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Dear Interested Party

This letter is to inform you that the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Tepee Park Ranch Project Environmental Analysis located on the Rifle Ranger District in Garfield County, Colorado is complete and I have drafted my decision. The EA was completed using procedures that provide for a pre-decisional objection period rather than an administrative appeal. The EA, draft Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact may be viewed online at <http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=49924>.

The Selected Alternative included in the draft Decision Notice would meet the project's purpose and need while balancing effects to natural and social resources by authorizing the Beaver Creek bypass, continue commercial use of FS 824, and the installation of three underground pipelines to transport natural gas, natural gas condensate, produced water, and fresh water. The Forest Service carefully considered comments from members of the public and developed site-specific design features to minimize negative effects associated with road construction and decommissioning, and pipeline installation.

This project is subject to the objection process pursuant to 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 other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with 36 CFR 218.5(a).

Objections, including attachments, must be filed via mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) to: Objection Reviewing Officer Brian Ferebee, USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Building 17, Golden, CO 80401, FAX: (303) 275-5154, email r02admin_review@fs.fed.us.

Objections must be submitted within 45 calendar days following the publication of a legal notice in the *Glenwood Springs Post Independent*. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection. Please refer to the section titled "Opportunity to Object the Proposed Project" located in the draft Decision Notice for complete instructions on the objection process.

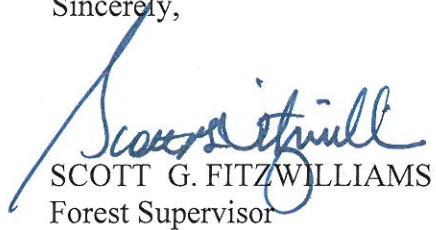
If no objections are filed, I plan to issue a final Decision Notice at which time implementation of the project may begin.



For more information contact Jason Gross at (970) 876-9046 or email: jrgross@fs.fed.us.

Thank you for your interest in your National Forest.

Sincerely,



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