

Legal Notice: Opportunity to Object
Loveland Dry Gulch Snowcat Tours
Environmental Assessment
USDA Forest Service
Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests & Pawnee National Grassland
Clear Creek Ranger District
Clear Creek County, Colorado

The Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests & Pawnee National Grassland has released an environmental assessment (EA), finding of no significant impact (FONSI), and draft decision notice (DN) for the *Loveland Dry Gulch Snowcat Tours* project in Clear Creek County, Colorado in the upper reaches of the Dry Gulch Area. The draft DN would implement the proposed action of establishing three temporary (over-snow) snowcat routes to allow the snowcat to access drop-off and pick-up points for customers skiing on guided tours.

The EA/FONSI and draft DN are available online at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54196>.

These documents are also available for review at the Clear Creek Ranger District. Additional information can be obtained by calling Bryan West at 303-275-5276.

The proposed action would implement an existing land management plan and is subject 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 during the designated formal public comment period, in accordance with 36 CFR 218.5. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project, unless the issue is based on new information that arose after the opportunities to comment (§218.8[c]).

Objections, including attachments, must be filed via mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service to:

USDA Forest Service, Region 2
Rocky Mountain Regional Office
Attn: Objection Reviewing Officer
1617 Cole Blvd, Building 17
Lakewood, CO 80401-3305

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays

Fax: 303-275-5134

Email: SM.FS.r02admin-rev@usda.gov

(Acceptable formats for electronic objections are: rtf, pdf, doc, or docx).

Objections must be submitted within 45 calendar days following the publication of this notice in *The Coloradoan*. 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). At a minimum, an objection must include the following (36 CFR 218.8[d]): 1) The objector's name and address, with a telephone number, if available; 2) a signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for Email may be filed with the objection); 3) when multiple names are listed on an objection, identification of the lead objector (verification of the identity of the lead objector shall be provided upon request); 4) the name of the proposed project, the name and title of the responsible official, and the name(s) of the national forest(s) and/or ranger district(s) on which the proposed project will be implemented; and 5) 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; supporting reasons for the reviewing officer to consider; and 6) a statement that demonstrates connection between prior specific written comments on the particular proposed project or activity and the content of the objection, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the designated opportunity(ies) for comment. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer pursuant to §218.9. All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process.

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