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To Whom It May Concern:

This transmittal memo accompanies five copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Rulemaking for Colorado Roadless Areas. The Draft EIS was prepared by the USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Regional Office, in Golden, Colorado. The US Secretary of Agriculture is the Responsible Official for this EIS.

At the same time, we are transmitting a copy of the Draft EIS to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regional Office and to other appropriate agencies and interested parties. We will assure that the EIS is distributed to all interested parties by the time the EPA Notice of Availability appears in the Federal Register, allowing for a minimum 45-day public review period. The proposed rule is simultaneously undergoing a 90-day public review period.

The Draft EIS and proposed rule are available on the roadless Web site at <a href="http://roadless.fs.fed.us.shtml">http://roadless.fs.fed.us.shtml</a>.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Kathy Kurtz, Roadless Team Leader, at 303-275-5083.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures (5)

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