

September 5, 2024

Bonanza Project

Ranger Helen Smith

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Dear Ranger Smith,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. Please accept these additional comments from me on behalf of the Alliance for the Wild Rockies, Council on Wildlife and Fish, Center for Biological Diversity, and Native Ecosystems Council on the proposed Bonanza Project.

Since the Bonanza project is very similar to the Castle project,, that the Forest Service withdrew its decision after the federal district court ruled that the project was illegal, the Forest Service should write an EIS for the Bonanza project like it did for the Castle project.

The main difference between the Castle project and the Bonanza project is the Bonanza project dropped the burning of roadless areas. The burning of the roadless areas is now being planned for the Forest Service EIS. Therefor it is still being planned and thus an Environmental Impact Statement should be written to consider all of the effects of the Bonanza project and the burning planned in the Forestwide burning project in the Castle Mountains.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns.

Sincerely yours, Mike Garrity

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