

**Rio Grande National Forest Plan Revision
Wilderness and Special Designations Meeting #1**

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

**Antonito High School Cafeteria
620 Pine Street – Antonito, Colorado**

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 related to wilderness and special designations 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

- 1. What are the most significant special designation areas on the Rio Grande National Forest and how should they be managed? Do they contribute to social, economic, and ecological sustainability? If so, how?**
- 2. Other than wilderness or areas that are already designated, are there other rare or outstanding resources or places on the forest? What makes them rare or outstanding?**
- 3. What does the word wilderness mean to you? What criteria should be met for such a designation? How should it be managed?**