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Dear Interested Parties:

Enclosed is the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Rock Creek Integrated Management Project. The ROD authorizes implementation of treatments to manage the bark beetle epidemic, and the subsequent potential for large, high intensity wildfires and excessive water flows on National Forest System lands in the Gore Pass Geographic Area between Kremmling and Yampa, Colorado.

The Rock Creek Integrated Management Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) analyzed the effects of the alternatives, and included refinements from interested agencies, organizations, and the public. The Forest Service received no objections to the project.

Under the provisions of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act, and the 36 CFR 218 Objection regulations, the Rock Creek Integrated Management Project may be implemented immediately after the decision is signed. I intend to implement this decision as soon as possible to allow critical actions to be completed this season, thereby reducing detrimental effects of beetle induced mortality. I am also considering using Stewardship Contracting Authority to implement all or portions of this project. Project implementation is expected to continue over the next several years.

Additional copies of the ROD, FEIS, and other related documents are available on the web at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/mbr/projects/> under *Environmental Analysis: Forest Health*. Copies are also available from the Yampa Ranger District office, P.O. Box 7, 300 Roselawn Street, Yampa, Colorado 80483 or by phone at 970-638-4516, or fax at 638-2665; and at the Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District, 925 Weiss Drive, Steamboat Springs, Colorado 80487 or by phone at 970-879-1870, or by fax at 870-2284.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests. Please contact Joanne Sanfilippo at (970) 870-2210 for additional information.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Rock Creek Integrated Management Record of Decision



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