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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S. 3615 which extends the boundaries of the Arapaho National Forest and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to transfer certain lands to the Secretary of Agriculture.

S. 3615 extends the boundaries of the Arapaho National Forest in Colorado to include a 45,890 acre tract known as the Blue River Corridor which is currently comprised as follows: private - 29,460 acres; Interior/Bureau of Land Management - 14,010 acres; Interior/Bureau of Reclamation - 1,660 acres; Colorado State - 750 acres; and Agriculture/Forest Service - 10 acres. Furthermore, the bill authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to transfer those lands cited above that are under his jurisdiction to the Secretary of Agriculture. (The 1,660 acre Bureau of Reclamation tract presently encompasses the Green Mountain Reservoir which has been leased to the State of Colorado and therefore the transfer of these lands would not take place until such time when the lease is terminated).

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