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FOREST SERVICE PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

Delta, CO., (March 23, 2009) – The Gunnison National Forest and White River National Forest are jointly preparing an Environmental Assessment for the construction and authorization of a winter backcountry ski hut near Taylor Pass on the Gunnison Ranger District. The Taylor Pass Hut would be constructed and authorized by special use permit to Alfred A. Braun Hut System, Inc. Construction materials would be staged on the White River National Forest near the Lindley Hut and flown by helicopter to the proposed hut site on the Gunnison National Forest (approximately 1.5 miles south of Taylor Pass). The proposed hut location would allow multiple hut-to-hut winter travel opportunities between the Friends Hut and the existing Braun Huts. The proposed hut would be similar in scope and size to the existing Friends Hut and Braun Huts. Construction would occur in summer 2009 or 2010.

Project information is available at the Gunnison Ranger District Office. The proposed action description and other information are available from the Gunnison District Office and the following project website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/gmug/policy/#recreation>

The comment period for this proposal will end 30-days following the publication of the Legal Notice in the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel and Glenwood Springs Post Independent. Comments may be submitted in writing by mail, email, fax, or by hand delivery to: Taylor Pass Hut Project, c/o Bill Jackson, 216 N. Colorado St., Gunnison, CO 81230; 970-642-4425 (FAX); or email to wfjackson@fs.fed.us.

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