

News Release



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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SPECIAL USE PERMIT REISSUANCE – WINTER RECREATION EVENTS

Grand Junction, CO., (January 1, 2008) – The Grand Valley Ranger District has received an application from the Colorado Mountain Mushers, requesting a recreation event permit on the Grand Mesa National Forest. As previously permitted, the applicant, Colorado Mountain Mushers, has proposed to occupy the previously approved area and activities on the Grand Mesa National Forest.

The applicant has submitted the application and satisfies the Forest Service regulations described in 36 CFR 251. Furthermore, as part of an Environmental Assessment, the Forest Service is required to conduct a cultural and biological review of each proposed area prior to final authorization. The respective applicant is listed below to identify the permitted holder, area, activities, approximate date(s), and anticipated number of participants to temporarily occupy National Forest System Lands.

- Colorado Mountain Mushers: Grand Mesa National Forest – Mesa Top Winter Trail System; Dog-Sled Race (February and March, 2008); 40 participants and 30 spectators per race.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and pursuant to directives found within Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, section 31.2, the Forest Service is seeking your comments on the proposed actions. Public comment concerning this proposal will be accepted for a 30-day period following publication of the notice in the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel and Delta County Independent.

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted. Comments can be received at the following places:

Written Comments via the U.S. Postal Service or hand deliver to: Ryan Fricke, Grand Valley Ranger District 2777 Crossroads Blvd. Suite 1 Grand Junction, CO 81506 Attention: Outfitter and Guide Permit Issuance
Written Comments via e-mail to: comments-rocky-mountain-gmug-grandvalley@fs.fed.us Subject: Outfitter and Guide Permit Issuance
Written Comments via facsimile: 970-263-5819 Attention: Outfitter and Guide Permit Administrator
Oral Comments via telephone or in person during business hours (8am – 5pm, Monday – Friday, excluding federal holidays) Ryan Fricke, 970-263-5809

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