

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS

April 27, 2004

The attached is the Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA) for the Rio Grande National Forest and San Luis Resource Area. The schedule includes project proposals that we currently anticipate analyzing during the spring/summer2004.

This schedule is not a NEPA document, nor is it a solicitation for comments. Comments addressed to the schedule do not provide standing for appeal purposes. The purpose of the Schedule of Proposed Actions is to provide you with information on whom to contact should you wish to become involved through site-specific comments. This only provides enough information to enable you to contact the proper person to become involved in the analysis and decision process on the forest. Comments received by project leaders, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on the proposed action and will be available for public inspection.

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We welcome your interest and participation. We also encourage your involvement in each project that you are interested in. Your participation is particularly helpful during the early stages of project formulation known as "scoping". It is during the "scoping" process that we define the Purpose and Need for the project, identify issues and define the extent of analysis that is needed. All projects are scoped separately from this SOPA. If you identify a project or projects that you are interested in, please contact the ID Team Leader shown on the schedule and provide project specific comments.

If you want to be added to the mailing list for this SOPA, please contact Leon Montoya at the address listed inside this packet for the Supervisor's Office of the Rio Grande National Forest or e-mail our office at mailroom_r2_rio_grande@fs.fed.us. This document can be seen on our website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/riogrande/planning/planning.htm>

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TRAILS

BLANCA/ ELLINGWOOD AND LITTLE BEAR PEAKS	This project involves relocation and improvement on the access trail to these popular peaks in the Sangre de Cristo's. Project location is approximately 8 miles NW of the town of Blanca. JIM HONG, (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District.	NEPA starting summer 2005, implementation 2006
MOON PASS OHV TRAILHEAD IMPROVEMENT	Project involves grading, shaping and definition of existing parking areas for South Carnero Trail, Miners Trail, and Bowers Peak Trail. Gravel surface may be applied and trailhead signs installed. Contact KRISTI MURPHY, (719) 655-2547, Saguache Ranger District.	Project implementation in Summer 2004
CHAMA BASIN TRAILS	This project involves rehabilitation of gullies across Trail 124 and creating switchbacks in a steep section of Trail 741 to control erosion. JIM HONG, (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District.	NEPA complete. Implementation in summer 2004
CRESTONE PEAK/ NEEDLE TRAIL IMPROVEMENT	This project consists of evaluating a desirable route to the top of Crestone Peak & Crestone Needle. Existing braided routes would be rehabbed, erosion controlled, and re-vegetated. The more desirable routes to the mountaintops would be delineated. These peaks are located in the Sangre De Cristo Wilderness just east and slightly south of the Town of Crestone. Primitive means are required for this trail work. Contact KRISTI MURPHY, (719) 655-2547, Saguache Ranger District.	NEPA work CY '04 and project implementation CY '05

