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Interested Party,

This letter is to inform you that the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Basalt Mountain Salvage and Rehabilitation Project located on the Aspen-Sopris Ranger District is complete and I have drafted my decision. The EA, Draft Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact may be viewed online at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55031>.

The selected alternative included in the Draft Decision Notice would meet the project's purpose and need by providing commercial forest products or biomass to local industries and creating defensible space near homes and structures.

This project is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218, subparts A and B. Objections will only be accepted from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with §218.5 (a).

Objections must be submitted within 45 calendar days following the publication of a legal notice in the Aspen Times Weekly. 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. Please refer to the section titled "Administrative Review and Objection Opportunity" located in the Draft Decision Notice for complete instructions on the objection process.

If no objections are filed, I plan to issue a Final Decision Notice at which time implementation of the project may begin.

For more information contact Christopher McDonald at 970-625-6856 or email: christopher.mcdonald@usda.gov.

Thank you for your interest in the management of your national forest.

Sincerely,

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