

# Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions

July 01 - Sept 30, 2003

Legend for NEPA Documents:

- CE = Categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or
- EIS
- EA = Environmental Assessment
- EIS = Environmental Impact Statement
- Unknown = NEPA analysis not yet determined

*All future dates are approximate and represent only best estimates.*

## Manti-La Sal National Forest

### Fire

#### Ferron/Price

##### Ferron Summer Home Phase II

Diane Cote (435) 636-3502 NEPA CE Cat 10

**Scoping** 06-06-2003 **Decision** 10-31-2003  
**Location** Ferron Reservoir - T. 19 S., R. 4 E., Sections 22 and 23

**Description**

Wildland Urban Interface Project to protect vegetation and property from wildfire. The project may include: Reduction of hazardous fuels, Prescribed fire; Removal of hazard trees; Salvage of dead and dying trees; Thinning of vegetation to reduce stocking and to remove ladder fuels in and adjacent to the

**Status**

Analysis is on going to establish a purpose and need

**Counties Affected** Sanpete  
**Districts Affected** Ferron/Price  
**Cooperators**

##### Joes Valley

Diane Cote (435) 636-3502 NEPA CE Cat 10

**Scoping** 06-06-2003 **Decision** 10-31-2003  
**Location** Joes Valley Reservoir - T. 17 S., R. 6 E., Sections 18, 19, and 32 - T. 18 S., R. 6 E., Section 7

**Description**

Wildland Urban Interface project to provide fuel breaks for the three communities located adjacent to Joes Valley Reservoir. The project would treat Pinyon Pine and Juniper on adjacent Forest Service lands.

**Status**

Analysis is on going to establish project boundaries and purpose and need.

**Counties Affected** Emery  
**Districts Affected** Ferron/Price  
**Cooperators** Fuels Planner

##### South Tent Prescribed Burn

Scott Steinberg NEPA CE Cat 10

**Scoping** 05-19-2003 **Decision** 03-31-2004  
**Location** North and South Tent Mountain including upper Spring City Canyon, Reeder Canyon and Littles Creek; T. 16 S., R. 5 E., T. 17 S., R. 5 E.

**Description**

Proposes to us prescribed fire to treat fuels and provide for vegetation diversity in the proposed treatment area.

**Status**

Starting the NEPA process

**Counties Affected** Sanpete  
**Districts Affected** Ferron/Price  
**Cooperators** Sanpete

## Fire

### Moab/Monticello

#### Milk Ranch Point Prescribed Burn (EA/DR)

Danny Kellogg (435) 259-7155 NEPA EA

##### Description

**Scoping Location**

T35N, R20S

**Decision** 03-01-2000

##### Status

Analysis completed and implementation ongoing in fiscal year 2003.

**Counties Affected**

San Juan

**Districts Affected**

Moab/Monticello

**Cooperators**

#### Blue Mountain Ranch Fuels Reduction

Danny Kellogg NEPA CE Cat 10

##### Description

Approximately 1000 acres of Forest land surrounds 36 structures on 48 private land in-holdings at the 120 acre Blue Mountain Ranch. The vegetative conditions equate to heavy fuel loadings and ladder fuels increasing the risk of severe, catastrophic wildfire. A vegetative fuels reduction project is needed to provide a limited, defensible, fuelbreak corridor around the immediate perimeter of the Ranch, to reduce the risk of a tree-stand replacing crown fire and to reduce the risk of damage to private property from wildfire.

**Scoping Location**

03-27-2002  
Approximately 9 miles south of the City of Monticello, Utah and 1 mile west of U.S. Highway 191. Legal Description: T34S, R23E, Sections 30,31,32 & 33

**Decision** 09-30-2002

##### Status

implementation started 10/01/02 and is still on-going

**Counties Affected**

**Districts Affected**

**Cooperators**

#### Moab Face Vegetation Treatment Project

Heather Musclow (435) 259-7155 NEPA EA

##### Description

Landscape vegetation treatment - will use prescribed fire with some mechanical treatments (hydroax and chainsaws). The project area is approximately 14,000 acres implemented over the next 10 years.

