

**Colorado Division of Wildlife Petition Content Worksheet**

The contents requested in this form constitute an information collection requirement as defined by 5 CFR Part §1320. It has been assigned Office of Management and Budget control number 0596-0178. (The information requested is pursuant to 36 CFR Part § 294.14 Subpart B State Petitions - Petition Contents)

§ 294.10 Purpose: The purpose of these administrative procedures is to set forth the process for state specific rulemaking to address the management of inventoried roadless areas in areas where the Secretary determines the regulatory direction is appropriate based on the petition from the affected Governor.

§ 294.11 Definition: *inventoried roadless areas* - areas identified in the set of inventoried roadless area maps, contained in the Forest Service Roadless Area Conservation Final Informal Impact Statement, Volume Two, Dated November 2000, and any subsequent update or revision of those maps to the land management planning process.

§294.12 State petitions: Governor of any State or territory that contains National Forest System lands may petition the Secretary of Agriculture to promulgate regulations establishing management requirements for all or any portion of National Forest System *inventoried roadless areas* within that State or territory. Any such petition must be submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture not later than November 13, 2006.

§294.13 Petition process: reviewing consideration of petitions made pursuant to §294.12, shall be accomplished as follows:

- (1) Review: the Secretary shall review petitions and may request additional information from a petitioner before deciding whether to accept the petition. If the Secretary request additional information from a petitioner, the petition will be considered complete with a petitioner provides the additional information.
- (2) Disposition -- the Secretary or the Secretary's designee shall respond to the petition within 180 days of receipt of a completed petition. Respond shall accept or decline the petition to initiate a state specific rulemaking.

**§294.14 Petition Contents**

§ 294.14 (a) (1) Any petition made pursuant to § 294.12 shall provide the following: the location and description of the particular land for which the petition is being made, including maps and other appropriate resources in sufficient detail to enable consideration of the petition.	Location: General (Name of Forest): <b>San Isabel National Forest</b>	Name:
	Location: Specific (Name of IRA)	Name: <b>Mad Creek DB&amp;DB-1 (#19-1151 acres)</b>
	Map and other appropriate resources in sufficient detail to enable consideration of the petition:	Map attached? ( <input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No)  Detail concerning specific area: Roadless Area has essential habitat needs for mammals, birds and fish such as but not limited to elk, mule deer, black bear, mountain lion, and lynx.
§294.14 (a) (2) The <u>particular management requirements recommended</u> for the land and any exceptions:	Define Recommended Management Requirements/ Explain Specific Relevance Important Details:  <b>Recommend Continued RA Designation.</b> Within this RA there exists the need to manage for, but not limited to: ELK- Summer range, Migration corridors LYNX- Potential range BLACK BEAR-Overall distribution MT. LION-Overall distribution MULE DEER-Summer range	
§294.14 (a) (3) Identify the circumstances and needs intended to be addressed by the petition, including conserving roadless area values and characteristics; reducing hazardous fuels and restoring essential wildlife habitat; maintaining existing facilities such as dams, or providing reasonable access to public and private property or public and private the owned facilities; and technical corrections to existing maps such as boundary adjustments to remove existing rugged areas;  <i>(check all that apply and describe in sufficient detail):</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Conservation of roadless area values and characteristics- (describe need): This RA is essential for the habitat needs of mammals.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Protect human health and safety- (describe need):
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reduce hazardous fuels and restore essential wildlife habitats- (describe need): Allow for mechanical, chemical and or other means of manipulation to increase habitat availability. May include building temporary roads and or access ways to access area.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintain existing facilities such as dams, or provide reasonable access to public and private property or public and privately owned facilities- (describe need):
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide reasonable access to public and private property or public and privately owned facilities- (describe need):
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical corrections to existing maps such as boundary adjustments to remove existing roaded areas- (describe need):
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other - (please list & describe need):
§294.14 (a) (4) A description of how the recommended	Describe how the recommended management requirement(s) differ from existing plans and how they will comply with applicable law:	

