

LEGAL NOTICE – Pueblo Chieftain

Opportunity to Comment on the Locke Mountain Fuels Management EA.

The U.S. Forest Service, Pike-San Isabel National Forest, San Carlos Ranger District, is preparing an Environmental Assessment for the Locke Mountain Fuels Management Project, encompassing approximately 4,680 acres in the Wet Mountain Range located approximately 13 miles south of Canon City.

The Environmental Assessment is now available for review at the San Carlos Ranger District office in Canon City and online at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/psicc/publications/>. Printed copies are available by request. To request a copy of the Environmental Assessment or to obtain additional information regarding this action, please contact: Mike Picard, 325 W. Rainbow Blvd, Salida, CO 81201, 719-530-3959, mpicard@fs.fed.us

How to Comment and Timeframe

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Pueblo Chieftain. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

The purpose of this comment period is to provide an opportunity for the public to provide early and meaningful participation on a proposed action prior to a decision being made by the Responsible Official. Those who provide substantive comments during this comment period are eligible to appeal the decision pursuant to 36 CFR part 215 regulations. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 215.6(a)(3).

Written comments must be submitted to: Paul Crespin, District Ranger, San Carlos Ranger District, 3028 E. Main St., Canon City, CO 81212, FAX 719-269-8596 or by email to Mike Picard at mpicard@fs.fed.us. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 7:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Oral comments must be provided in person at the Responsible Official's office during normal business hours or via telephone to Mike Picard, 719-530-3959. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc) to mpicard@fs.fed.us. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for appeal eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification.

It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period (30 calendar days following the publication of this notice).