**Scoping Location**

12-02-1998  
T25-28N, R23-24E and T35N R20E

**Decision** 08-30-2004

##### Status

Developing Alternatives 10/02, decision expected 6/03.

**Counties Affected**

San Juan  
Grand

**Districts Affected**

Ferron/Price

**Cooperators**

Forestry, Fire and State Lands

#### Buckeye Reservoir Project (DM/DR)

Shannon Skibeness (435) 259-7155 NEPA EA

##### Description

Proposed action includes identifying camping sites to preserve some of the dispersed camping opportunities, boat launch, limiting roads, a developed campground.

**Scoping Location**

07-31-2003  
T48N, R20W

**Decision** 08-31-2004

##### Status

Analysis dependent on funding in fiscal year 2004.

**Counties Affected**

Montrose, CO

**Districts Affected**

Moab/Monticello

**Cooperators**

## Fire

### Moab/Monticello

#### Pack Creek Ranch Fuels Reduction

Danny Kellogg (435) 636-3369 NEPA CE Cat 10

**Scoping** 12-14-1998 **Decision** 10-30-2004  
**Location** Approximately 10 miles south of the City of Moab and 3 miles west of U.S. Highway 191, off the Moab Loop Road in the Pack Creek drainage adjacent to the Pack Creek Ranch and private homes. The legal description would include portions of T27S, R23E sections 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26 and T27S, R24E sections 19, 20, 29 and 30.

#### Description

A Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) exists where approximately 1764 acres of the Manti-La Sal National Forest surrounds the Pack Creek Ranch private land in-holdings. The Pack Creek Ranch is located at the base of the La Sal Mountains. Approximately 12 homes and a historic ranch with guest cabins are within the private land in-holdings.

Currently an encroaching pinion/juniper forest surrounds the ranch. Eventually, the sage and grasses will be taken over completely. The creek area is exceedingly overgrown with several invasive species such as Salt Cedar and Russian Olive that are slowly overtaking the riparian areas. The native Willows and Cottonwoods are struggling to survive. Combining these factors with the on-going years of drought, the potential for catastrophic wildfire to cause severe loss of private property and/or human life is eminent.

The purpose of the hazardous fuels reduction project within the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) zone is to reduce existing fuel loads and ladder fuels thereby:

- Provide within the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) zone, a limited, defensible, fuelbreak corridor around the immediate perimeter of the private land.
- Reduce the risk of a tree-stand replacing crown fire.
- Reduce the risk of damage to private property from wildfire.

The specific project actions that will occur within the 1764 acre WUI zone.

- Mechanical treat 882 acres adjacent to the private lands using a Hydro-Axe and or chainsaws to thin the existing pinion/juniper stand into a shaded, open savanna fuelbreak.

#### Counties Affected

San Juan

#### Districts Affected

Moab/Monticello

#### Cooperators

San Juan County

## Fish/Wildlife

### Lead Office not specified

#### Forest Plan Amendment for MIS

Heather Musclow (435) 259-7155 NEPA EA

**Scoping** 03-01-2003 **Decision** 06-01-2003  
**Location** Forest-wide

#### Description

Remove blue grouse and replace with northern goshawk as a Management Indicator Species for the health of conifer/mixed conifer habitat in the Manti-La Sal National Forest Land and Management Plan.

#### Status

Beginning initial scoping and analysis.

#### Counties Affected

#### Districts Affected

#### Cooperators

## Fish/Wildlife

### Moab/Monticello

#### Miscellaneous small projects including turkey food plots, ponds, and guzzlers

Heather Musclow (435) 259-7155 NEPA CE Cat 06

**Scoping** 07-24-2003 **Decision** 08-29-2003

**Location** Pond locations are two in the Webb hollow drainage and one in Buck Hollow area (Moab District). Three in upper Allen Canyon above Causeway Road (Monticello District). Turkey food plots in each of the three 2002 burn areas: Hang Dog, Hammond, and Nizhoni. 5 guzzlers in the Monticello Face/Gold Queen watershed area of the M-B watershed

#### Description

Pond locations are two in the Webb hollow drainage and one in Buck Hollow area (Moab District). Three in upper Allen Canyon above Causeway Road (Monticello District). Turkey food plots in each of the three 2002 burn areas: Hang Dog, Hammond, and Nizhoni. 5 guzzlers in the Monticello Face/Gold Queen watershed area of the M-B watershed project area.

