

From: [Bill Sheehan](#)
To: [FS-r02admin-review](#)
Subject: LaVa Project Objection Comment
Date: Monday, May 20, 2019 4:20:57 PM

To: Russel M. Bacon, Forest Supervisor, Medicine Bow - Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland

This is a letter of objection regarding the Medicine Bow Landscape Vegetation analysis Project (LaVa Project). My initial objections to this project, as filed on the draft proposal, are that the project was ill-conceived, road building is extreme, and mitigation of those roads are not guaranteed. I do not see that the current (final) draft plan addresses these deficiencies. There is no precedent for a project of this scope and insufficient data and details to properly evaluate this plan. Road building (600 miles) is the worst element of this project, in my opinion. The forest service currently lacks the resources to properly maintain existing roads and seem unable to obliterate former forest service roads that are designated for closure in addition to citizen-created unauthorized two tracks. Creating additional roads without absolute guarantees of eradication is an assault on the forest and its ecosystem. For these reasons, I strenuously object to this project.

Bill Sheehan
