

# News Release



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## **GMUG POSTPONES FOREST PLAN PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**Delta, CO., (April 3, 2007)** – The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests announced today that it has cancelled its scheduled public meetings for the Proposed Forest Plan. “Based on the recent court injunction in California regarding the 2005 Planning Rule, we feel it is in the best interests of everyone to postpone these meetings until further notice” stated Forest Supervisor Charlie Richmond. He went on to say, “at this time the Agency isn’t sure of the ramifications of the injunction, and we hope that by postponing these public meetings, we can clarify at a later date what effects the ruling will have on the GMUG’s planning efforts.”

Last Friday, Northern California U.S. District Court Judge Phyllis J. Hamilton enjoined the USDA and the Forest Service from implementing the 2005 Planning Rule. The Department and its attorneys are reviewing the Court’s injunction to determine how it affects the ongoing planning efforts for those national forests who are involved in forest plan revision.

The following public meetings are cancelled:

**Hotchkiss, April 12** Hotchkiss Public Library      **Norwood, April 17** Norwood Community Center

**Montrose, April 19** Montrose Pavilion      **Grand Junction, April 25** Country Inn of America

**Gunnison, April 26** Gunnison County Fairgrounds-Multi-Purpose Room

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