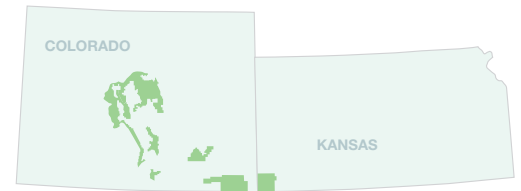


Pike-San Isabel National Forests and Cimarron-Comanche National Grasslands



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Current Issues

Forest Health

The Pike-San Isabel National Forests and Cimarron-Comanche National Grasslands' proactive approach to vegetation management is proving effective as evidenced by the relatively low rate of insect infestation. Thanks to aggressive management, the mountain pine and spruce beetles are present but not affecting vast acreages. Fire and fuels managers are using mechanical thinning and prescribed fire to treat fuels adjacent to communities in the wildland urban interface to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire. The forest remains focused on improving forest and grassland health across its nearly three million acres from southeast Colorado to western Kansas.

Recreation

The Pike-San Isabel National Forests and Cimarron-Comanche National Grasslands is considered an urban national forest because of its proximity to millions of recreationists along Colorado's Front Range. In fact, aside from skier visits, the forest is the third most visited forest in the nation. The increasing population and visitation is placing a hefty demand on facilities. In addition, forest-specific recreation issues include travel management planning, recreational shooting, recreation residences, and resource protection. From 2001 to 2006, the forest experienced a 50 percent increase in visitors, and the numbers are expected to grow. Hundreds of sites will receive much-needed improvements through 2011 as a result of nearly two million dollars in site improvement funds.

Planning

The Pike-San Isabel National Forests and Cimarron-Comanche National Grasslands is revising the 1984 Land and Resource Management Plan to create two separate plans for the Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands and the Pike and San Isabel National Forests. The forest is in the midst of finalizing the first stand-alone management plan in the nation for the grasslands, which is also the first to be developed and released under the 2008 Planning Rule.

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Forest Size	Total land area is 3,117,588 acres within the following units: Pike National Forest – 1,288,379 acres (Colorado) San Isabel National Forest – 1,245,517 acres (Colorado) Cimarron National Grassland – 116,319 acres (Kansas) Comanche National Grassland – 467,373 acres (Colorado)		
Number of Employees - Permanent	246		
Number of Employees - Seasonal	96		
Average Annual Budget	\$22,787,000		
Elevations	Lowest - 3,500 feet above sea level Highest - 14,443 feet above sea level		
Wilderness Areas	Buffalo Peaks Collegiate Peaks Greenhorn Mountain	Holy Cross Lost Creek Mount Evans	Mount Massive Sangre de Cristo Spanish Peaks
Wild and Scenic Rivers	None		
National Scenic or Historic Trails	Continental Divide National Scenic Trail Santa Fe Trail		
National Recreation Areas	None		
Scenic Byways	Frontier Pathways Scenic Byway Santa Fe Trail Top of the Rockies Guanella Pass Road Highway of Legends		
Outfitter Guides	120 outfitter guides		
Grazing	288 active allotments on 1,475,895 acres 265 term grazing permits		

Forest Management and Timber	Timber Volume Sold in fiscal year 2008 – 12,004 ccf Forest Vegetation Improved in fiscal year 2008 – 3,438 acres
Hazardous Fuels Reduction Treatments	15,931 acres in fiscal year 2008
Unique Features or Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Pike-San Isabel National Forests and Cimarron-Comanche National Grasslands is host to the headwaters of the South Platte, Arkansas, and Purgatory rivers.• Pikes Peak was the inspiration for the song “America the Beautiful.”• The forest is host to the most 14,000-foot peaks (fourteeners) of any national forest in Colorado• The forest is the site of the first developed campground in the National Forest System—Davenport Campground, which opened in the mid-1920s.• The Comanche National Grassland is the site of the internationally-known dinosaur trackway.
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