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Responsible Official: Jerry E. Schmidt, Forest Supervisor, Medicine Bow—Routt National Forest, 2468 Jackson Street, Laramie, WY 82070.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Andy Cadenhead, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Medicine Bow—Routt National Forest, 925 Weiss Dr, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487, (970) 870-2220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The analysis area location is approximately 12 miles north of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, in portions of the following sections:

T9N,R83W; Sections 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17

T8N,R85W; Sections 1, 2, 3

T9N,R84W; Sections 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35

There are several management area prescriptions within the South Fork Analysis Area. These include: 1.32 Backcountry Non-Motorized Recreation With Winter Limited Motorized; 1.5 National River System—Wild Rivers, Designated and Eligible; 4.3 Dispersed Recreation; 5.11 General Forest and Rangelands—Forest Vegetation Emphasis; 5.13 Forest Products; 5.41 Deer and Elk Winter Range; and 7.1 Residential/Forest Interface.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### **Routt Divide Blowdown Analysis; Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest, Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District, Routt County, Colorado**

September 16, 1998.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess and disclose the environmental effects the Buffalo Pass Analysis of a portion of the Routt Divide Blowdown outside the Mount Zirkel Wilderness Area on the Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District.

The purpose of this action is to implement the Land and Resource Management Plan 1997 Revision for the Routt National Forest in the Buffalo Pass Analysis Area, considering the effects, both short and expected long term, resulting from the Routt Divide Blowdown. Actions proposed by the Forest Service include Silvicultural treatments of timber stands in Management Areas 5.11, 5.13, and 7.1 designed to increase the resistance of these stands to attack by spruce bark beetle. Associated with this will be road construction and reconstruction.

Salvage and/or other treatments to kill or remove beetles in the blowdown in Management Area 4.2. Treatments in this management area would be accomplished without new road construction.

Additionally, the level of beetle infestation and tree mortality that threatens wild river, recreational, water quality or winter range values in Management Areas 1.32, 4.2, 4.3, 5.41, 3.23, 8.22 must be determined; once determined, appropriate management actions will be implemented to protect those values.

There is a need to contribute toward meeting the needs of the nation for timber products in management areas 5.11 and 5.13. Within Management Area 4.2, along the Buffalo Pass Road (FDR 60) and State Highway 40, there is a need to protect the scenic qualities of these corridors. Within Management Area 4.3 there is a need to protect recreational opportunities. Within Management Areas 5.11 and 5.13 there is a need to restrict an infestation of spruce bark beetles. Within Management Area 7.1 there is a need to reduce the risk of spruce beetle from spreading into the management area. Within Management Area 8.22 there is a need to protect the site vegetation and facilities. There is a need to test silvicultural treatments in spruce stands and monitor the response of these stands to spruce beetle populations.

**DATES:** Public Scoping will begin with a mailing to people who expressed an interest in the North Fork Salvage Analysis, land owners within the Forest Service boundaries adjacent to the analysis area, and State, County, and local officials.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Buffalo Pass Analysis Area in northwest Colorado is that portion of the Medicine Bow—Routt National Forest lying adjacent to Steamboat Springs, Colorado on the north, northeast and southeast. The analysis area includes all or portions of the following sections:

T4NR83W, Sections 7–11, 15–22  
 T4NR84W, Sections 10–15, 23–24  
 T5NR84W, Sections 1–2, 11–14, 23–26, 35–36  
 T5NR83W, Sections 1–5, 8–17, 20–29, 32–36  
 T5NR82W, Sections 6–7, 18–19, 30  
 T6NR82W, Section 31  
 T6NR83W, Sections 1–5, 8–17, 20–29, 32–36  
 T6NR84W, Sections 11–12, 13–14, 23–26, 35–36  
 T7NR83W, Sections 1–5, 8–17, 20–29, 32–25  
 T7NR84W, Sections 1–28, 34–36  
 T7NR85W, Sections 12–13

There are a number of management area prescriptions within the Buffalo Pass Analysis Area. These include 1.12 Wilderness, Primitive, 1.13 Wilderness, Semi-Primitive, 1.32 Backcountry Non-Motorized Recreation With Winter Limited Motorized, 3.23 Municipal Watersheds—Water Quality Emphasis, 3.31 Backcountry Recreation—Year-round Motorized, 4.2 Scenery, 4.3 Dispersed Recreation, 5.11 General Forest and Rangelands—Forest Vegetation Emphasis, 5.13 Forest Products, 5.41 Deer and Elk Winter Range, 7.1 Residential/Forest Interface, and 8.22 Ski Based Resorts: Existing/Potential.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DoC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 5).

**Agency:** Economic Development Administration (EDA).

**Title:** Petition by a Firm for Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance.

**Agency Form Number:** Not Applicable.

**OMB Approval Number:** 0610–0091.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Burden:** 1,296 hours.

**Average Hours Per Response:** Approximately 8 hours.

**Number of Respondents:** Approximately 162 respondents.

**Needs and Uses:** This information collection is needed to determine whether a firm is eligible to apply for trade adjustment assistance. This assistance helps U.S. manufacturing firms injured by imports to develop strategies for competing in the global market place. The information submitted is a major phase in obtaining a firm's history, including sales, production and employment data (the firm provides quarterly unemployment security forms submitted to the state, a description of the products produced by such firm, tax returns and/or financial statements, a firm's decline in sales accounts, and brochures of such firm's production). The information collection provides an essential tool for firms to use in submitting the information required to demonstrate that they qualify for certification of eligibility. The information is required under Section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

**Affected Public:** Businesses, farms or other for-profit organizations.

**Frequency:** One time.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to obtain or retain benefits.

**OMB Desk Officer:** Victoria Baecher-Wassmer, (202) 395–7340.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DoC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482–3272, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed

information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Victoria Baecher-Wassmer, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: September 18, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance of the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

**Agency:** Bureau of the Census.

**Title:** Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization.

**Form Number(s):** MQ–C1.

**Agency Approval Number:** 0607–0175.

**Type of Request:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Burden:** 38,250 hours.

**Number of Respondents:** 17,000.

**Avg Hours Per Response:** 2.25 hours.

**Needs and Uses:** The Census Bureau conducts the Survey of Plant Capacity annually to provide information on the use of industrial capacity for manufactured products. Data are gathered from a sample of manufacturing plants in the United States. The survey form collects data on the value of plant production during actual operations and at “full production” and “national emergency production” levels. The Census Bureau mails out survey forms to collect the data. Companies are asked to respond to the survey within 30 days of the initial mailing.

Survey data are used in measuring inflationary pressures and capital flows, in understanding productivity determinants, and in analyzing and forecasting economic and industrial trends. The survey results are used by such agencies as the Federal Reserve Board, Federal Emergency Management Agency, International Trade Administration, and the Department of Defense.

This resubmission is to address proposed changes to the survey form. We plan to expand the collection of data on characteristics of work patterns to increase the usefulness of the survey data. We have also scaled back the