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## **News Release**

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### **Discuss Forest Management with Foresters**

CREEDE – The Divide Ranger District will hold a public meeting in Creede concerning the spruce bark beetle epidemic and the proposed Big Moose Vegetation Management Project. The meeting will begin at the Creede Community Center on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

The spruce bark beetle has infested approximately 25,000 acres of spruce/fir forest in the Creede area, from Fisher Mountain to Squaw Creek. The proposed Big Moose Vegetation Management Project is being planned for the Love Lake and Fern Creek areas to salvage dead and dying trees and reintroduce disturbance (e.g., fire) to the landscape to promote aspen regeneration. The project is still in the planning stage and public participation is encouraged.

There will be a presentation and question and answer period during the first hour of the meeting followed by a field trip to the Love Lake area. If you are interested in attending the field trip, please RSVP to Paul Hancock 719-657-6009 or call the Divide Ranger District office, at 719-657-3321, for more information.

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