

## NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT

USDA FOREST SERVICE  
UINTA NATIONAL FOREST  
HEBER RANGER DISTRICT  
WASATCH COUNTY, UTAH

### Proposed Action for Bryant's Fork Forest Health/Spruce Beetle Treatment

The proposed action for the spruce/fir stands is to implement a selective timber harvest to address a rapidly developing spruce bark beetle infestation. Several years of drought, abundant host trees, and mild winters have likely contributed to a recent rapid expansion of bark beetle populations in this drainage. The proposed action would thin the stands to create a greater diversity of age classes and structure, as well as promote natural regeneration. This treatment would promote forest health and longevity of the spruce component by reducing vulnerability to spruce bark beetle attack. Monitoring would be done after the timber sale to identify areas where natural regeneration is not adequate and revenues from the sale would be used to plant trees.

The proposed clearcut of 48 acres of aspen/fir stands has been eliminated from the Proposed Action. The decision to remove the clearcut aspect of the Proposed Action was based on potential visual impacts and the clearcut would have been a different purpose and need than to address the spruce beetle infestation.

The Project is authorized under the provisions of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA) of 2003 and is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218, subpart A and is not subject to the notice, comments, and appeal procedures found at 36 CFR part 215.

Any objection, including attachments, must be filed in writing with the Objection Review Officer Peter W. Karp, U.S. Forest Service, Intermountain Region, 324 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Ogden, Utah, 84401; or fax to 801-625-5277. Objections may also be hand delivered to the above address, during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. E-mail objections should be sent to the Regional Office e-mail address at: [appeals-intermtn-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:appeals-intermtn-regional-office@fs.fed.us). Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted comments specific to this project. The opportunity to file an objection ends 30 days following the date of publication of this legal notice and is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection.

It is the objector's responsibility to provide sufficient narrative description of those aspects of the proposed authorized hazardous fuels reduction project addressed by the objection, specific issues related to the proposed authorized hazardous fuels reduction project, and suggested remedies which would resolve the objection. Incorporation of

documents by reference will not be allowed.

All objections will be considered part of the public record for this project and will be available for public inspection and will be released if requested under the Freedom of Information Act.