

Request for Comments

South Fork Vegetation
Treatment Project
USDA Forest Service
Fishlake National Forest
Beaver Ranger District

The Beaver Ranger District of the Fishlake National Forest is proposing to conduct salvage and sanitation treatments on approximately 2,000 acres of Engelmann spruce and sub-alpine fir forest infested with, or at high risk of spruce beetle infestation. Treated areas may be reforested with Engelmann spruce and Douglas-fir if necessary to supplement natural regeneration and help achieve recovery. Treatments would occur in six treatment units ranging from approximately 200 to 520 acres in size. Salvage and sanitation treatments would begin as early as spring 2004 and are anticipated to be completed within five years. Reforestation would be completed within five years of salvage and sanitation treatments.

Your comments are being requested to help identify key issues, develop alternatives and/or mitigation measures, and analyze effects of the proposed action. Please be as specific as possible in expressing your comments so they can be effectively addressed. Comments received, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for this project and will be available for public inspection.

Comments should be sent to Fishlake National Forest, Attn: Diane Freeman, South Fork Vegetation Treatment Project Team Leader, 115 East 900 North, Richfield, UT 84701. Although your comments are always welcome, comments received by February 11, 2004 will be most helpful. For more information about this proposal, please contact Diane Freeman, 115 East 900 North, Richfield, UT 84701, phone: (435) 896-9233.