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Comments: comments following FS presentation in Delta, CO on 07/26/17

The placards were great, but I would have preferred small handouts of each placard to give to the public as it was too crowded and overwhelming to read everything in the short time frame given. Having FS specialists at each placard was very useful. Make sure these specialists can make some of the summer FS field trips coming up.

WRT access and problems with private owners that have access roads thru, we need to make sure that these roads are well-marked as FS roads, esp. where there are cattle gates. Certainly there should also be a sign that says to close the gate behind you to keep cattle in, but it is essential to identify the road or trail as to whether it is private or a FS road. For example, there is a gate or two from the West Bench Trail to Palisade Point along the rim of the Grand Mesa that likely could use better signage. The new FS plan should address the issue of access roads to methane vent sites in roadless areas better, esp. how the coal and oil companies will guarantee that these access roads will be closed and reclaimed with natural vegetation when no longer needed. Additionally, it would be best to include in the FS revision plan some comment for use of Drones/Helicopters as much as possible when accessing roadless/wilderness areas. I would also like to see more discussion on improving communications/involvement with the ski areas wrt SBEADMR activities and coordination in their areas, as dead spruce and aspen trees can be a significant hazard on ski runs. I will ask Public Lands Partnership to assist in getting the word out and working on recreational and public input that can be collaboratively addressed and brought back to you, esp. if we can work on some funding for such. Enno Heuscher MD, Chairman Public Lands Partnership