

**Rio Grande National Forest Plan Revision
Vegetation, Timber, and Fire Meeting #1**

Monday, April 27, 2015

5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Alamosa County Commissioners Building, Room 108

8900-A Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101

Agenda

5:00 pm Open House

- Opportunity to view maps prior to group discussion
- Opportunity for one-on-one discussion with RGNF staff
- Light refreshments available

5:30 pm Setting the Stage: Overview of the Plan Revision and the Assessment Process

Adam Mendonca, Deputy Forest Supervisor for the RGNF, will give a brief presentation about the goals of the plan revision process and the purpose of the formal assessment of current conditions on the Forest. The presentation will also address how the information that emerges from tonight's meeting will inform and influence the plan revision.

5:45 pm Community Discussion

Meeting participants will form small groups, and each small group will participate in a 30-minute discussion on each of three topics: forest health and sustainability; the impacts on the forest of human activities; and fuels and fire on the forest.

- 5:50 pm Topic 1
- 6:20 pm Topic 2
- 6:50 pm Topic 3

7:20 pm Summary / Next Steps

7:30 pm Meeting Ends

Discussion Questions

Forest Health and Sustainability

1. What is the definition of a healthy forest?
2. What is a sustainable use of the forest and how much of that use is sustainable?

Impacts of Human Activities

1. What human activities and influences are relevant to today's forest conditions?
2. How do those activities drive stressors on the forest, including fire and insect infestation?

Fuels and Fire on the Forest

1. How should we handle the standing dead timber on the Rio Grande National Forest?
2. Should fire be used as tool for management?