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Forest Service releases final Decision on Tepee Park Ranch Project

RIFLE, COLO. - The Forest Service will move forward with the Selected Alternative (Proposed Action) of the Tepee Park Ranch Project, authorizing construction of the Beaver Creek Bypass for continued access to private property, continued commercial use of Upper Forest Road 824 with improvements for recreational access, and approval of the installation of 1.5 miles of underground pipelines during road construction.

The Selected Alternative best supports the need for action and addresses the proximity of the project to Beaver Creek and continued public access. Additionally, the Selected Alternative meets the needs of CPX's proposal and meets all required federal law and regulations to provide access and multiple use of National Forest lands.

"We are required to provide access for reasonable use of private inholdings," stated Sarah Hankens, District Ranger. "The Selected Alternative balances access to private property while also providing for continued public access to the Forest, including expanding parking to better accommodate horse trailers and personal vehicles during summer use and a winter parking area. Additionally, the authorized pipelines will be installed within the road corridor, minimizing disturbance to area resources, and improving setback distance from Beaver Creek."

Prior to this final decision, the Forest received five objections to the Selected Alternative which were addressed through the objection resolution process. An objection meeting was held between objectors and the Forest Service. The objection review, conducted by the deputy Regional Forester, found no violation of law, regulation or policy, and no changes to the analysis documents are necessary.

The project can be implemented immediately.

For more information, please visit the project page [here](#).