RANGE

CANON ALLOTMENT AMP	Environmental Analysis for an Allotment Management Plan on the Canon C&H Allotment. Location is the Rio Grande drainage above Rio Grande Reservoir, including West Lost Trail Creek, portions of Bear Creek and Pole Creek. GILBERT BECENTI or TRISTRAM POST, (719) 657-3321, Divide Ranger District.	Release draft EA for comments June 2004.
SOUTH SAN JUAN WILDERNESS S&G	Environmental Analysis for the Jarosa Mesa, Dipping Lakes, Bancos Alazon, Glacier Lake, Twin Lakes, Roaring Fork, Saddle Creek & Mesa S&G Allotments. One EA and several Allotment Management Plans will be prepared for these allotments. These sheep allotments are located within the South San Juan Wilderness on the Conejos Peak Ranger District. Contact DEAN ERHARD, (719) 852-5941. Monte Vista Supervisor's Office.	Scoping out for spring 2004. EA for comment fall 2004.
FOX CREEK, C&H ALLOTMENT	Environmental Analysis for Allotment Management Plan for the Fox Creek cattle allotment located along Fox Creek drainage north of Magote, Colorado. Will be re-combined with the Long Park and Big Meadows C&H allotments. KELLY GARCIA, (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District.	Scoping Spring 2005. EA for comment summer 2005
ALDER/SILVER ALLOTMENT EA	Environmental Analysis for an Allotment Management Plan to be reviewed for the Alder Silver Allotment located north of Saguache, CO. LAMAR TAYLOR, (719) 655-2547, Saguache Ranger District.	EA completed & delayed due to reversal.
CONEJOS CANYON ALLOTMENT ANALYSIS	Environmental Analysis and Allotment Management Plan for Conejos Canyon grazing Allotment. Located between Orca, CO and Conejos River Ranch, west into South San Juan Wilderness. T34N, R4E, R5E. GARY SNELL, (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District.	In planning, data collection ongoing
PLATORO ANALYSIS	EA and AMP for Platoro Allotment which is located adjacent to Platoro Reservoir, East to Silver Lakes, T 36N, R4 & 5E. KELLY GARCIA, (719)274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District.	Scoping in Spring 2004 EA for Comment Fall 2004
TRIANGLE SPRINGS DEVELOPMENT	Water to be developed for Platoro and Cat Creek Allotments with additional development for wildlife. T36N, R6E., Sec 12. KELLY GARCIA, (719)274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District.	CE in progress expected completion Summer 2004.
NOTCH TRAIL DRIFT FENCE, ROUGH CREEK C&H ALLOTMENT	Prevent drift of cattle between the Rough Creek Allotment and the Conejos Cattle Allotment (T33N, R5E, South ½ Sec 32). Contact GARY SNELL,(719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak District	On Hold.
SAGUACHE DISTRICT RANGE IMPROVEMENTS	Projects will be scoped individually as needed and evaluated prior to initiation. LAMAR TAYLOR, (719) 655-2547, Saguache Ranger District.	Ongoing
HANDKERCHIEF RANGE	Environmental Analysis for 5 range allotments (Cattle Mountain, Church, Little Beaver, Cross Creek and Handkerchief C&H Allotment). Contact TRISTRAM POST, (719) 657-3321, Divide Ranger District.	Scoping to be May 2004
SPANISH CREEK- MANN CREEK CORRALS	Proposal to construct each on the Spanish Creek and Canero Allotments for livestock handling. Expect CE for this project. Contact LAMAR TAYLOR, (719) 655-2547 Saguache Ranger District.	In planning. Anticipated NEPA Spring 2004

DIVIDE DISTRICT RANGE IMPROVEMENTS	Projects will be scoped individually as needed and evaluated prior to initiation. Contact TRISTRAM POST, (719) 657-3321, Divide Ranger District.	Ongoing
SILVER MOUNTAIN WD	Cattle and elk are currently impacting a water source. The proposal is to install a water collection system consisting of buried 4" PVC, reduced to 1 1/4" black pipe approx. 400' to a water trough. All overflow water would be returned to the channel. The spring source would be fenced. T37N, R5E, NE1/4, SE1/4. Contact TRISTRAM POST, (719)657-3321, Divide Ranger District	CE expected late June or early July. Construction planned for August 2004
PARK C&H ALLOTMENT	Environmental Analysis Plan for an Allotment Management Plan to be prepared for the Park Cattle and Horse Allotment located west of Creede, Colorado. Contact GILBERT BECENTI, (719)657-3321, Divide Ranger District.	Scoping to start summer 2004

