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Open House Scheduled for Steamboat Ski Resort Environmental Impact Statement

(STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo.) Aug. 22, 2016 – The Routt National Forest (RNF), of the U.S. Forest Service, is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) to consider and disclose the anticipated environmental effects of implementing projects by the Steamboat Ski and Resort Corporation (SSRC) at the Steamboat Ski Resort.

The Forest Service is hosting a public open house, which will be held on August 25, 2016 from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. at the Steamboat Springs Community Center, located at 1605 Lincoln Avenue, Steamboat Springs, CO. Representatives from the RNF, Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District and the SSRC will be present to answer questions and provide additional information on this project.

The public is encouraged to participate in the open house, as well as to review the project proposal and provide scoping comments on any component of this proposal. The project proposal is available for review and comment online at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48246&exp=overview>. The purpose of this scoping period is to provide an opportunity for interested parties to provide early and meaningful participation in the project. Your questions and comments regarding this proposal are an integral part of the environmental analysis process.

Written comments can be submitted via mail, fax, electronically, or in person (Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., excluding holidays) to: Dennis Jaeger, C/O Erica Dickerman, 2468 Jackson Street, Laramie, WY 82070; Fax: 307-745-2398. Electronic comments can be submitted at: <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public//CommentInput?Project=48246> or via email to comments-rocky-mountain-medicine-bow-routt@fs.fed.us. Your comments will be most helpful if received by September 24, 2016.

The proposal includes individual projects located in the Rough Rider, Bashor Bowl, Pony Express, and Pioneer Ridge areas of the Steamboat Ski Resort. These projects would occur within the resort's existing Special Use Permit area that is located on National Forest System lands and would be consistent with the 2011 Steamboat Master Development Plan Amendment. The projects are proposed to improve the quality of guest services, increase operational efficiencies, and enhance the recreation experience for all skier ability levels.

If you have questions concerning special needs for the open houses, contact Erica Dickerman at 970-870-2185 or email edickerman@fs.fed.us.

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