance. Segments for which no determination is indicated will have closure decisions made at the end of the Project life.