TIMBER

HANDKERCHIEF MESA ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS	Proposal to manage timber and road resources in the Handkerchief Mesa Landscape, with various treatments including harvesting of 10 to 13 MMBF of timber, timber stand improvement, prescribed burning, and road management. Area runs from South Fork to the Continental Divide, from Highway 160 and Wolf Creek Pass (on West) to Beaver Mountain, Willow Park and Crystal Lakes (on East). Range has been eliminated from this EA. STEVE BRIGHAM, (719)657-3321, Divide Ranger District.	Project will be Re-evaluated after the amendment of the Land Management Plan.
BLACK MOUNTAIN TIMBER SALE	Proposal to harvest approximately 2 MMBF of timber in the Jarosa analysis area. The Jarosa Analysis area is located about 25 miles west of Creede, Colorado on Highway 149 in Hinsdale County. The area is located south of Spring Pass and East and West of Highway 149. Contact STEVE BRIGHAM, (719) 657-3321, Divide Ranger District.	Scoping expected in Fall 2004 or following amendment of the LMP.
MILLION SALVAGE	EA for salvage of 2 MMBF of timber in the Million Fire burn area near South Fork, T39N, R3E, Sec. 2. Contact STEVE BRIGHAM, (719)657-3321, Divide Ranger District.	Decision made March 2004
MISC. SMALL SALES-SAGUACHE	The district will look at treatment of insects and diseases infested trees thru; Small timber sales, Post and Pole sales, and Firewood sales located at; Browns/Mill Creek, Duck Pond, Bear creek, Spanish Creek, and Fullerton Park. The district will analyze each area using the District Small Sales EA. Contact JACK LEWIS, (719)655-2547, Saguache Ranger District.	Scoping for Saw Timber Sales expected 2004
CONEJOS CANYON BEETLE TREATMENT	Beetle treatment within Conejos Canyon Corridor/Campgrounds (Aspen Glade/Magote). Contact JACK LEWIS, (719) 655-2547, Saguache Ranger District.	In progress and ongoing.
ANTELOPE SALVAGE	Proposal to Manage Insect & Disease Infestations and fuels in the Antelope Creek area. Analyze using District Small Sales EA. Small Sales EA check list started. Contact JACK LEWIS, (719)655-2547, Saguache Range District	Checklist completed. Project implementation Fall 2004
COUNTY LINE ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS	Proposal to manage beetle infested timber in an 1560 acre analysis area and to manage other stands in the analysis to create conditions less susceptible to insects and disease infestations. Proposal would result in the harvest of approx. 24 MMBF of timber and may require up to 0.3 miles of road realignment and .8 miles of road construction. The analysis area is located about 2 miles Northwest of Cumbres Pass on the Conejos Peak Ranger District. Contact JOHN MURPHY, (719)852-5941, Monte Vista Supervisor's Office.	Draft EIS expected May 2004
SHAW LAKE BEETLE SALVAGE	Category 13 CE proposed to harvest up to 250 acres of spruce beetle infested trees in all or parts of sections 25 and 26, T26N, R1E, within Mineral County. This project is located approx. 18 road miles southwest of South Fork, CO. Contact KIRBY SELF, (719) 657-3321, Divide Ranger District.	CE-decision Memo expected in August 2004

LANDS

SMALL TRACTS ACT CASES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slack, Sec 35, T 42N, R1W, NMPM, Mineral County • Nolen, Sec 22, T42N, R4E, NMPM, Saguache County • STA Interchange, Union Minere, Sec 21 & 22, T36N, R4E, NMPM, Conejos County • Getz, Sec 36, T41N, R5W, NMPM, Hinsdale County Contact PAT PRENTICE, (719)852-5941, Supervisor's Office	Ongoing. Transactions reviewed prior to final approval.
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PRIVATE ROAD EASEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baker - T37N, R5E, Sec. 1, 2, 11, 12, 30,31 & 32, Rio Grande County Brady - T32N, R4E, Sec. 1, Conejos County Contact PAT PRENTICE, (719)852-5941, Monte Vista Supervisor's Office	Ongoing
BLUE CREEK SMALL TRACTS	Small Tracts Act Land Exchange for the purpose of exchanging land and for boundary adjustment. T41N, R2E, Sec30. Mineral County. Contact TOM MALECEK (719)657-3321 Divide Ranger District or MIKE HETTLE, (719)852-5941, Monte Vista, Supervisor's Office.	Scoping May 2004

