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Dear Interested Party:

The transportation management proposed actions for the Jicarilla, Canjilon, El Rito and Tres Piedras districts are available for public review. A summary of information is attached. We will be completing an environmental assessment (EA) for the Jicarilla district and one combined environmental assessment for the Canjilon, El Rito and Tres Piedras districts. The summary documents include the purpose and need for action, the proposed actions, public involvement, alternatives and draft environmental consequences. For the Jicarilla district, Alternative 1, the proposed action, is the preferred alternative. For the Canjilon, El Rito and Tres Piedras districts, Alternative 1 is the preferred alternative.

For easier viewing, we have included a cd of all the maps and figures that are found in each document. In addition, the proposed actions, maps and figures can be found on our forest website at: http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/carson/recreation/travel_mgmt/documents.shtml. Please do not hesitate to visit any of our district offices if you would like to see a larger version of the maps.

It is important that you are aware of Forest Service regulations (36 CFR 215) that pertain to public comment.¹ The comment period will end 30 days following the date of publication of the legal notice for the proposed action in *The Taos News*. This publication date is the exclusive means for calculating the time to submit comments on the proposed action. Those wishing to comment on this proposal should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. Comments must meet the requirements of 36 CFR 215.

¹ Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action, and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who only submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR 215. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address.



Comments must be submitted to:

Forest Supervisor
Attn: Transportation Management
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The submission of comments must include a name and address of the commenter and title of the proposed action. Comments may be submitted by email in MS-Word (.docx), rich text format (.rtf), text (.txt) *or* Adobe (.pdf) to comments-southwestern-carson@fs.fed.us. Comments may also be hand delivered weekdays 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. The Supervisor's Office is located at 208 Cruz Alta Road in Taos, New Mexico. Comments can also be faxed to (575) 758-6213. Oral comments must be provided at the Supervisor's Office during normal business hours via telephone or in person, or if during non-business hours, must be at an official agency function (such as a public meeting) designed to elicit public comment.

Only those who provide comment or otherwise express interest in the proposed action during the comment period will be accepted as appellants. Interest expressed or comments provided on this project prior to or after the close of this comment period will not constitute standing *for* appeal purposes. For appeal eligibility, each individual or representative from each organization submitting comments must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request. Those using electronic means may submit a scanned signature. Otherwise, another means of verifying the identity of the individual or organizational representative may be necessary for electronically submitted comments or comments received by telephone. Individual members of an organization must submit their own comments to meet the requirements of appeal eligibility. Comments received on behalf of an organization are considered *as* those *of* the organization only.

Additional information regarding the proposed actions can also be obtained from Paula Cote, Travel Management IDT Lead at the Supervisor's Office in Taos, New Mexico. The office phone number is (575) 758-6200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kendall Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

KENDALL CLARK
Forest Supervisor