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Comments: Firstly as a full time resident of Chaffee County, frequent user of USFS lands and an active volunteer on efforts that support the Salida and Leadville USFS RD's, I strongly support and applaud this proposal in it's entirty. Secondly as a home owner in the Mesa Antero development, I am acutely familiar with the Browns Creek Raspberry Gulch area. Consequently my comments here are specific to this area and are all centered around forest fire prevention.

My first point deals with signage. Presently there is no "Fire Danger Level" sign in the area. I suggest a full sized sign be installed at the FR 270 entrance to the area in full view as a single purposed sign.

Secondly, during periods of high and extreme fire danger, I suggest limiting access to the area beyond the gate on FR 272 south of the Browns Creek trailhead. This will lower the risk of a human caused start and lessen the evacuation time of that area.

My thrid suggestion is to limit vehicle access to FR's 272A and 272B. These roads could be limited to non-motorized use. Vehicle based dispersed camping on these FR spurs presents a higer risk of fire danger that threatens the closely adjacent Mesa Antero and Mesa Estates housing areas.

Lastly, I suggest not equipping dispersed designated camp sites on the east side of FR 272 with campfire enclosures. Allowing fires in these campsites present an increased risk to the closely adjacent housing areas.

Thank you for an opportunity to give input on this critically needed NOPA.