FUELS

ALPINE HYDRO AXE	Initiate NEPA scoping of hazardous fuels mitigation projects around Alpine developments. 400 acres in T 40N, R3E, Sec 24, and T40N, R4E, Sec 19. Contact GUY KEENE, (719)657-3321, Divide Ranger District.	Decision Memo and CE expected Spring 2004
CONEJOS RIVER WILDLAND-URBAN PROJECT	Initiate NEPA scoping of hazardous fuels mitigation projects around Conejos River corridor developments. Contact PAUL MINOW, (719)274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District.	Initiate scoping and evaluation Spring 2004
CATHEDRAL THINNING	Thinning out dense Ponderosa Pine understory to reduce fuels and prepare the site for prescribed burn. T41N, R4E. Sec 19 and T41 N, R3E. Sec 24. Contact either JIM GRIFFIN at the Supervisor's Office, (719) 852-6276 or GUY KEENE, (719)657-3321, Divide Ranger District.	Decision Memo and CE expected Spring 2004
COCHETOPA HILLS	Proposal to analyze at the landscape sale, forest health issues affecting forest and range lands in the Cochetopa Hills area. Analysis will look at multiple use treatments that are designed to reduce fuels; improve wildlife habitat and provide forest products. Contact Dwight Irwin, (719)655-2547, Saguache Ranger District.	Scoping expected Fall 2004
BUFFALO PASS FUELS REDUCTION	Variety of treatments to reduce natural and activity fuels and treat insect/disease infestation. T45N, R4E, Sec3. Contact SID HALL, (719) 655-2547, Saguache Ranger District	Analysis ongoing
ANTELOPE FUELS REDUCTION	Variety of treatments to reduce natural and activity fuels and treat insect/disease infestation. T45N, R5E, Sec16,20 Contact SID HALL, (719) 655-2547, Saguache Ranger District	Analysis ongoing
JACOBS HILL SAW WORK	The project/goal is to reduce Juniper and Pinon encroachment, with the long-term goal of re-establishing ponderosa pine as the dominant species, to improve big game winter range. T36N, R6E, Sec.25,36 Contact Paul Minow, (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak RD	CE signed February 17, 2004
COLD SPRINGS FUELS REDUCTION	The project/goal is to reduce juniper and pinon encroachment, with the long-term goal of re-establishing ponderosa pine as the dominant species, to improve big game winter range, reduce the risk of an extreme fire event, protect the inherent resources, and decrease the fire risk to surrounding private property. T32N, R7E, portions of sections 3, 4, and 10; T33N, R7E, portions of sections 33 and 32. ACRES: 922. Contact PAUL MINOW, (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District,	Implementing project
RITO HONDO FUELS REDUCTION	The project/goal is to reduce juniper and pinon encroachment, with the long-term goal of re-establishing ponderosa pine/grass savannah as the dominant vegetation type. Other goals from the CE include improving big game winter range, reduce the risk of an extreme fire event, protect the inherent resources, and decrease the fire risk to surrounding private property. T32N, R7E, portions of section 10. (142 acres) Contact PAUL MINOW, (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District	Implementing project
SCHILLING SPRINGS FUELS REDUCTION	The project/goal is to reduce juniper and pinon encroachment, with the long-term goal of re-establishing ponderosa pine as the dominant species. Other goals from the CE include improving big game winter range, reduce the risk of an extreme fire event, protect the inherent resources, and decrease the fire risk to surrounding private property. T36N, R6E, portions of sections 11, 12, 13, and 14. ACRES: 852 Contact PAUL MINOW, (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District	Implementation summer 2004
JACOBS HILL MECHANICAL TREATMENT	The project/goal is to reduce juniper and pinon encroachment, with the long-term goal of re-establishing ponderosa pine as the dominant species, to improve big game winter range. T36N, R6E, Sec.25,36 Contact PAUL MINOW, (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak RD	CE signed February 17, 2004
EMBARGO MECHANICAL FUELS REDUCTION	Initiate NEPA scoping of hazardous fuels projects in the lower Embargo Creek area. A variety of treatments to reduce stand density. T40N, R4E, all or parts of section 4,5,8,9,10, and 15. Contact GUY KEENE,(719) 657-3321 Divide Ranger District	Decision Memo and CE expected Spring 2004
CATHEDRAL PRESCRIBED BURN	Initiate NEPA scoping of a prescribed fire project to reduce hazardous fuels in the upper Embargo Creek area. T41N, R3E, all or parts of section 22,23,25,26, and R4E, sec 19, 30. Contact GUY KEENE, (719) 657-3321, Divide Ranger District	Decision Memo and CE expected Spring 2004

