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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The State of Colorado maintains that coal mining in the North Fork Coal Mining Area provides an important economic contribution and stability for the communities of the North Fork Valley. USDA and the Forest Service are committed to contributing to energy security, and carrying out the government's overall policy to foster and encourage orderly and economic development of domestic mineral resources.

All existing Federal coal leases within CRAs occur in the North Fork Valley near Paonia, Colorado on the GMUG National Forests. Coal from this area meets the Clean Air Act definition for compliant and super-compliant coal, which means it has high energy value and low sulphur, ash, and mercury content. There are two mines currently holding leases within CRAs. One is operating, producing approximately 5.2 million tons of coal annually. The second is currently idle due to a fire and flood within their mine operation. The final rule accommodates continued coal mining opportunities within the North Fork Coal Mining Area. At approximately 19,500 acres, this area is less than 0.5% of the total 4.2 million acres of CRAs. The North Fork Coal Mining Area exception allows for the construction of temporary roads for exploration and surface activities related to coal mining for existing and future coal leases. The reinstatement of this exception does not approve any future coal leases, nor does it make a decision about the leasing availability of any coal within the State. Those decisions would need to undergo separate environmental analyses, public input, and decision-making.

A Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) has been prepared to complement the 2012 Final EIS for the Colorado Roadless Rule. The SEIS is limited in scope to address the deficiencies identified by the District Court of Colorado in *High Country Conservation Advocates v. United States Forest Service* (13–01723, D. Col), correction of boundary information, and to address scoping comments. In conjunction with the 2012 Final EIS, the SEIS discloses the environmental consequences of reinstating the North Fork Coal Mining Area exception into the Colorado Roadless Rule.

The Forest Service wants to ensure that there is sufficient time for potentially affected parties, including States, to comment. Thus the Agency is

providing an extended comment period for the proposed rule and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

Reviewers may obtain a copy of the proposed rule and SEIS from the Forest Service Colorado Roadless staff Web site at go.usa.gov/3JQw, or from Regulations.gov Web site, www.regulations.gov.

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Treatment of Data Influenced by Exceptional Events

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of availability of related guidance; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On November 20, 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed a rule titled, “Treatment of Data Influenced by Exceptional Events.” The EPA is extending the comment period on the proposed rule and the notice of availability of the related draft guidance that was scheduled to close on January 19, 2016. The new comment closing date will be February 3, 2016. We are extending the comment period at the request of several stakeholders to allow interested parties additional time to thoroughly review and analyze the noted documents and provide meaningful comments.

DATES: The public comment period for the proposed rule and notice of availability of related draft guidance published in the *Federal Register* on November 20, 2015 (80 FR 72840), is being extended. Written comments must be received on or before February 3, 2016.

ADDRESSES: The EPA has established separate dockets for the proposed rulemaking and the related draft guidance (available at <http://www.regulations.gov>). For the proposed rulemaking titled, “Treatment of Data Influenced by Exceptional Events,” the Docket ID No. is EPA–HQ–OAR–2013–0572. For the related draft guidance titled, “Draft Guidance on the

Preparation of Exceptional Events Demonstrations for Wildfire Events that May Influence Ozone Concentrations,” the Docket ID No. is EPA–HQ–OAR–2015–0229. Information on both of these actions is posted at <http://www2.epa.gov/air-quality-analysis/treatment-data-influenced-exceptional-events>. Submit your comments, identified by the appropriate Docket ID, to the *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or withdrawn. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. If you need to include CBI as part of your comment, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/comments.html> for instructions. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make.

For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/comments.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information on this action, contact Beth W. Palma, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Environmental Protection Agency (C539–04), Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711; telephone number (919) 541–5432; email address: palma.elizabeth@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: After considering the request of several stakeholders, the EPA has decided to extend the public comment period for this action until February 3, 2016. This extension will allow interested parties additional time to thoroughly review and analyze the noted documents and provide meaningful comments.

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Stephen D. Page,
Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.

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