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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Chief Economist; Federal Advisory Committee for the Expert Review of Synthesis and Assessment; Product 4.3

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Economist, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Federal Advisory Committee for the Expert Review of Synthesis and Assessment Product 4.3 (CERSAP) will be meeting in Washington, DC. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is the lead agency for Climate Change Science Program Synthesis and Assessment Product 4.3 (SAP 4.3) titled, *The Effects of Climate Change on Agriculture, Land Resources, Water Resources, and Biodiversity*. CERSAP will provide advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on the conduct of this study.

DATES: CERSAP will convene from 9 a.m. Tuesday February 5, 2008 through 5 p.m. Wednesday February 6, 2008.

ADDRESSES: CERSAP will meet in Room 108 of the USDA Whitten Building in Washington, DC. The USDA Whitten Building is located at 12th Street, SW., and Jefferson Drive, and is accessible via the Smithsonian Metro stop. Please call Shirley Brown at 202-720-4164 upon entry for a mandatory escort. A photo ID is required. Written materials for CERSAP's consideration prior to the meeting must be received by Dr. Margaret Walsh no later than Monday January 28, 2008. Written materials may be sent to Dr. Walsh at mwalsh@oce.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Margaret Walsh, Global Change Program Office, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 202-720-9978 or mwalsh@oce.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a public meeting. Written materials for CERSAP's consideration prior to the meeting must be received by Dr.

Margaret Walsh no later than Monday January 28, 2008. Individuals may make oral presentations at the meeting venue. Those making oral presentations should register in person at the meeting site and must bring with them 20 copies of any materials they would like distributed. Photocopy facilities are not available on site. More information on CERSAP and on SAP 4.3 may be found online at http://www.usda.gov/oce/global_change/index.htm, <http://www.climatechange.gov/Library/sap/sap4-3/default.php>, and <http://www.sap43.ucar.edu/>.

Draft Meeting Agenda

Tuesday February 5, 2008

- A. Welcome and Introduction.
- B. Update on SAP 4.3.
- C. Public Comment.
- D. Discussion of SAP 4.3.

Wednesday February 6, 2008

- A. Welcome.
- B. Public Comment.
- C. Discussion of SAP 4.3.
- D. Adjourn.

Time will be reserved for public comment on each day. Individual presentations will be limited to five minutes. Updates to the meeting agenda can be found online at the URLs listed above.

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Joseph Glauber,

Acting Chief Economist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Meeting; Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (Title VIII, Pub. L. 108-447)

AGENCY: Rocky Mountain Region, USDA Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Colorado Recreation Resource Advisory Committee will tentatively meet in Denver, CO. The purpose of the meeting is to continue to provide the new committee members with the information they need to be effective committee members and review several fee proposals. These fee proposals will tentatively include several new cabin rentals and fee changes for: The Green Mountain Reservoir/Cataract Lake Fee area, Indian Peaks Wilderness Camping permit fee, and the Arapaho National Recreation Area.

DATES: The meeting will be held February 27 from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. This meeting will only be held if a quorum is present.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be at the REI Denver Flagship Store at 1416 Platte Street in Denver in their large conference room on the 3rd floor. Access prior to store opening is through Starbucks. Send written comments to Greg Griffith, Designated Federal Official, 740 Simms Street, Golden, CO 80401 or ggriffith@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam DeVore, Colorado Recreation Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator, at 303-275-5043 or pdevore@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management staff, and Committee members. Persons who wish to bring recreation fee matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff. Written comments received at least a week before the meeting will be available for committee review. Written comments received less than a week before the meeting may not be available for committee referral. There will be time on the agenda for verbal comments and the Chairperson may ask for comments from the public at any time

during the meeting. All persons wishing to address the committee must sign in at the door.

Check for the status of the meeting, the final agenda and a final list of the fee proposals to be reviewed at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/recreation>.

The Recreation RAC is authorized by the Federal Land Recreation Enhancement Act, which was signed into law by President Bush in December 2004.
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Dated: January 10, 2008.

