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BLM SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON CHRISTMAS TREE HARVESTS

The Royal Gorge Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is evaluating a proposal to sell commercial and personal use Christmas trees over the next several years from several areas in Fremont County.

The proposal includes removing 4 to 12 foot tall trees encroaching on meadows and trees established from past treatments, to be utilized for Christmas trees or boughs. The species likely to be harvested includes white fir, Douglas-fir, pinyon pine, ponderosa pine and Rocky Mountain juniper. No new roads will be created by the activity, existing roads will be the primary system used for removal of forest products. This project is being analyzed as a Categorical Exclusion.

The areas include: Sand Gulch north of Howard, Sand Gulch north of Cotopaxi, Pole Gulch, Texas Creek OHV area, West McCoy Gulch, Texas Creek South, Road Gulch, and Espinoza Gulch.

Comments are welcome at any time. To be most effective in the analysis for this proposal, comments should be received by November 2, 2007. Please address your written comments to Bureau of Land Management, Royal Gorge Field Office, Attn: 2007 Christmas Tree Area's, 3170 East Main Street, Cañon City, CO. 81212. E-mail comments can be sent to: rgfo_comments@blm.gov. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact either Ken Reed at (719) 269-8576 or Paul Trentzsch at (719) 269-8554. Anyone wanting their comments to be confidential, should contact the BLM office prior to submitting them.

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