

Opportunity to Object on the Muddy Pass - Sheephorn Project

Responsible Official Aaron Mayville of the White River National Forest, Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District, has finalized the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and prepared the draft Decision Notice (DN) for the Muddy Pass – Sheephorn Project.

The draft decision will authorize vegetation management treatments on 9,722-acres (+/- 10%) located between Interstate 70, Highway 131, the Colorado River, and the Eagle’s Nest Wilderness, in Eagle County, Colorado. The draft DN also authorizes road improvements, range improvements, habitat improvements, and converting a non-system route into a motorized Forest System Route.

The EA/FONSI and draft DN are available on-line at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=53148>. These documents are also available for review at the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District, located at 24747 US Hwy 24, Minturn, CO 81645. Additional information can be obtained from: Brett Crary, PO Box 190, Minturn, CO 81645, (970) 328-5899, brett.crary@usda.gov.

The Muddy Pass – Sheephorn Project is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218, subparts A and B.

How to file an Objection and Timeframe

Objections will only be accepted from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project the designated opportunity for public comment or other opportunity in accordance with §218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after the designated comment opportunities.

Objections, including attachments, must be filed via postal service, e-mail, hand-delivered, or messenger service to: Objection Reviewing Officer, Planning Department, U.S. Forest Service Rocky Mountain Region, 1617 Cole Blvd, Building 17, Golden, CO 80401; fax to (303) 275-5134; or e-mail to SM.FS.r02admin-rev@usda.gov. Office hours for hand-delivery are Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, excluding holidays.

Objections must be submitted within 45 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the *Vail Daily*. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection.

The objection must contain the minimum content requirements specified in §218.8(d) and incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in §218.8(b). It is the objector’s responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the

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reviewing officer pursuant to §218.9. All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process.

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