

beginning of the State's fiscal year, the State may request permission from the Secretary to make estimated or preliminary State aid payments that consider a portion of Impact Aid payments as local resources in accordance with this section.

(ii) The State must include with its request an assurance that if the Secretary determines that the State does not meet the requirements of section 222.162 for that State fiscal year, the State must pay to each affected LEA, within 60 days of the Secretary's determination, the amount by which the State reduced State aid to the LEA.

(iii) In determining whether to grant permission, the Secretary may consider factors including whether—

(A) The Secretary certified the State under § 222.162 in the prior State fiscal year; and

(B) Substantially the same State aid program is in effect since the date of the last certification.

(b) \* \* \*

(3) For a State that has not previously been certified by the Secretary under § 222.162, or if the last certification was more than two years prior, the State submits projected data showing whether it meets the disparity standard in § 222.162. The projected data must show the resulting amounts of State aid as if the State were certified to consider Impact Aid in making State aid payments.

(c) *Definitions.* The following definitions apply to this subpart:

*Current expenditures* is defined in section 8013(4) of the Act. Additionally, for the purposes of this section it does not include expenditures of funds received by the agency under sections 8002 and 8003(b) (including hold harmless payments calculated under section 8003(e)) that are not taken into consideration under the State aid program and exceed the proportion of those funds that the State would be allowed to take into consideration under § 222.162.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7709)

■ 19. Section 222.162 is amended:

■ A. In paragraph (c)(2) introductory text, by removing the phrase “on those bases” in the first sentence and adding in its place “using one of the methods in paragraph (d)”.

■ B. Revising paragraph (d).

The revision reads as follows:

**§ 222.162 What disparity standard must a State meet in order to be certified and how are disparities in current expenditures or revenues per pupil measured?**

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(d) *Accounting for Special Cost Differentials.* In computing per-pupil

figures under paragraph (c) of this section, the State accounts for special cost differentials that meet the requirements of paragraph (c)(2) of this section in one of four ways:

(1) *The Inclusion Method on a Revenue Basis.* The State divides total revenues by a weighted pupil count that includes only those weights associated with the special cost differentials.

(2) *The Inclusion Method on an Expenditure Basis.* The State divides total current expenditures by a weighted pupil count that includes only those weights associated with the special cost differentials.

(3) *The Exclusion Method on a Revenue Basis.* The State subtracts revenues associated with the special cost differentials from total revenues, and divides this net amount by an unweighted pupil count.

(4) *The Exclusion Method on an Expenditure Basis.* The State subtracts current expenditures that come from revenues associated with the special cost differentials from total current expenditures, and divides this net amount by an unweighted pupil count.

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■ 20. Section 222.164 is amended by revising paragraph (a)(2) to read as follows:

**§ 222.164 What procedures does the Secretary follow in making a determination under section 8009?**

(a) \* \* \*

(2) Whenever a proceeding under this subpart is initiated, the party initiating the proceeding shall provide either the State or all LEAs with a complete copy of the submission required in paragraph (b) of this section. Following receipt of the submission, the Secretary shall notify the State and all LEAs in the State of their right to request from the Secretary, within 30 days of the initiation of a proceeding, the opportunity to present their views to the Secretary before the Secretary makes a determination.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Forest Service**

**36 CFR Part 294**

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**Extension of Comment Period on the Proposed Rule on Roadless Area Conservation; National Forests System Lands in Colorado**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rule; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service published a notice in the **Federal Register** on November 20, 2015, initiating a 45-day comment period on the proposed rule on Roadless Area Conservation; National Forests System Lands in Colorado. The closing date for the 45-day comment period was January 4, 2016. The Agency is extending the comment period to January 15, 2016.

**DATES:** The closing date for the proposed rule published on November 20, 2015 (80 FR 72665) has been extended. Comments must be received by January 15, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted electronically via the Internet to [go.usa.gov/3JQwJ](http://go.usa.gov/3JQwJ) or to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Send written comments to: Colorado Roadless Rule, 740 Simms Street, Golden, CO 80401.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, will be placed in the project record and available for public inspections and copying. The public may inspect comments received on this proposed rule at USDA, Forest Service, Ecosystem Management Coordination Staff, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on business days. Those wishing to inspect comments should call (202) 205-0895 ahead to facilitate an appointment and entrance to the building. Comments may also be inspected at USDA, Forest Service Rocky Mountain Regional Office, Strategic Planning Staff, 740 Simms, Golden, Colorado, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on business days. Those wishing to inspect comments at the Regional Office should call (303) 275-5156 ahead to facilitate an appointment and entrance to the building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ken Tu, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Rocky Mountain Regional Office at (303) 275-5156.

