

PUBLIC NOTICE

News Release

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Brian Banks District Ranger for the South Platte Ranger District of the Pike National Forest, proposes to treat up to 10,000 forested acres over a 10-year period to restore portions of the Crossons-Longview Project Area to more historic conditions. The actions would reduce the potential for catastrophic wildfires and improve the resiliency of the ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir dominated forests to insects and disease. The proposed action would also protect public water supplies, and enhance wildlife habitat. The proposed vegetative treatments include thinning, mulching, tree removal, and prescribed burning to reduce forest canopy densities, and ground and ladder fuels in areas across the landscape. The treatments would be accomplished by a combination of work using chainsaws and mechanized logging equipment.

The Crossons-Longview Forest Restoration Project Final Environmental Assessment and Draft Decision Memo and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact are available at -

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/psicc/landmanagement/projects>

This is a Healthy Forest Restoration Act project, and, therefore, subject to 36 CFR part 218 subpart C. If you submitted specific written comments during scoping or any other opportunity for public comments in accordance with 36 CFR part 218(a), you have 30 days from the date of this legal notice publication to file an objection under the 36 CFR 218 pre-decisional objection process. Objections must be based upon specific comments regarding the proposed action submitted during scoping, any other opportunity for public comments, or on new information arising after designated public comment periods. All objections must be filed (regular mail, fax, email, hand-delivered, express delivery, or messenger service) with the project reviewing officer. Hand delivered, messenger service and express deliveries are accepted between 0800 and 1630 M-F at U.S. Forest Service 19316 Goddard Ranch Ct, Morrison CO 80465.

The objection must contain the objectors name and identify a lead objector if there is more than one objector. The objector or lead objector must sign the objection. The objection must include the Responsible Official's name and title, and the names of the national forests and districts on which the proposed action will be implemented. It shall also include a description of those aspects of the proposed project addressed by the objection, including specific issues related to the proposed project; if applicable how the objector believes the environmental analysis or draft decision specifically violates law regulation or policy; suggested remedies that would resolve the objection and supporting reasons for the reviewing officer to consider. And it must contain a statement that demonstrates the connection between the objection and prior timely specific written comments on the proposed project, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after all official comment periods ended.

Please contact Kris Heiny, Project Leader, U.S. Forest Service, 19316 Goddard Ranch Court, Morrison, Colorado 80465, 303.275.5636 to submit any objections to the proposed project on or before 30 days after legal notice publication in the newspaper of record. You can also email your comments to kheiny@fs.fed.us.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to object the subsequent decisions under 36CFR Part 218. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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