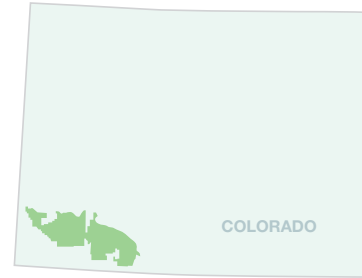


San Juan National Forest



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Current Issues

Proposed Land Exchange

The San Juan National Forest is conducting an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a land-exchange proposal by Tamarron Properties Associates, also known as the Glacier Club. Tamarron has offered two private property parcels located in the Hermosa Roadless Area to the forest. In exchange, Tamarron has asked for 265 acres of National Forest System land adjacent to U.S. Highway 550 and its resort boundaries. The interdisciplinary team and contractors are working to produce a draft EIS, which will include a cumulative impacts study – both on exchanging the federal parcel and of acquiring the private inholdings. A draft EIS is expected to be out in early 2009, with public field trips and open houses planned for the comment period.

Stream Protection

As an off-shoot of Wild and Scenic River discussions that occurred during the preparation of the San Juan's Draft Forest Plan and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Management Plan revision, a small group of interested parties has begun meeting regularly to discuss how the local and regional community at large could best be involved in considering the need for, and types of, protection for area streams. The Rivers Protection Steering Group includes representatives of the Southwestern Water Conservation District, Colorado Division of Water Resources, Colorado Water Conservation Board, San Juan Citizens Alliance, The Nature Conservancy, The Wilderness Society, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and the BLM/U.S. Forest Service.

Northern San Juan Coalbed Methane Project

The Northern San Juan Basin Coalbed Methane Project Record of Decision called for the formation of a technical working group to monitor energy development affects in the Northern San Juan Basin on an ongoing basis. A stakeholder working group has been set up to allow citizens to be involved in ongoing energy project monitoring as well. The group's goal is to open the lines of communication between affected landowners, users of public lands (ranchers, hikers, outfitters, hunters, etc.), industry,

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regulatory agencies, county commissioners, and other groups and individuals, allowing for informal public involvement in an adaptive management approach. The group will interface with a technical working group in monitoring energy development in the Northern San Juan Basin, with special emphasis on the Fruitland Outcrop.

Plan Revision Draft Environmental Impact Statement Supplement

The San Juan Public Lands Center is analyzing a supplement to its draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for its combined U.S. Forest Service/Bureau of Land Management Plan Revision.

The supplement will focus on recently updated development oil and gas leasing projections to include a more rigorous air-quality modeling study, as the Environmental Protection Agency requested. Energy companies have identified areas on the San Juan's Paradox Basin as viable and economical for natural gas extraction from shale geologic formations. The Reasonable Foreseeable Development Scenario for Fluid Minerals, a supporting document to the Plan and EIS, is being revised to include new projected development scenarios for shale gas industry targets, and the supplement is analyzing the consequences of those scenarios.

Forest Size	Total land area is 2,108,314 acres within the following units, all in Colorado.
Number of Employees	The San Juan National Forest is a Service First organization, which means the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management share services. Regardless of which agency hired them, most employees also provide support to the other agency.
Permanent Forest Service	167
Seasonal Forest Service	120
Permanent Bureau of Land Management	55
Seasonal Bureau of Land Management	17
Average Annual Budget	\$15,226,000
Elevations	Lowest - approximately 6,000 feet above sea level Highest - over 14,000 feet above sea level
Wilderness Areas	Weminuche South San Juan Lizard Head
Wild and Scenic Rivers	None
National Scenic or Historic Trails	Continental Divide National Scenic Trail
National Recreation Areas	None
Scenic Byways	San Juan Skyway
Outfitter Guides	147 outfitter guides
Grazing	118 active allotments on 1,217,744 acres 105 term grazing permits

Forest Management and Timber	Timber Volume Sold in fiscal year 2008 – 20,647 ccf Forest Vegetation Improved in fiscal year 2008 – 417 acres
Hazardous Fuels Reduction Treatments	16,556 acres in fiscal year 2008
Unique Features or Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The San Juan National Forest has been a Service First organization since 1994. Shared Forest Service/ Bureau of Land Management (BLM) offices in Pagosa Springs, Durango, and Dolores oversee the three San Juan National Forest Ranger Districts, BLM Field Offices, and Canyons of the Ancients National Monument.• Chimney Rock, designated an archaeological area and national historic site in 1970, is managed for archaeological protection, public interpretation, and education. Chimney Rock lies on 4,100 acres of San Juan National Forest land surrounded by the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.• The Aspen Guard Station, built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s to serve as a district office for forest rangers, has been the home of the Artist-in-Residence Program since 1994. The program offers painters, writers, poets, musicians, photographers, sculptors, performers, dancers, and other artists a unique setting in which to practice their chosen art form.
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