

## Definitions

**Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)** - A plan a community develops under the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (2003) that defines a community's priorities for protecting life, property, and critical infrastructure in the wildland urban interface. A CWPP must be developed collaboratively by local and state government representatives, include prioritized fuel reduction areas and recommendations for treating structural ignitability.

**Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** - A federal agency-prepared document disclosing potential resource impacts required when federal agencies propose regulations that would guide future agency actions such as adopting the Colorado Roadless Rule. Serves as an action-forcing device to insure policies and goals defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) are infused into federal government ongoing programs and actions. Provides full and fair discussion of significant environmental impacts and informs decisionmakers and public of reasonable alternatives that would avoid or minimize adverse impacts or enhance the quality of the human environment.

**Federal Register, The** - The daily newspaper of the federal government, a legal newspaper published every business day by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

**National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)** - A 1970 environmental law that is the United States' basic national charter for protection of the environment. Establishes policy, sets goals, and provides means for carrying out said policy. NEPA procedures must insure environmental information is available to public officials and citizens before decisions are made and before actions are taken. Information must be of high quality. Accurate scientific analysis, expert agency comments, and public scrutiny are essential to implementing NEPA.

**Notice of Intent (NOI)** - A notice a federal agency publishes in the Federal Register, the federal government daily newspaper, announcing its intention to prepare an environmental impact statement.

**Record of Decision (ROD)** - The document an agency prepares announcing its decision following development of an environmental impact statement. The ROD states the decision while identifying all alternatives considered and recognizes and discusses factors relevant to the decision.

**Responsible Official** - The official who will decide whether to promulgate the Colorado Roadless Rule as proposed or an alternative to the proposed rule for Colorado. The Secretary of Agriculture or a delegated designee is the responsible official for the proposed Colorado Roadless Rule.

## Roadless Area Terms

**Roadless Area** - Generally undeveloped National Forest System land at least 5,000 acres in size or adjacent to congressionally-designated Wilderness that exhibits many of the nine roadless characteristics:

- High quality or undisturbed soil, water, or air
- Sources of public drinking water
- Diversity of plant and animal communities
- Habitat for threatened, endangered, proposed, candidate, and sensitive species and for those species dependent on large, undisturbed areas of land
- Primitive, semi-primitive motorized, and semi-primitive non-motorized
- Reference landscapes
- Natural-appearing landscapes with high scenic quality
- Traditional cultural properties and sacred sites
- Other locally identified unique characteristics

**Inventoried Roadless Area (IRA)** - National Forest System land designated as having roadless values and characteristics pursuant to Roadless Area Conservation Rule. Approximately 4,433,000 acres, or about 31 percent of the State of Colorado's National Forest System lands, are IRAs.

**Colorado Roadless Area (CRA)** - Acres included in the proposed Colorado Roadless Rule encompassing approximately 4 million acres of National Forest System land in the State of Colorado, distributed among 350 separate roadless areas.

## Road Terms

**Road** - A motor vehicle route over 50 inches wide, unless identified and managed as a trail.

**Forest Road** - A road serving the National Forest System that is necessary for the protection, administration, and use and development of its resources.

**Temporary Road** - A road necessary for emergency operations or authorized by contract, permit, lease or other written authorization that is not a forest road and is not necessary for long-term management. Decommissioned after use.

**Long-Term Temporary Road** - A road within a Colorado Roadless Area necessary for permitted oil, gas or coal operations. They are placed on the National Forest System and are monitored but are not forest roads. Decommissioned after use.

## **Rule Explanations**

**2001 Roadless Rule** – A national rule also called the Roadless Area Conservation Rule promulgated in 2001 providing management direction for approximately 59,000,000 acres of National Forest System land in 40 states and Puerto Rico.

**Colorado Roadless Rule** - A proposed federal regulation developed jointly by the U.S. Forest Service and the State of Colorado to provide regulatory protections and management flexibility for approximately 4,031,000 acres, or about 28 percent of National Forest System lands in the State of Colorado, having roadless values and characteristics.

- Would replace 2001 Roadless Rule on National Forest System lands in Colorado
- Provides limits on road construction/reconstruction and tree cutting within roadless areas in Colorado
- Updates roadless acre inventory to include approximately 4,031,000 acres
- Addresses Colorado's unique issues and conditions

**Wildland Urban Interface** - The zone where structures and other human development meet and intermingle with undeveloped wildland or vegetative fuels.