



File Code: 1950; 2720

Date: December 11, 2014

Dear Interested Party,

The White River National Forest (WRNF) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to consider and disclose the anticipated environmental effects of implementing several projects at Snowmass Ski Area (Snowmass) designed to improve the winter recreational experience. The EA is available for review on the WRNF website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=44643>, or hard copies of the EA can be reviewed at the Sopris Ranger Station, Forest Supervisor's office, Aspen Public Library, Carbondale Public Library, and Glenwood Springs Public Library.

Snowmass is located on the Aspen-Sopris Ranger District of the WRNF, approximately five miles west-northwest of Aspen, Colorado. As the responsible official for this project, I am interested in hearing your thoughts, issues, or concerns and how they may be addressed. Please respond by January 16, 2015, so our decision process can proceed in a timely manner.

Request for Comments

Specific written comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of this notice in the Glenwood Springs Post Independent. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

Written comments must be submitted via mail, fax, electronically, or in person (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) to: Scott Fitzwilliams, c/o Scott Kaden, Project Leader, 620 Main Street, Carbondale, CO 81623, FAX: (970) 963-1012. Electronic comments including attachments can be submitted to <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?Project=44643>.

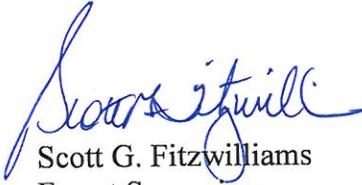
It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments will have eligibility to file an objection under §218.8. For objection eligibility, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments must either sign the comment or verify identity upon request. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements in §218.25(a) (3). Names and contact information submitted with comments will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

I will make a decision after considering information contained within the analysis, public comments and staff recommendations. A future decision document will present my findings, along with additional project design criteria and/or or required mitigation measures if applicable. All individuals or groups who submit comments on the EA and those who submitted comments during the initial scoping period will be notified of my decision.



Thank you for your interest and participation in this project. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Scott Kaden at (970) 963-2266 or scottakaden@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,



Scott G. Fitzwilliams
Forest Supervisor

cc: Karen Schroyer; Roger Poirier; Scott Kaden

