



# Carson National Forest Plan Revision

## *How to Comment*



The Carson National Forest is releasing its Draft Land Management Plan (LMP) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), along with associated documents, for a formal 90 day comment period. We highly encourage all public members to submit substantive comments in order to have standing under the Objections Process. For more information on the objections process visit the following:

[https://www.fs.fed.us/objections/objections\\_related.php#app\\_work](https://www.fs.fed.us/objections/objections_related.php#app_work)

### Products on which we are seeking comment:

- Carson Draft Land Management Plan and maps
- Carson Draft Environment Impact Statement (DEIS) Volumes I and II

All materials are available on the Plan Revision website [www.fs.usda.gov/goto/carsonforestplan](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/carsonforestplan). Paper copies are available to review at all Carson NF offices and local libraries (see website for full list).

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- **Use the online commenting tool, CARA:** Upload a comment letter or enter a comment online here: <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?project=47966>. Enter your comment by uploading a comment form or creating a comment form in CARA by either selecting 'Enter New Letter' or 'Upload Letters' on the project home page.
- **Send us an email:** Send comments to [carsonplan@fs.fed.us](mailto:carsonplan@fs.fed.us).
- **Mail us a letter:** Plan Revision Team  
Carson National Forest  
208 Cruz Alta Rd.  
Taos, NM 87571
- **Fill out a Carson National Forest Plan Revision comment form:** Fill out the Carson National Forest Plan Revision Comment Form provided at public meetings and [district offices](#).
- **Attend a public meeting:** Staff will be on site to answer questions and assist with commenting. The following public meetings are scheduled. Please visit our website for updated meeting information.
  - **Santa Fe, NM - (Joint meeting with Santa Fe NF and Cibola NF) – August 20th, 2:00-6:00, Santa Fe Community College**
  - **Taos, NM – August 21st, 12:00-2:00, Carson NF Supervisor’s Office**
  - **Mora, NM – August 22, 6:00-8:00, Location TBD (meeting led by Santa Fe NF)**
  - **El Rito, NM – August 28th, 1:00-3:00, El Rito Ranger District Office**
  - **Canjilon, NM – August 28th, 5:00-7:00, Canjilon Community Center**
  - **Bloomfield, NM – August 29th, 1:00-3:00, Jicarilla Ranger District Office**
  - **Farmington, NM – August 29th, 5:00-7:00, San Juan College, room 9012**
  - **Tres Piedras, NM – August 30th, 1:00-3:00, Tres Piedras Ranger District Office**
  - **Red River, NM – September 3rd, 5:00-7:00, Red River Convention Center**
  - **Peñasco, NM – September 4th, 1:00-3:00, Camino Real Ranger District Office**
  - **Peñasco, NM – September 10th, 5:00-7:00, Camino Real Ranger District Office**
  - **Questa, NM – September 11th, 1:00-3:00, Questa Ranger District Office**
  - **Canjilon, NM – September 12th, 1:00-3:00, Canjilon Ranger District Office**
  - **El Rito, NM – September 12th, 5:00-7:00, Northern New Mexico College**
  - **Taos, NM – September 17th, 4:00-7:00, Sagebrush Inn**
  - **Abiquiu, NM – September 25th, 6:00-8:00, Ghost Ranch (meeting led by Santa Fe NF)**



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To be accepted, **comments must be postmarked by the last date of the comment period**, which will be determined by the date the Notice of Availability is published in the Federal Register. Only those who have submitted substantive comments related to the Carson plan revision during at least one of the public comment periods will be eligible to file an objection under the 2012 rule objections process.

### **How to Effectively Comment**

Comments you provide during the 90-day comment period will be considered during the development of the final proposed plan and environmental impact statement. All comments will be read and their content considered. Please note that all comments, names, and addresses become part of the public record and are subject to Freedom of Information Act requests, except for proprietary documents and information.

### **Here are some tips for providing effective comments:**

- Comments should be clear, concise, and relevant to the analysis of the documents. Take the time to organize your thoughts so your comments are understandable.
- Comments that are solution-oriented and provide specific examples will be more effective than those that simply state opposition.
- Comments should address the purpose and need for the action.
- Comments should relate to specific plan components (desired conditions, objectives, standards, or guidelines), management areas, analysis rational, or locations on the Carson where the concern is applicable.
- Commenting is not a form of “voting” on an alternative. Negative comments do not prevent an action from moving forward. Numerous comments that repeat the same basic message of support or opposition will typically be responded to collectively.
- In order to have standing to object in the plan revision process, you must include your name and contact information as part of your comments.

### **Consider these questions in developing your comments:**

- Do you recommend changes to the wording of a specific plan component, new or deleted plan components, changing the type of plan component (i.e., moving a standard to a guideline). Why?
- Where specifically do you disagree with certain uses or the application of certain plan components or boundaries of a management area? What specifically would you change and why?
- How can the environmental analysis in the DEIS be improved, including specific effects where more clarity is needed or recommendations for additional sources of information?
- Which desired conditions will be the most important to monitor to determine if the plan is successful? What monitoring measures do you recommend? Do you have any specific sources of monitoring that can be used to monitor plan success?

