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Dear Interested Party,

Due to your interest in Larimer County's previously proposed Middle Bald Communication Site application, I wanted to inform you the County has applied for a special use permit to gather additional information before deciding whether or not to reactivate the previous proposal. The data gathered would help them better refine their original proposal were they to decide to continue.

Please note that this is not the same as their original proposal, but a request to gather information such as surveys to determine access route, building, and tower locations and designs. Much of this information was requested by the public during scoping of the larger, previously proposed project. Crews would utilize existing roads and trails in the area. The only proposed ground disturbing activity is the drilling of approximately five bore holes drilled by hand (4" diameter, no more than 10' depth) near the summit of Middle Bald Mountain.

If this special use permit is approved, surveys could take place from the time of issuance through October 2010.

If after this survey work Larimer County decides to continue the site proposal, then additional analysis by the Forest Service and/or contractors would be required. This would include public rescoping through the National Environmental Policy Act with opportunities for comment.

If you have questions regarding this special use permit application, please contact Sue Greenley at 970-295-6735.

Sincerely,

/S/KEVIN W. ATCHLEY

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District Ranger

