

Pikes Peak Summit Complex Environmental Assessment Scoping Meeting Summary

August 25th, 2015

3 pm to 7 pm

Library 21c (Venue @21c)

1175 Chapel Hills Drive

Colorado Springs, CO 80920

A Public Scoping Meeting was held on August 25, 2015 for the Pikes Peak Summit Complex Environmental Assessment. The format of the event was an open house with approximately 90 attendees from the public. The U.S. Forest Service, Pikes Peak America's Mountain, U.S. Army, Colorado Springs Utilities, consultants, and the design team were present at the open house.

The open house was an open flow format with ten stations. Attendees were greeted at Station 1 where they signed in and received a brief orientation. Station 2 provided an overview of the project and information on how to comment. Station 3 was a video station where attendees were able to sit and watch a video about Pikes Peak (<https://parks.coloradosprings.gov/videos>). Station 4 was a Google Earth station showing the building envelope, Pikes Peak Highway and key points of interest. Station 5 provided information on the purpose and need of the project, a brief history of Pikes Peak and the project, project elements, and a map of the building envelope. The Design Team was located at Station 6 where they provided an overview of the design process and work completed to date. Station 7 provided information about who makes decisions in the NEPA process and asked for input from attendees regarding issues and questions about the project. Station 8 was a project map located on a table in the center of the room. Station 9 was a table where attendees were able to sit down and write out comments. Station 10 was a media area where members of the press could talk with the USFS about the project.

Input provided at the public scoping meeting and associated comment period by interested and/or affected individuals, organizations, and governmental agencies will be used to identify resource issues that will be analyzed in the EA. The Forest Service is soliciting comments until September 21, 2015.

Visit the Forest Service project website for materials presented at the Public Scoping Meeting, additional information, to comment, and to sign up for project updates at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47229> or call the Pikes Peak Ranger District office at (719) 636-1602.