

File Code:

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July 19, 2018

## Dear Interested Party:

**United States** 

Agriculture

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Responsible Official, Dan Dallas, Forest Supervisor, Rio Grande National Forest, has prepared a 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Record of Decision (ROD) for the Village at Wolf Creek Access Project. A Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and draft ROD was completed in November, 2014 and a final ROD selecting the land exchange alternative published in May, 2015. That decision was challenged in court and the decision was set aside in May, 2017. This current draft ROD selects the ANILCA (Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act) Access Road alternative from the November 2014 FEIS.

The project analysis and decision are to provide access to private lands surrounded by federal lands. Forest Supervisor Dan Dallas has selected alternative 3, the ANILCA Access alternative to allow the Leavell-McCombs Joint Venture (LMJV) the opportunity to develop year-round access to their property.

The EIS and draft ROD are available on-line at:

https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=35945. These documents are also available for review at the Rio Grande NF Supervisor's Office, 1803 West Highway 160, Monte Vista, CO 81144. Additional information may also be obtained from Deputy Forest Supervisor Tom Malecek (719) 852-5941.

This project is subject to the objection process pursuant to Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 218 (36 CFR 218), Subparts A and B. Objections will only be accepted from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or comments on the draft EIS. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted, timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after designated comment opportunities.

Objections, including attachments, must be filed via mail, email (doc, docx, pdf, txt), hand delivery, express delivery, or FAX: 303-275-5134 (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays), to: Reviewing Officer, Tammy Whittington, Deputy Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service, Region 2, 1617 Cole Blvd., Building 17, Lakewood, CO 80401 or email r02admin review@fs.fed.us.

Objections must be filed within 45 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Valley Courier. This publication date is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection; regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection.





An objection must contain the minimum content requirements specified in CFR 218.8(b). It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer pursuant to CFR 218.9. All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process.

Sincerely,

DAN DALLAS

Forest Supervisor