<p>management requirements identified in paragraph § 294.14 (a) (2) of this section differ from existing applicable land management plan(s) or policies related to IRA management, and how they would comply with applicable laws and regulations:</p>	<p><b>No Changes</b></p>	
<p>§294.14 (a) (5) A description of how the recommended management requirements identified in paragraph (a) (2) of this section compare to existing State and local land conservation policies and direction set forth in any applicable State or local land and resource management plan(s):</p> <p><i>(Check all that apply and describe in sufficient detail)</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>33-1-101: Legislative Declaration: . . . wildlife and their environment are to be protected, preserved, enhanced, and managed for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of the people of this state and its visitors. Black Bear, Elk, Mountain Lion, Mule Deer in this RA will be protected, preserved, enhanced, and managed for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of this state and its visitors.</p>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>33-2-102 Legislative Declaration: . . . that this state should assist in the protection of species or subspecies of wildlife which are deemed to be endangered or threatened elsewhere. Lynx potential habitat is located within this proposed IRA.</p>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>CDOW Strategic Plan Goal: 1) Elk – H-1: Maintain Healthy &amp; Viable Game Populations 2) Mule deer – H-1: Maintain Healthy and Viable Game Populations 3) Black bear – H-1: Maintain Healthy and Viable Game Populations 4) Mountain lion – H-1: Maintain Healthy and Viable Game Populations 5) Lynx – S-2.1: Protect and Enhance Species at Risk; S-2.2: Implement Recovery Plans</p>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Other CDOW Management Principle, Vision Statement, etc. Management principles #2, #3, and #4 (as outlined in CDOW Strategic Plan) apply.</p>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Other State law (e.g., 35-45-106) . . . policy of this state to preserve the grasses and vegetation on the public domain and protect the wild game of this state in their natural ranges, and especially on the winter ranges, and to prevent erosion of the soil and thereby conserve the waters . . .</p>
		<p>Other local law/regulation- (please list):</p>
		<p>Other - (please list):</p>
<p>§294.14 (a) (6) A description of how the recommended management requirements identified in §294.14 (a) (2) would affect the fish and wildlife that utilize the particular land in question and their habitat;</p>	<p>When present, describe desirable and undesirable consequences: (e.g., (1) access related benefits [harvest], (2) improved or adverse effects on hydrology and geomorphic features e.g., debris slides and sedimentation, (3) habitat fragmentation, (4) displacement and dispersal barriers, (5) reduced reproductive success, (6) exotic/pest species invasion or control of, (7) dispersal or control of pathogens, (8) altered aquatic wildlife habitats and water quality, (9) use conflicts, destructive human actions, predation and altered harvest, (10) decline in biodiversity, and (11) other such as lost solitude, revitalized or depressed local economies, enhanced or loss of soil productivity) [from USDA / U. S. F. S. General Technical Report PNW-GTR-509] Describe: Recommendation for no change in RA designation would help preserve existing wildlife use and values while providing for the opportunity to improve wildlife values of the habitats within the RA</p>	
<p>§294.14 (a) (7) A description of any public involvement efforts undertaken by the petitioner during development of the petition, including efforts to engage Tribal and local governments, and persons with expertise in fish and wildlife biology, fish and wildlife management, forest management, outdoor recreation, and other important disciplines;</p>	<p>Describe pertinent CDOW public involvement efforts (those in addition to Colorado IRA TF meetings):  Terrestrial DAU planning and public commenting through USFS NEPA process.</p>	
<p>Internal CDOW Process These issues raised by and submitted on:</p>	<p>Name: Tom Martin-DWM</p>	<p>Date: 1-24-06</p>
	<p>Comment:</p>	
<p>Internal CDOW Process Regional Manager consideration by and forwarded on:</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Date:</p>
	<p>Comment:</p>	

<p>§294.14 (a) (8) A commitment by the petitioner to participate as a cooperating agency in any environmental analysis for a rulemaking process.</p>	<p>Director's Office consideration and commitment to participate as cooperating agency in any environmental analysis for a rulemaking process:</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Date:</p>
		<p>Comment:</p>	
<p>Internal CDOW Process: Date forwarded to Inventoried Roadless Area Task Force with copy to Department of Natural Resources and Wildlife Commission</p>		<p>Name:</p>	<p>Date:</p>
		<p>Comment:</p>	
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