

September 20, 2025

Pike-San Isabel National Forests & Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands
Supervisor's Office, in care of the Grasslands Plan Revision Team,
2840 Kachina Drive
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Dear Grasslands Plan Revision Team,

Comment Number 3

President Trump's Executive Order, April 8, 2025 states: Section 2: "The Attorney General . . . shall identify all State and local laws, regulations, causes of action, policies, and practices . . . burdening the identification, development, siting, production, or use of domestic energy resources that are or may be unconstitutional, preempted by Federal law, or otherwise unenforceable. The Attorney General shall prioritize the identification of any such State laws purporting to address "climate change" or involving "environmental, social, and governance" initiatives, "environmental justice," carbon or "greenhouse gas" emissions, and funds to collect carbon penalties or carbon taxes."

"Forest Service reviews plans and policies from numerous agencies and jurisdictions, including the 2020 Colorado Forest Action Plan, the 2023 Strategic Plan for Climate-Smart Natural and Working Lands (Colorado), the 2024 State Wildlife Action Plan (Colorado), the 2022 Kansas State Wildlife Action Plan, the 2021-2025 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (Kansas), the 2019 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (Colorado), and the 2017 La Junta Comprehensive Plan." Draft Assessment, p. 11.

The 2020 Colorado Forest Action Plan seeks to accommodate Colorado's goal of reducing greenhouse gasses. To help meet these goals, House Bill 19-1261 was signed into law, May 30, 2019, which requires a statewide goal to "reduce 2025 greenhouse gas emissions by at least 26%, 2030 greenhouse gas emissions by at least 50%, and 2050 greenhouse gas emissions by at least 90% of the levels of statewide greenhouse gas emissions that existed in 2005." Colorado Forest Action Plan 2020, p. 16

The 2023 Strategic Plan for Climate-Smart Natural and Working Lands prioritizes actions across Colorado's landscapes to reduce emissions, increase carbon sequestration, and create a climate resilient Colorado. While focused on climate mitigation and adaptation strategies, the Strategic Plan also values the multiple community and ecological benefits that NWL create and prioritizes diversity, equity, inclusion, and environmental justice considerations. 2023 Strategic Plan for Climate-Smart Natural and Working Lands, p. 5-6.

In light of President Trump's Executive Order above the plans listed are no longer operative in relation to the Cimarron & Comanche National Grassland Management Plan revision and should be removed from any consideration by the Forest Service.

Respectfully

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