



## **How to comment on the Travel Management Plan and Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

### **What you should know about making a comment on the Travel Management Plan and draft SDEIS...**

- Comments that are concise and specific are less likely to be misunderstood and are of greater value when being considered. Recommendations about specific roads, trails, or issues and the rationale are most useful.
- Form letters and petitions are the least useful, since issues will be based on the content of individual comments rather than the quantity of comments received supporting a particular side of an issue.
- Comments, names and addresses received on this proposal will be part of the public record and may be included in the final EIS and available to anyone who requests to see them.
- Your comment should include:
  - Name, address, telephone number and organization (if applicable)
  - Title of the document you are commenting on
  - Specific facts and supporting reasons for the responsible official to consider
- For your comments to receive the consideration they deserve, they must be received within 60 days of publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register.

### **How will your comment be reviewed and used?**

Each letter received is read by a team of experts and each comment is recorded into a database. Each comment is coded by specific topic and by geographic location. Common comments are grouped and summarized into themes, while unique comments remain as a specific comment.

An interdisciplinary team reviews and responds to the comments categorized in the database. Substantive comments that drive changes that are incorporated into the final decision are incorporated in the final version of the TMP.

It is important to note that the preferred alternative identified in the draft is not a final decision. The final decision may result in the selection of any of the alternatives or a combination of alternatives.

Some believe their letters are a vote for one side or another. Content analysis is not designed to be a voting process, but a way to look for the rationale behind comments, making sure that all possible issues have been analyzed and potential alternatives have been identified for the decision maker.

Public comments are considered along with Forest Service direction and legal requirements, new scientific information, and resource needs.

<b>Travel Management Plan Public Involvement in the EIS Process</b>				
<b>Public Scoping</b>	<b>Draft EIS</b>	<b>Supplemental Draft EIS</b>	<b>Final EIS</b>	<b>Record of Decision</b>
<p><b>What Happened:</b> Gathered issues and public comments to determine the scope of the Travel Management Plan</p> <p>Considered public comments</p>	<p><b>What Happens:</b> Publish draft EIS</p> <p>Public examination and 90-day comment period</p> <p>Consider public comments</p>	<p><b>What Happens:</b> Publish supplemental draft EIS and response to comments from DEIS</p> <p>Public examination and 60-day comment period</p> <p>Consider public comments</p>	<p><b>What Happens:</b> Analyze public comments</p> <p>Revise TMP and EIS</p> <p>Publish final EIS</p>	<p><b>What Happens:</b> Publish the Record of Decision regarding the Travel Management Plan. This is the final decision the Forest Supervisor makes regarding travel on the White River National Forest.</p>

### Where do I need to send my comments?

Comments can be delivered in many ways, but they must be in writing (paper or electronic) and must be received 60 days after the publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register (36 CFR 215.6).

**Mail:**

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To White River National Forest offices in Aspen, Carbondale, Eagle, Glenwood Springs, Meeker, Minturn, Rifle, or Silverthorne.