PIEDROSA FUELS REDUCTION	Proposal to reduce hazardous fuels via various treatments such as; prescribed fire, mechanical thinning or hand thinning, with a long term goal of maintaining a healthy Ponderosa-mixed conifer forest improving wildlife habitat and reducing the fire risk to adjacent private properties. Approx total acres 2,995. T36N, R6E, sec.27,28,33,34, and T35N, R6E, sec.1-3. Contact PAUL MINOW, (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District.	Initiate scoping and evaluation Spring 2004
HOT CREEK FUELS REDUCTION	Proposal to reduce hazardous fuels via various treatments such as; prescribed fire, mechanical thinning or hand thinning, with a long term goal of maintaining a healthy Ponderosa-mixed conifer forest improving wildlife habitat and reducing the fire risk to adjacent private properties. T35N, R6E, sec.3,4,8-12, 14-17, with four possible projects areas totaling 4,322 acres. Contact PAUL MINOW, (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District.	Initiate scoping and evaluation Spring 2004

SPECIAL USES

DOMESTIC WELL TO BE DRILLED AT SUMMER HOME	Proposal from permitted summer home owner David Silva to drill a domestic well and pipe the water to the cabin. The cabin is located on the Forest between South Fork and Wagon Wheel Gap in T40N, R2E, Sec 11. The well permit and water rights would be in the name of the USFS for a maximum of 15 gallons per minute. The well would replace an antiquated cistern that gathers runoff behind the cabin. Contact RONNIE DAY, (719) 657-3321, Divide Ranger District,	Scoping completed. Pending decision memo.
DOMESTIC WELL TO BE RE-DRILLED AT SUMMER HOME	Proposal from permitted summer home owner Herbert Noelke to re-drill an existing well. The cabin is in the Rio Grande Box Canyon Summer Home Group locate in T41N, R3W, Sec25, Hinsdale County. Contact RONNIE DAY, (719) 657-3321. Divide Ranger District.	Scoping Underway
SNOTEL	Proposal to construct the snow monitoring device near Greyback Mountain. Construction would be planned for summer 2004 and includes an instrument shelter, a 12 foot antenna tower, and a snow pillow pad. , T37N, R4E, Sec. 10, NMPM. Contact RON DAY, (719) 657-3321, Divide Ranger District.	NEPA ongoing, Scoping spring 2004
DIVIDE RANGER DISTRICT RE-ISSUANCE OF OUTFITTER/GUIDE PERMITS	Various Special Use authorizations that have historically been in place are being considered for re-issuance. Majority of use occurs on the Divide Ranger District. Contact JODY FAIRCHILD, (719) 658-2556 Divide RD, Creede Office.	Scoping in progress
LUJAN CREEK SNOWTEL SITE INSTALLATION	The NRCS proposes to install a snow precipitation measuring station (Snowtel) on or near Cochetopa Pass. Plans would call for utilization of an existing suitable cleared opening that would then have solar powered satellite connectivity and the site would be fenced. Data is necessary for predicting spring runoff, possible forest fire danger and stream flows. Contact KRISTI MURPHY, (719) 655-2547, Saguache Ranger District.	NEPA work winter 2004 and installation summer 2005
VILLAGE AT WOLF CREEK	Application for transportation and utility systems and facilities easement for the Village at Wolf Creek Environmental Impact Statement. This application if authorized would permit road and utilities easements to access private lands for the proposed Village at Wolf Creek. The project area is located within the Wolf Creek Ski Area special use permit boundary just south of Hwy 160 at the base of Wolf Creek Ski Area between South Fork and Pagosa Springs located in Mineral County. T37N, R2E, Sec4 & Sec8. Contact STEVE BRIGHAM, (719) 657-3321, Divide Ranger District.	NEPA in progress. Decision expected Feb. 2005
SILVER THREAD ATV POKER RUN	ATV Riders will make a loop on Forest Roads 600, 630, 611, 612, and 613. Starting and finishing at Hanson's Mill. This will be a one day event with 75 to 150 participants expected. Parking and restrooms will be at Hanson's Mill Trailhead. Loop will be approx. 24 miles long. Event will be sponsored by Silverthread Outdoor Club of South Fork, Colorado. Entry Fees will be charged. T41N, R2E, Sec.1,2,11,12,13,14,23,24, and T41N, R3E, Sec.4,7,8,9. Contact ART MARCILLA, (719) 657-3321, Divide Ranger District.	Scoping in progress

