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Comments: Arkansas Valley Audubon Society (AVAS) represents 600+ members in southern Colorado and the San Luis Valley who often bird and recreate in the Pike and San Isabel National Forests and near Pikes Peak itself.

The idea of 194,567 acres being industrially logged-13,500 acres within four protected Roadless Areas-and 244,210 acres being sprayed with toxic herbicides in the Pike and San Isabel National Forests in El Paso, Teller, and Douglas Counties- boggles the mind!!

Additionally, all these projects include clearcutting, as well as logging, in endangered species habitat and old-growth forests. How the Forest Service can even consider this project demands answers.
However the Forest Service has provided less than two weeks for public input. Why the rush? Could the Forest Service be working to 'sneak' this project in during the holidays so they can avoid uncomfortable questions about its legitimacy?

This is no way to protect OUR national forests. Please reconsider this unworthy project and protect our forests and wildlife.