Individuals using telecommunication devices for the deaf may call the Federal Information Relay Services at 1-800-

877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The State of Colorado maintains that coal mining in the North Fork Coal Mining Area provides an important economic contribution and stability for the communities of the North Fork Valley. USDA and the Forest Service are committed to contributing to energy security, and carrying out the government's overall policy to foster and encourage orderly and economic development of domestic mineral resources.

All existing Federal coal leases within CRAs occur in the North Fork Valley near Paonia, Colorado on the GMUG National Forests. Coal from this area meets the Clean Air Act definition for compliant and super-compliant coal, which means it has high energy value and low sulphur, ash, and mercury content. There are two mines currently holding leases within CRAs. One is operating, producing approximately 5.2 million tons of coal annually. The second is currently idle due to a fire and flood within their mine operation. The final rule accommodates continued coal mining opportunities within the North Fork Coal Mining Area. At approximately 19,500 acres, this area is less than 0.5% of the total 4.2 million acres of CRAs. The North Fork Coal Mining Area exception allows for the construction of temporary roads for exploration and surface activities related to coal mining for existing and future coal leases. The reinstatement of this exception does not approve any future coal leases, nor does it make a decision about the leasing availability of any coal within the State. Those decisions would need to undergo separate environmental analyses, public input, and decision-making.

A Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) has been prepared to complement the 2012 Final EIS for the Colorado Roadless Rule. The SEIS is limited in scope to address the deficiencies identified by the District Court of Colorado in *High Country Conservation Advocates v. United States Forest Service* (13–01723, D. Col), correction of boundary information, and to address scoping comments. In conjunction with the 2012 Final EIS, the SEIS discloses the environmental consequences of reinstating the North Fork Coal Mining Area exception into the Colorado Roadless Rule.

The Forest Service wants to ensure that there is sufficient time for potentially affected parties, including States, to comment. Thus the Agency is

providing an extended comment period for the proposed rule and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

Reviewers may obtain a copy of the proposed rule and SEIS from the Forest Service Colorado Roadless staff Web site at [go.usa.gov/3JQw](http://go.usa.gov/3JQw), or from Regulations.gov Web site, [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

Dated: December 22, 2015.

**Thomas L. Tidwell**,  
Chief, Forest Service.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**40 CFR Part 50**

**[EPA–HQ–OAR–2013–0572, EPA–HQ–OAR–2015–0229; FRL–9940–78–OAR]**

**RIN 2060–AS02**

**Treatment of Data Influenced by Exceptional Events**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; notice of availability of related guidance; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On November 20, 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed a rule titled, “Treatment of Data Influenced by Exceptional Events.” The EPA is extending the comment period on the proposed rule and the notice of availability of the related draft guidance that was scheduled to close on January 19, 2016. The new comment closing date will be February 3, 2016. We are extending the comment period at the request of several stakeholders to allow interested parties additional time to thoroughly review and analyze the noted documents and provide meaningful comments.

**DATES:** The public comment period for the proposed rule and notice of availability of related draft guidance published in the *Federal Register* on November 20, 2015 (80 FR 72840), is being extended. Written comments must be received on or before February 3, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** The EPA has established separate dockets for the proposed rulemaking and the related draft guidance (available at <http://www.regulations.gov>). For the proposed rulemaking titled, “Treatment of Data Influenced by Exceptional Events,” the Docket ID No. is EPA–HQ–OAR–2013–0572. For the related draft guidance titled, “Draft Guidance on the

Preparation of Exceptional Events Demonstrations for Wildfire Events that May Influence Ozone Concentrations,” the Docket ID No. is EPA–HQ–OAR–2015–0229. Information on both of these actions is posted at <http://www2.epa.gov/air-quality-analysis/treatment-data-influenced-exceptional-events>. Submit your comments, identified by the appropriate Docket ID, to the *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or withdrawn. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. If you need to include CBI as part of your comment, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/comments.html> for instructions. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make.

For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/comments.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information on this action, contact Beth W. Palma, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Environmental Protection Agency (C539–04), Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711; telephone number (919) 541–5432; email address: [palma.elizabeth@epa.gov](mailto:palma.elizabeth@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** After considering the request of several stakeholders, the EPA has decided to extend the public comment period for this action until February 3, 2016. This extension will allow interested parties additional time to thoroughly review and analyze the noted documents and provide meaningful comments.

Dated: December 21, 2015.

**Stephen D. Page**,  
Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.

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