MINERALS

SUMMITVILLE EXPLORATION ROADS RECLAMATION	Approximately one mile of abandoned mining related exploration roads (Upper and Lower Red Butte Roads) will be reclaimed. This area is adjacent to the Summitville Mine Superfund Site, Rio Grande County, CO. Contact DIANN GESE, (719) 657-3321, Conejos Peak Ranger District.	Analysis in progress Expected completion summer 2005
BONANZA SAFETY CLOSURES	The Superior Mill will be removed and ten abandoned mines will be closed along the Bonanza Mines Off-Highway Vehicle tour near the town of Bonanza. Saguache County, CO. Abandoned mines will either be backfilled or closed using a bat-compatible gate. Contact DIANN GESE, (719) 655-2547, Saguache Ranger District.	Analysis in progress expected completion summer 2006
NORTH CRESTONE ABANDONED MINE CLOSURES	Two abandoned mines will be closed by the Colorado Division of Minerals and Geology adjacent to the North Crestone Trail. Sites are north of the town of Crestone, CO. One site will be backfilled and one site will be gated. Contact DIANN GESE, (719) 655-2547, Saguache Ranger District.	Analysis in progress expected completion Fall 2004

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

SCHRADER CREEK MECHANICAL TREATMENT	Partnership project designed to improve big game winter range by reducing density of pinyon-juniper and wildland urban interface fuels reduction. Year I done and Year II in planning. T 39N, R5E, Sec 20. DALE GOMEZ, (719) 657-3321, Divide Ranger District.	CE completed. Implementation. In 2004
BEAR CREEK MULE DEER HABITAT IMPROVEMENT	Project consists of pruning over mature Mountain Mahogany to encourage it to re-sprout and reducing density of encroaching conifers. (WUI Project) T40N, R3E, Sec15. Contact DALE GOMEZ, (719) 657-3321, Divide Ranger District	In planning stage. CE completed.
NORTH 40 WATER DEVELOPMENT	Combination of spring developments and water improvements for wildlife. Project will be located near Old Women's Creek/Natural Arch area. T41N, R5E, Sec. 13,14,15,22,23,25. Contact DALE GOMEZ, (719) 657-3321,Divide Ranger District	In planning stage. CE completed.