#### Status

Scoping in Progress

#### **Counties Affected**

San Juan  
Grand

#### **Districts Affected**

Moab/Monticello

#### **Cooperators**

Foresry, Fire and State Lands

## Minerals

### Ferron/Price

#### Dudley Associates Oil and Gas Drilling

Tom Lloyd (435) 636-3596 NEPA EIS

**Scoping** 01-27-2003 **Decision** 05-29-2003

**Location** 1st Water 2nd Water Canyon, 14.5 miles west of Price. Sect(s)24,25 T14s, S7E

#### Description

Project will assess the environmental consequences of drilling 4 oil and gas exploration holes.

#### Status

Project is in the implementation phase.

#### **Counties Affected**

Carbon

#### **Districts Affected**

Ferron/Price

#### **Cooperators**

Bureau of Land Management

#### EW/PacifiCorp 5 Hole Drilling 2003 Project

Tom Lloyd (435) 636-3596 NEPA CE Cat 03

**Scoping** 02-01-2003 **Decision** 06-30-2003

**Location** East Mountain, Mill Fork Canyon, Upper Joes Valley, Sect(s) 12,15 T.16S.,R6E and Sect(s)7,6, T16S, R7E

#### Description

This Project will assess the environmental consequences of drilling 5 helicopter assisted coal exploration holes.

#### Status

Project completed reclamation taking place

#### **Counties Affected**

#### **Districts Affected**

#### **Cooperators**

## Minerals

### Ferron/Price

#### SUFCO Coal Exploration Drilling: U-76195 & U-63214

Brian McClelland (435) 636-3588 **NEPA** CE Cat 03 **Scoping** 07-31-2003 **Decision** 09-05-2003  
**Location** Muddy Creek / Pines Area  
T21S, R5E, Secs 12, 17 and 24

##### Description

Evaluating the application for surface occupancy to permit 4 coal exploration drilling locations

##### Status

Scoping completed. Analysis completed.  
Project is underway.

##### **Counties Affected**

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##### **Districts Affected**

Ferron/Price

##### **Cooperators**

Bureau of Land Management

#### 2003 Ark Land/Canyon Fuel LLC Coal Exploration Plan Fed Lease UTU 67939 ( Winter Quarters Helicopter Drilling)

Brian McClelland (435) 384-2372 **NEPA** CE Cat 03 **Scoping** 06-30-2003 **Decision** 09-12-2003  
**Location** Winter Quarters Canyon Area  
T 13S R6E Sec 2,10,11

##### Description

Helicopter Drilling for coal exploration

##### Status

Scoping completed. Analysis completed.  
Project is about to be underway

##### **Counties Affected**

Carbon  
Sanpete

##### **Districts Affected**

Ferron/Price

##### **Cooperators**

Bureau of Land Management

#### Prima - East Clear Creek Fed NO 22-42

Karl Boyer (435) 637-2817 **NEPA** EIS **Scoping** 05-07-2002 **Decision** 10-08-2003  
**Location** T14S, R7E, section 22, Castle Valley Ridge

##### Description

Evaluating a proposed gas exploration well surface use plan of operation

##### Status

Draft EIS has been circulated for

##### **Counties Affected**

Emery  
Carbon

##### **Districts Affected**

Ferron/Price

##### **Cooperators**

Bureau of Land Management

#### Ark Land Company - Coal Exploration License UTU 88041

Richard Poulson (435) 636-3521 **NEPA** CE Cat 03 **Scoping** 03-01-2002 **Decision** 10-15-2003  
**Location** Flat Canyon Tract, Boulger Canyon area  
T13S, R6E, Sections 28,29,33

