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## Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests & Thunder Basin National Grassland

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### **Medicine Bow Forest Plan supplements complete**

(Laramie, Wyo) – April 28, 2009 – The Medicine Bow National Forest, has completed all of the supplements to its 2003 Land and Resource Management Plan, as directed by the Chief's Consolidated Decision for Appeals of the Plan. The final three supplements are posted at the Medicine Bow's website

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/mbr/projects/forestplans/mb/index.shtml> for public information.

The completion of these final three supplements satisfies all the requirements resulting from the Appeal Decision of the 2003 Land and Resource Management Plan.

The supplements include documentation of how the established evaluation and selection criteria were utilized to evaluate Browns Peak for designation as a Research Natural Area, review of all LRMP water resource management standards for consistency and compliance with prior Departmental and agency direction, and an explanation of the basis that trail use can contribute to the propagation and spread of whirling disease.

The Medicine Bow National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan is a living document intended to guide management for the next ten to fifteen years. The Forest Service works with the public to implement this Plan.

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