Rio Grande National Forest Planning Process

A Look at the Road Ahead





- Interest in future Rio Grande management
- Desire for meaningful involvement in the process

Why is the Rio Grande seeking your participation?

Your unique perspectives and ideas are valuable to everyone involved in the forest planning process.

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Forest planning regulations require every National Forest to:

"...engage the public early and throughout the planning process in an open and transparent way, providing opportunities for meaningful public participation to inform all stages of planning."

How will your participation be useful to the planning process?

- Help determine the scope of the forest planning process
- Provide the Forest with new information to consider
- Clarify the needs, values, and interests of citizens in the San Luis Valley, now and into the future

How will you stay informed?

We will let you know when meetings will be held, what topics will be addressed, and how you can stay involved.

http://riograndeplanning.mindmixer.com

Visit our site to check out interactive features and frequent updates!

What can you expect in the next month?

 Four public meetings to kick off the forest planning process around the San Luis Valley

 Launch of an interactive, up-to-date website with meeting information, discussion boards, and helpful resources

What can you expect over the coming year?

- We want your help deciding how specific geographic areas within the Rio Grande should be managed.
- We also want to learn how you feel about specific forest management issues.

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- Additional meetings focused on these topics
- Meetings co-hosted by local organizations
- Please sign up to co-host a meeting

What is the overall timeline for this process?

Assess Current and Possible Conditions

Complete Summer 2015 Propose Plan Changes

Complete Fall 2015 Complete
NEPA Process:
Alternatives,
DEIS,
Comments,
FEIS

Address
Objections
(if any) and
Make
Decision

Complete 2017

Evaluate
Monitoring
Questions and
Indicators

Continue
Learning
and
Adapting...

Who should you contact with questions about the Rio Grande National Forest planning process?

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