

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

<p>§ 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.</p>	<p>Location: General (Name of Forest):</p>	<p>Name: Pike/San Isabel</p>
	<p>Location: Specific (Name of IRA)</p>	<p>Name: 5 Rare 2 Roadless Area (parcel 116)</p>
	<p>Map and other appropriate resources in sufficient detail to enable consideration of the petition:</p>	<p>Map attached? (<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No)</p>
	<p>Detail concerning specific area: <i>Roadless Area has essential habitat needs for mammals, birds and fish such as but not limited to elk, mule deer, mountain goats, bighorn sheep, black bear, mountain lion, and wild turkey.</i></p>	
<p>§294.14 (a) (2) The <u>particular management requirements recommended</u> for the land and any exceptions:</p>	<p>Define Recommended Management Requirements/ Explain Specific Relevance Important Details:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <i>Elk – Mostly summer range; several summer concentration areas; several production areas and migration corridors.</i> 2) <i>Mule deer – same as for elk.</i> 3) <i>Bighorn sheep – same</i> 4) <i>Mtn. goats – same – also some winter range.</i> 5) <i>Black bear – mostly summer range, but also denning habitat – no specific locations known.</i> 6) <i>Mountain lion – overall range, but mostly summer.</i> 7) <i>Wild turkey – summer range, nesting areas..</i> 	
<p>§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;</p> <p><i>(check all that apply and describe in sufficient detail):</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation of roadless area values and characteristics- (describe need): This RA has significant wildlife value for terrestrial and aquatic species. It is a fairly small roadless area surrounded on 3 sides by heavily used roads. The remaining roadless characteristics need to be preserved.</p>	
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Protect human health and safety- (describe need):</p>	
	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce hazardous fuels and restore essential wildlife habitats- (describe need): Much of this area includes over-mature, dense and unhealthy timber. The wildlife habitat and hazardous fuels values of the parcel could be improved through management, but roads created to do so would need to be permanently destroyed and closed after management.</p>	
	<p><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):</p>	
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Provide reasonable access to public and private property or public and privately owned facilities- (describe need):</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Technical corrections to existing maps such as boundary adjustments to remove existing roaded areas- (describe need):</p>		

	Other - (please list & describe need):			
<p>§294.14 (a) (4)</p> <p>A description of how the recommended 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>Describe how the recommended management requirement(s) differ from existing plans and how they will comply with applicable law:</p> <p>Existing plan designates the majority of this area to be managed primarily as 4B. Emphasizes the management of wildlife habitat needs for sustained forage. This management prescription is suitable; however, no new roads should be constructed in this IRA.</p>			
<p>§294.14 (a) (5)</p> <p>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>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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. . . See 294.14(a)(2)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 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. . .</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CDOW Strategic Plan Goal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Elk – H-1: Maintain Healthy & Viable Game Populations 2) Mule deer – H-1: Maintain Healthy and Viable Game Populations 3) Bighorn sheep -- H-1: Maintain Healthy and Viable Game Populations 4) Mountain Goat – H-1: Maintain Healthy and Viable Game Populations 5) Moose – H-1: Maintain Healthy and Viable Game Populations 6) Black bear – H-1: Maintain Healthy and Viable Game Populations 7) Mountain lion – H-1: Maintain Healthy and Viable Game Populations 8) Wild Turkey – H-1: Maintain Healthy and Viable Game Populations 9) Greenback cutthroat trout – F-1: Fishery Habitat Quantity and Quality; F-2: Angler Opportunity; F-3: Fish Availability; S-1: Habitat Protection and S-2: Native Species <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other CDOW Management Principle, Vision Statement, etc. Management principles #2, #3, and #4 (as outlined in CDOW Strategic Plan) apply.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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>35-45-106: applies to all game species listed above.</p> <p>Other local law/regulation- (please list):</p> <p>Other - (please list):</p>			
<p>§294.14 (a) (6)</p> <p>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]</p> <p>Describe:</p> <p>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)</p> <p>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):</p> <p>Terrestrial DAU planning and public commenting through USFS NEPA process.</p>			
<p>Internal CDOW Process</p> <p>These issues raised by and submitted on:</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Name:</td><td>Ron Dobson District Wildlife Manager – Salida West</td><td>Date: January 18, 2006</td></tr> </table>	Name:	Ron Dobson District Wildlife Manager – Salida West	Date: January 18, 2006
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Internal CDOW Process Regional Manager consideration by and forwarded on:		Name:	Date:
		Comment:	
§294.14 (a) (8) A commitment by the petitioner to participate as a cooperating agency in any environmental analysis for a rulemaking process.	Director's Office consideration and commitment to participate as cooperating agency in any environmental analysis for a rulemaking process:	Name:	Date:
		Comment:	
Internal CDOW Process: Date forwarded to Inventoried Roadless Area Task Force with copy to Department of Natural Resources and Wildlife Commission		Name:	Date:
		Comment:	