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Dear Forest User:

Attached for your review and comment is a copy of the Devils Gate Timber Sale and Watershed Improvements Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA describes the potential effects of implementing a site-specific project proposal designed to: treat vegetation within the Devils Gate analysis area with a commercial timber sale, reduce the spread insect and disease infestations, improve watershed conditions within portions of the Devils Gate analysis area, and improve motorized access to the Devils Gate trailhead. The EA also describes alternative ways of implementing the proposal and the effects they could have on the environment.

The proposal currently includes harvest units greater than 40 acres using even-aged regeneration harvest methods. Such proposals require Regional Forester approval and require an extension of the formal 30-day comment period. Consequently, the comment period for this proposal will be 60 days rather than the standard 30 days.

The purpose of the comment period is to provide an opportunity for the public to provide meaningful comments on the EA prior to a decision being made. Those who provide comments or express interest in the proposal during this period are eligible to appeal the decision under 36 CFR 215.11.

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 60 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Laramie Boomerang (newspaper of record). The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for the EA. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

Written comments should be submitted to:

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OR

E-mail: comments-rocky-mountain-medicine-bow-laramie@fs.fed.us. (Acceptable formats for electronic comments are: rtf, pdf or word.)



The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Forest Service regulations outlining the requirements for providing comments on a Proposed Action can be found at 36 CFR 251.6(a)(3). These include (1) name and address, (2) title of the proposed action, (3) specific substantive comments on the proposed action, along with supporting reasons that should be considered before reaching a decision. In order to obtain eligibility to appeal, each individual or representative from each organization submitting comments must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

/s/ Clint Kyhl
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District Ranger

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