

Forest Service Planning Rule Public Meeting
March 21, 2011
Afternoon Session (1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

Location/Parking

Rocky Mountain Regional Forest Service Building
Auditorium
740 Simms Street
Lakewood, CO 80401

The Forest Service building is located just north of the intersection of Highway 6 and Simms. Take the Union/Simms exit off of Highway 6 and turn north. The building is on the east side of Simms. It is to the north of the Ford Dealership and set back about a half block. Turn at the large sign that says “Your Name Here.”

If parking is not available next to the building, try the lower lot closer to Simms Street or behind the Forest Service building.

Entrance to the Building

Since this is a Federal building, it is necessary to have a government issued picture ID to enter the building. Please arrive a few minutes early to move through security.

Purposes

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Provide stakeholders an in-depth understanding of the proposed rule;
- Respond to stakeholders question and answers; and
- Provide information on how to formally comment on the rule.

A representative of the Washington, D.C. rule writing team will present a briefing on the rule and respond to Q and A's. The hope is that the information provided will assist the public in writing more informed comments.

We are currently in a public comment period, and thus comments need to be submitted in writing. The Forest Service will NOT be soliciting verbal public comments at the meeting. Further, the presentations, Q and A, and discussions that take place at the meeting will NOT be recorded and will not become part of the comment record.

Agenda

- 12:30 p.m. Meeting Room Open and Forest Service Staff Available. Even though the formal meeting will not start until 1:00 p.m., we encourage participants to come early to get through security.
- 1:00 p.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
Kristi Parker Celico, Neutral Facilitator, Meridian Institute
Tony Dixon, Deputy Regional Forester, Rocky Mountain Region
- 1:10 p.m. Agenda Review, Ground Rules, and Introductions
- 1:15 p.m. Brief Presentation of the Proposed Rule with Opportunities at Regular Intervals for Q and A, Ric Rine Assistant Director, Planning, Washington D.C. Office, Forest Service
- Forest Service Panel to Respond to Questions**
Ric Rine, Assistant Director, Planning, Washington, D.C. Office
Tony Dixon, Deputy Regional Forester, Rocky Mountain Region
Sharon Friedman, Director, Strategic Planning, Rocky Mountain Region
John Rupe, Planner, Rocky Mountain Region
- 2:15 p.m. Brief Break
- 2:25 p.m. Continue Presentation and Q and A.
- 3:30 p.m. Closing Remarks by Sharon Friedman, Director, Strategic Planning, Rocky Mountain Region
- 3:30 p.m. Informal Reception. Opportunity to ask Forest Service leaders additional questions.
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

After the meeting, Forest Service staff will remain available to answer questions.

Additionally, an email address has been set up for sending in additional questions after the meeting: questions@merid.org. Questions sent to this email address will not be addressed individually, but rather grouped together and responded to by the Forest Service. Answers will be posted to the FAQ section on the Forest Service's Planning Website.