WATERSHED & SOIL PROJECTS

CALIFORNIA GULCH AND MINERS CREEK SOIL AND WATER IMPROVEMENT	Minor stream/road culvert repair and relocating and minor road/stream-crossing relocation. Project designed to reduce sediment going into streams and realign to natural stream course. Contact KRISTI MURPHY, (719) 655-2547, Saguache Ranger District.	NEPA Spring 2004 as needed to supplement Programmatic. Implement in 2005.
CONEJOS PEAK WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	Multiple erosion control projects located on Conejos Peak Ranger District in the following areas: Jacobs Hill area, Massey Gulch, Red Mountain, Rough Creek, Pinorealosa, E-N Osier, Wolf Creek Includes rehab projects, gully work, sub-soiler work. Contact AMALIA MONTOYA, (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District.	Implementation summer 2004
TWISTER SUBSOILING	Project to continue work to alleviate soil compaction. Contact GILBERT BECENTI, (719) 657-3321, Divide RD	NEPA completed. Implementation 2004
WIMPS	The Rio Grande National Forest and San Luis Valley BLM will have a EA for Comment available for review. The EA for Comment, as well as, biological reports will be available through hard copy or electronically on the Rio Grande Forest website. A 30 day comment period will begin on the day a legal notice is posted in the Valley Courier newspaper, Alamosa, Colorado. Please direct your comments to the Forest Supervisor, Rio Grande National Forest, 1803 West Hwy 160, Monte Vista, CO, 81144. Contact JOHN RAWINSKI for questions, (719) 852-5941, Supervisor's Office.	EA for comments will be available in the spring 2004.

RECREATION

MIX LAKE HANDICAP ACCESS PROJECT	Project to improve accessibility at Mix Lake. May include hardened trail, fishing pier, and installation of accessible toilet. SUE SWIFT-MILLER, (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District	Project on hold
SPECTACLELAKE HANDICAP ACCESS PROJECT	Project to improve accessibility at Spectacle Lake. May include; hardened trail, fishing pier, installation of handicap accessible toilet, dam repair, and wetland restoration. Contact SUE SWIFT-MILLER, (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District.	Construction scheduled for summer 2004
ELK CREEK CAMPGROUND REHABILITATION	Reconstruction of parts of existing campground units, pressurized water system, minor road improvement work. No expansion. JIM HONG, (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak Ranger District.	Scoping and NEPA underway. Scheduled for 2004.
ADVENTURE RACE	Divide RD has received a proposal for a one day adventure race to take place between Wolf Creek Ski Area and Beaver Creek Reservoir on roads and trails to include running, biking and boating, in September 2004. Contact STEVE BRIGHAM, (719) 657-3321, Divide Ranger District.	Application review in progress Public scoping expected in April/May
MIX LAKE CAMPGROUND WATER SYSTEM REHAB.	Project is located on the Conejos Peak Ranger District at the Mix Lake Campground near Platoro. The project consists of drilling a water well and replacing the water distribution system at the campground. Contact JIM HONG, (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak RD	Construction scheduled for summer 2004
CONEJOS CAMPGROUND BANK STABILIZATION & FISHERIES HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	Project includes bank stabilization and to provide fish habitat structures on the Conejos River locate at the Conejos Campground. T34N, R5E, Sec.19 Contact GREG THOMPSON, (719) 852-5941, Supervisors Office	Project on hold
PLATORO WORK STATION WATER SYSTEM REHAB	Project includes installation/replacing of the water system at the Platoro Work Station. Location T36N, R4E, Sec.22. Contact STAN MATTINGLY, (719) 852-5941, Supervisors Office	Construction scheduled for summer 2004
LA GARITA WILDERNESS SPECIAL ORDERS	Special Order for Use and Occupancy in the La Garita Wilderness. Contact KRISTI MURPHY, (719) 655-2547, Saguache Ranger District	Implementation summer 2004

BLM SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS
San Luis Resource Area



