Rio Grande National Forest Plan Revision Recreation Meeting#1

Monday, March 30, 2015 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Baca Grande Property Owners Association Building 68575 County Road T, Crestone, CO 81131 Agenda

5:00 pm Open House

- Opportunity to view maps prior to group discussion
- Opportunity for one-on-one discussion with RGNF staff
- Light refreshments available

5:30 pm Setting the Stage: Overview of the Plan Revision and the Assessment Process

Adam Mendonca, Deputy Forest Supervisor for the RGNF, will give a brief presentation about the goals of the plan revision process and the purpose of the formal assessment of current conditions on the Forest. The presentation will also address how the information that emerges from tonight's meeting will inform and influence the plan revision.

5:45 pm Community Discussion

Meeting participants will form small groups, and each small group will participate in a 30-minute discussion on each of three topics: recreation types, conflicts, and compatibilities on the RGNF; opportunities to enhance recreational opportunities; and the impact of recreation on social, economic, and ecological sustainability.

5:50 pm Topic 1
6:20 pm Topic 2
6:50 pm Topic 3

7:20 pm Summary / Next Steps

7:30 pm Meeting Ends

Discussion Questions

1. What types of recreation are important on the RGNF?

- ➤ How are different types of recreation compatible or conflicting?
- ➤ What draws people to the RGNF from distant places? Are there recreation opportunities unique to the RGNF?

2. What opportunities are there to enhance or expand recreational opportunities to meet current or future demands?

- ➤ What trends may affect future demands for recreation, including emerging new or unique recreational interests?
- ➤ What is the potential of the RGNF to expand or enhance existing recreational opportunities, or to offer new recreational opportunities?
- ➤ What opportunities are there to foster greater connection between people and nature through education, experience, recreation, and stewardship?

3. How does recreation on the RGNF contribute to social, economic, and ecological sustainability?

- ➤ What trends are influencing the demand for various types of recreation activities (such as changing population demographics, traditional uses, or income levels)?
- Are there issues or dynamics that may prevent or preclude minorities and other underrepresented groups from seeking, accessing, or participating in recreational activities on the Forest?