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Input received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment will be considered part of the public record on this project and will be available for public inspection.



**Rough Timeline**

Spring/Summer 2015:

- Public Scoping

Summer 2015- Summer 2016:

- Public Field Trips as necessary

Spring 2016:

- FS Crafts Proposed Action

Summer 2016:

- FS writes environmental analysis

Spring 2017:

- Public Comment on draft Plan

Summer 2017:

- Objection Period

December 2017:

- Decision signed



Hermosa Creek looking South  
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**HERMOSA CREEK**

**SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA**

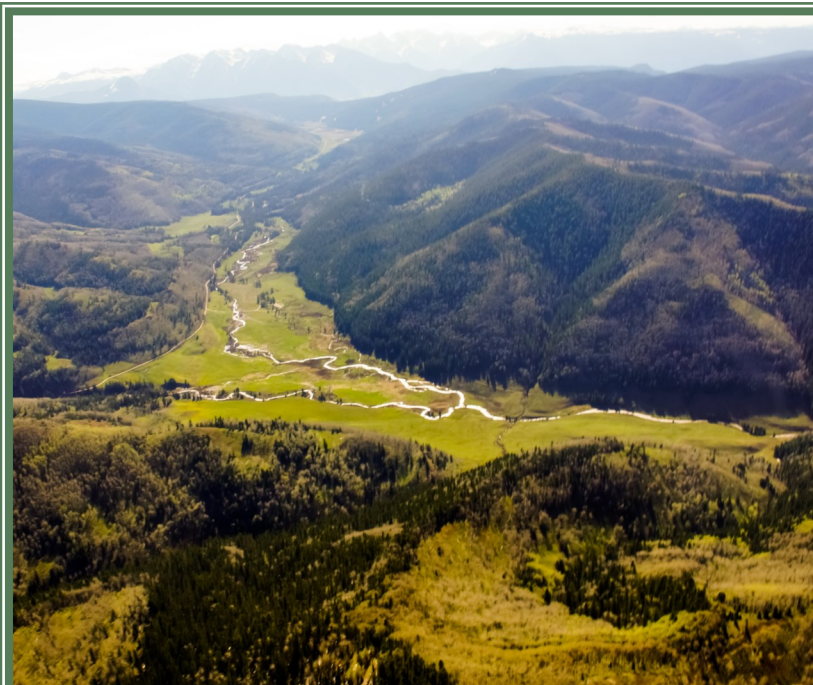
Public Scoping Open House, Tuesday, March 3, 2015  
San Juan Public Lands Center

Purpose of the SMA:

**“to conserve and protect for the benefit  
of present and future generations the  
watershed, geological, cultural, natural,  
scientific, recreational, wildlife, riparian,  
historical, educational, and scenic  
resources of the Special Management  
Area.”**

-S.1847, signed by President Obama , Dec. 19, 2014





Hermosa Park / East Fork Hermosa Creek

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## SMA MANAGEMENT PLAN REQUIRED

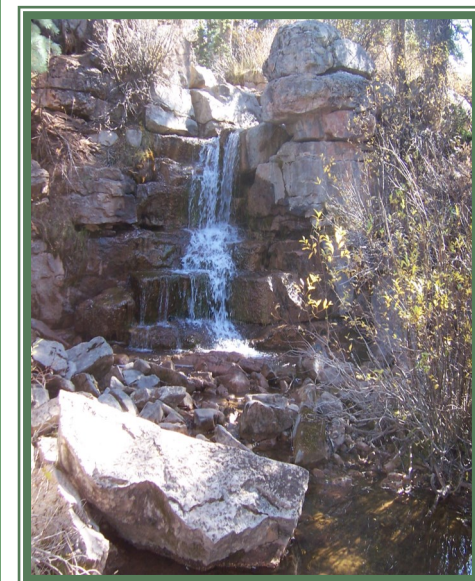
The legislation requires the Forest Service to develop a SMA Management Plan within three years, which:

- Guides the long-term management of the SMA.
- Takes public input into account.
- Provides for many kinds of recreational opportunities.
- Provides for livestock grazing.
- Allows vegetation, wildfire, insect, and disease management.

The SMA does not include the Wilderness portion of the watershed.

## QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER WHILE PROVIDING SCOPING INPUT:

- Should a Wilderness Management Plan be considered at the same time as the SMA Plan?
- Are there specific problems that should be addressed in the Hermosa Creek Plan?
- Are there changes to motorized, mechanized, or non-motorized travel management that you would like to see? Include summer and winter.
- How should we address the small slivers of SMA land on the west and southwest sides of the wilderness?
- How would you like to be involved in the planning process?



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