

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF DECISION
USDA FOREST SERVICE
ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

Pike and San Isabel National Forest, Comanche and Cimarron National Grasslands
Leadville Ranger District
Lake County, Colorado

The District Ranger of the Leadville Ranger District of the Pike and San Isabel National Forest has signed the Decision Notice (DN) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for Box Creek Vegetation and Travel Management Project Environmental Assessment. The project will occur with the Box Creek Watershed, southwest of Leadville, Colorado. This project consists of vegetation management on 2,300 acres and travel management on 27 miles of roads on Forest Service lands.

A copy of the Decision Notice and FONSI is available upon request from the Leadville Ranger District at 810 Front Street, Leadville, Colorado or by phoning (719) 486-0749. Please direct questions about this DN/FONSI to Jim Zornes, District Ranger, Leadville Ranger District, at (719) 486-0749.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 215.11. To appeal this decision, a person must submit a written appeal to the Appeals Deciding Officer within 45 days of the date of publication of this Decision Notice in the Herald Democrat. Appeals must meet the content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14. The appellant is responsible for submitting an appeal on or before the last day of the appeal filing period. Where there is a question about timeliness, the U.S. Postal Service postmark on a mailed appeal or the time and date imprint on a facsimile appeal will be used to determine timeliness. Pursuant to 36 CFR 215.13(b) only those individuals or organizations who submitted substantive comments during the comment period may file an appeal.

Where to file an appeal:

USPS:

Appeals Deciding Officer
USDA Forest Service
Rocky Mountain Region
P. O. Box 25127
Lakewood, Colorado 80225-25127

UPS, FED EX:

Appeals Deciding Officer
USDA Forest Service
Rocky Mountain Region
740 Simms St.
Golden, Colorado 80401
(303) 275-5296
Fax: (303) 275-5135

e-mail: appeals-rocky-mountain-regional-office@fs.fed.us

Appeal Content Requirements:

It is an appellant's responsibility to provide sufficient activity-specific evidence and rationale, focusing on the decision, to show why the Responsible Official's decision should be reversed. At a minimum, an appeal must include the following (CFR 215.14):

1. Appellant's name and address (CFR 215.1), with telephone number, if available;
2. Signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for electronic mail may be filed with the appeal);
3. When multiple names are listed on an appeal, identification of the lead appellant (215.2) and verification of the identity of the lead appellant upon request;
4. The name of the project or activity for which the decision was made, the name and title of the Responsible Official, and the date of the decision;
5. The regulation under which the appeal is being filed, when there is an option to appeal under either this part or part 251, subpart C (CFR 215.11(d));
6. Any specific change(s) in the decision that the appellant seeks and rationale for those changes;
7. Any portion(s) of the decision with which the appellant disagrees, and explanation for the disagreement;
8. Why the appellant believes the Responsible Official's decision failed to consider the substantive comments; and
9. How the appellant believes the decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy.

Notices of Appeal that do not meet the requirements of 36 CFR 215.14 will be dismissed.

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Pursuant to 36 CFR 215.9 (a), if no appeal is filed, implementation of this decision may occur on, but not before, the fifth day from the close of the appeal filing period.

For additional information concerning this decision or the Forest Service appeal process, contact Jim Zornes, District Ranger, Leadville Ranger District, at (719) 486-0749.

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