NORTH HALF

Saguache Field Office, 46525 W. Hwy 114, Saguache, CO 81149
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The **Saguache Field Office** (FO) is soliciting public comments on the renewal of 3 grazing permits as part of a landscape health assessment during 2004. We need to determine the level of public interest, concern, and resource conditions on each of the allotments up for assessment and renewal. Once the FO receives the public comments, the staff will meet as an interdisciplinary team. Using the comments and all other available information, the team will evaluate the following **three allotments for compliance with the standards for rangeland health.**

Following are the **three allotments and acreages** identified in the FO that we are soliciting input for rangeland health assessments. For comments or questions please contact Chris Robbins, Saguache Field Office (719) 655-2547

RANGE

Name	Federal Acreage
Spring Creek Ind.	99
Rabbit Canyon	3,865
McIntyre Gulch	4,408

SOUTH HALF

La Jara Field Office, 15571 County Road T.5, La Jara, CO 81140 Voice: (719) 274-8971, TDD: (719) 274-3139
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FUELS

SAW WORK JACOBS HILL BLM	The project/goal is to reduce juniper and pinon encroachment, with the long-term goal of re-establishing ponderosa pine as the dominant species, to improve big game winter range. T36N, R7E, Sec.21, NE1/4. Contact BRIAN GARCIA, Monte Vista Public Lands Center, (719) 852-5941	ID Team & scoping spring 2004
MECHANICAL TREATMENT JACOBS HILL BLM	The project/goal is to reduce juniper and pinon encroachment, with the long-term goal of re-establishing ponderosa pine as the dominant species, to improve big game winter range. T36N, R7E, Sec.21, NE1/4 Contact BRIAN GARCIA, Monte Vista Public Lands Center, (719) 852-5941	ID Team & scoping spring 2004
BLANCA WETLANDS HUNTING PLAN	EA proposed for the change in management of hunting on BWA. Contact JILL LUCERO or DOUG CLARK, (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak Public Lands Field Office.	Per-decisional EA expected August 2004

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LITTLE MOGOTE WATER RESERVOIR FOR LIVESTOCK	Construct water reservoir in Upper pasture of Little Mogote allotment to improve livestock distribution as well as provide water for wildlife. The Little Mogotes allotment is located approximately 7 miles southwest of La Jara, Colorado. T.34N, RE.Sec.34(NW corner). Contact MELISSA SHAWCROFT, (719) 274-8971, Conejos Peak Public Lands Field Office.	In Scoping Process
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7 grazing permits will expire during FY 2004 (10/1/03 to 9/30/04). To process the renewal of these permits we would like the public to identify any issues, concerns or resource conditions on the allotment(s) associated with the permits, to assist us in prioritizing the work. If you have any information or concerns, wish to be considered as an interested party on a permit or allotment, or wish to be involved in a health of the land assessment, please contact Melissa Shawcroft, Conejos Peak Field Office 719-274-8971 with any comments or questions. For the Rock Creek Allotment please contact Chris Robbins 719-655-2547 with any comments or questions.

Permits that are scheduled for renewal in FY 2004 on the following grazing allotments:

Allotment Name	Federal Acres	Permittee/Lessee	County
Poso Allotment	2,240 acres	2J Ranches	Conejos
Schrader Creek	640 acres	Robert Kernen	Rio Grande
Raton Creek	3,935 acres	Rim Rock Ranch	Rio Grande
Llano	5,255 acres	Ernest & Dennis Moeller	Conejos
RaJadero Canyon	6,210 acres	Roberto Marquez	Conejos
Capulin	7,600 acres	George Gallegos	Conejos
Romero Canyon	2,000 acres	George Gallegos	Conejos
RaJadero Canyon	6,210 acres	George Gallegos	Conejos
County Line	200 acres	Klecker Ranches	Rio Grande
Indian Head	400 acres	Klecker Ranches	Rio Grande
Nicomodes	1,960 acres	Klecker Ranches	Rio Grande
Refuge	480 acres	Klecker Ranches	Rio Grande
Rock Creek	15,334 acres	John Noffske	Rio Grande