

Proposed Action

The proposed action would salvage approximately 11,755 acres of dead and dying beetle-killed lodgepole pine and precommercial thinning would occur on approximately 2,528 acres of young overstocked lodgepole pine. Prescribed burning would occur on approximately 2,232 acres to improve age class diversity and reduce fuel hazards. Fuel breaks are planned on approximately 359 acres and are generally located along roads and in proposed cutting units. Treatments to improve Colorado River cutthroat trout habitat is proposed on approximately 116 acres to enhance aspen regeneration and enhance development of pooling habitat. Approximately 102 acres of this proposed treatment would occur in the Singer Peak Inventoried Roadless Area. The travel management proposal would identify the minimal road system needed to meet Forest management and recreation needs while addressing ongoing resource damage associated with roads and trails by decommissioning approximately 38 miles of road, constructing approximately one mile, reconstructing approximately 1.5 miles, rerouting approximately .75 miles, and converting approximately 4.5 miles of existing roads to All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) trails. Approximately 12 miles of user created roads are proposed to be added to the road system. Recreation proposals include development of approximately seven miles of nonmotorized trails along with a trailhead facility for the two trail loops near or adjacent to the Jack Creek Campground. Reconstruction or enlargement of the Jack Creek Campground is proposed to more readily accommodate RV's and provide additional campsites. Development of ATV loop trails on existing designated routes along with 3.4 miles of new trail construction with an emphasis on loops tying back into the Jack Creek campground/dispersed camping areas, the Hart Creek trailhead, and onto the existing ATV route on National Forest System Road 412 along the continental divide. This would add approximately 32.8 miles of designated trails to the Wyoming Off Highway Vehicle Trail System and would include a combination of open roads, newly proposed ATV trail segments, and road to trail conversions. Decommissioning of the Haskins Creek Campground would also be implemented with this project.

Responsible Official

M. Stephen Best, District Ranger,
USDA Forest Service, Medicine Bow-

Routt National Forests, Brush Creek/
Hayden Ranger District, PO Box 249,
Saratoga, Wyoming 82331, is the official
responsible for making the decision on
this action.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The Responsible Official will consider the results of the analysis and its findings and then document one or more final decision(s) for each proposed action. More than one Record of Decision (ROD) will be issued based on this analysis. The decisions will include a determination whether or not to implement the proposed action or another alternative.

Preliminary Issues

Natural disturbances (fire, beetle) has resulted in a high percentage of many project area watersheds with dead or young trees. Measurable increases in water yield are expected in these watersheds, with either no action or implementation of the proposed action.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Forest Service has listed the project in the Schedule of Proposed Actions that is posted on the Web. One meeting will be planned after the draft EIS is available. The Forest Service will also respond to information requests about the project and add additional public meetings and field trips as interest dictates. Comments from scoping efforts will be reviewed to identify potential issues for this analysis. While comments are welcome at any time, comments received within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** will be most useful for the identification of issues and the analysis of alternatives.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Dated: April 2, 2010.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Northeast Region Dealer Purchase Reports.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0229.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Number of Respondents: 726.

Average Hours per Response: 4 minutes.

Burden Hours: 2,517.

Needs and Uses: As part of Fishery Management Plan developed under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, federally-permitted dealers in specified fisheries are required to submit information weekly regarding their fish purchases. The collected information is used by economists, biologists, and managers in the management of the fisheries NOAA is seeking to renew Paperwork Reduction Act approval for these requirements.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Weekly.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker,
(202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: April 12, 2010.

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Information Officer.*

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