Greg Griffith,

DFO, Colorado Recreation Resource Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

White River National Forest; Summit County, CO; Breckenridge Ski Resort—Peak 6 Terrain Development Proposal

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to disclose the anticipated environmental effects of the Breckenridge Ski Resort Peak 6 Terrain Development proposal. This proposal is designed to provide for an improved balance of services to meet the needs and expectations of guests.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by February 17, 2008. The draft environmental impact statement is expected in November 2008 and the final environmental impact statement is expected in January 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Maribeth Gustafson, Forest Supervisor, c/o Roger Poirier, Winter Sports Program Manager, White River National Forest, 900 Grand Avenue, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602–0948.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shelly Grail—Snow Ranger, Dillon Ranger District, P.O. Box 620, Silverthorne, CO 80498, sgrail@fs.fed.us, or (970) 262–3484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed action addresses issues related to the quality of the recreational experience. Presently, alpine skiing/snowboarding and other resort activities are provided to the public through a Special Use Permit (SUP) issued by the White River National Forest. All

elements of the proposal are within the existing SUP boundary area. The proposed improvements are consistent with the 2002 Revised White River National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan).

Purpose and Need for Action

Given the current visitation rates, guest experiences, and terrain distribution concerns, the following needs are addressed by the proposed action:

1. Better accommodation of current daily visitation levels.
2. Reduced skier/rider congestion on BSR's existing Intermediate and Advanced Intermediate terrain network and associated lifts.
3. Reduced waiting time for lifts at BSR.
4. Efficient dispersal of Intermediate and Advanced Intermediate skiers/riders across the entire skiable terrain network.
5. Additional lift-served terrain to accommodate the existing terrain distribution deficit.
6. Additional hike-to access servicing advanced ability levels.
7. Sufficient infrastructure in pods to serve guests.

Proposed Action

All proposed projects are within Breckenridge Ski Resort's (BSR) existing SUP boundary. The proposed action includes:

- Developing terrain on Peak 6 that would encompass approximately 450 acres of traditional downhill and hike-to skiing accessed by a single lift.
- Installing a bottom-drive, high-speed, detachable, six-person lift to service the Peak 6 terrain with a slope length of 5,963 feet, a vertical rise of 1,537 and a design capacity of 3,000 people per hour.
- Constructing a food and beverage facility (including restrooms and associated infrastructure) at the bottom terminal of the proposed lift. The food and beverage facility would be approximately 1,800 square feet in size and seat approximately 150 guests.
- Constructing a ski patrol/warming hut at the proposed top terminal location on Peak 6.
- Rehabilitating and extending decommissioned roads within the South Barton timber sale patch cut areas to specific locations to gain access to Peak 6 for construction and future maintenance needs.
- Installing a power line to the proposed top terminal location in a corridor that minimizes impacts to environmentally sensitive areas.

Responsible Official

The responsible official is Maribeth Gustafson, Forest Supervisor for the White River National Forest, 900 Grand Ave., P.O. Box 948, Glenwood Springs, Colorado 81602. The responsible official will document the decision and reasons for the decision in a Record of Decision. That decision will be subject to appeal under 36 CFR part 215 or part 251.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

Based on the analysis that will be documented in the forthcoming EIS, the responsible official will decide whether or not to implement, in whole or in part, the proposed action or another alternative developed by the Forest Service.

Scoping Process

Public questions and comments regarding this proposal are an integral part of this environmental analysis process. Comments will be used to identify issues and develop alternatives to BSR's proposal. To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments should be as specific as possible. Input provided by interested and/or affected individuals, organizations and governmental agencies will be used to identify resource issues that will be analyzed in the Draft EIS. The Forest Service will identify significant issues raised during the scoping process, and use them to formulate alternatives, prescribe mitigation measures and project design features, or analyze environmental effects.

Comment Requested

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process which guides the development of the environmental impact statement.

Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review

A draft environmental impact statement will be prepared for comment. The comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is