##### Description

Coal Exploration License Drilling/Monitoring well

##### Status

Decision Memo is pending

##### **Counties Affected**

Sanpete

##### **Districts Affected**

Ferron/Price

##### **Cooperators**

Bureau of Land Management

#### Chevron USA Inc, Natural Gas Exploration

Tom Lloyd (435) 384-2372 **NEPA** EIS **Scoping** 04-04-2003 **Decision** 11-10-2003  
**Location** Behind the Huntington Power Plant

##### Description

Lease numbers Federal 12-197, 12-198, 12-198D, 12-200D  
Building two drilling pads to facilitate 4 drill holes

##### Status

Record of Decision will be completed and provided to the public based on the Ferron Natural Gas Project 1999, FEIS

##### **Counties Affected**

Emery

##### **Districts Affected**

Ferron/Price

##### **Cooperators**

Bureau of Land Management

## Minerals

### Ferron/Price

#### Cottonwood Coal Lease Tract (UTU-68012)

Dale Harber (435) 636-3548 [NEPA](#) EIS

**Scoping** 04-01-2000 **Decision** 12-01-2003  
**Location** T21-22S, R6E

Western and northern portions of Trail Mountain

#### Description

SITLA Coal tract Forest Service proposal is to develop stipulations to protect surface resources that would be incorporated in the SITLA lease, and later to approve the mine plan.

#### Status

Draft is going through review by cooperating agencies before being released for comment

#### Counties Affected

Emery

#### Districts Affected

Ferron/Price

#### Cooperators

Bureau of Land Management  
Bureau of Reclamation

#### Fortuna US Oil and Gas Exploration Drilling

Tom Lloyd (435) 636-3596 [NEPA](#) EIS

**Scoping** 02-01-2003 **Decision** 03-01-2004

**Location** Upper Joes Valley, Middle Mountain, Sect 32 T16S, R6E, and Sect 21 T15S, R6E.

#### Description

This project will assess the environmental consequences of directional drilling 2 oil and gas exploration holes

#### Status

Environmental Analysis in progress

#### Counties Affected

#### Districts Affected

Ferron/Price

#### Cooperators

## Range

### Ferron/Price

#### Wasatch Plateau Sheep Grazing (EIS/FS)

John Healy (435) 384-3585 [NEPA](#) EIS

**Scoping** **Decision**

**Location** Potters Ponds South

#### Description

Analysis in progress. NOI in Federal Register 06/19/2001

#### Status

Analysis in Progress 10/02

#### Counties Affected

Sanpete

#### Districts Affected

Sanpete  
Ferron/Price

#### Cooperators

### Moab/Monticello

#### Moab Range Allotments

Donna Reed (435) 259-3368 [NEPA](#) EA

**Scoping** 02-01-1998 **Decision** 09-15-2003

**Location** Brumley Ridge, South Paradox, Squaw Springs, Chicken Creek, Beaver, North Paradox, Deep Creek, La Sal Cattle/Horse Allotments

#### Description

Evaluation of Range conditions for the reference allotments

#### Status

Decision Pending

#### Counties Affected

#### Districts Affected

Moab/Monticello

#### Cooperators

## Range

### Moab/Monticello

#### Gooseberry, Babylon, Camp Jackson, Twin Springs, West

Jimmie Forrest (453) 587-2041 NEPA EA

##### Description

##### Counties Affected

San Juan

##### Districts Affected

Moab/Monticello

##### Cooperators

Scoping

Decision 04-01-2004

Location

##### Status

Analysis dependent on funding in 2003.

#### Mtn., & Cottonwood Cattle/Horse Allotments

Jimmie Forrest (453) 259-2041 NEPA EA

##### Description

##### Counties Affected

##### Districts Affected

Moab/Monticello

##### Cooperators

Scoping

Decision 04-01-2004

Location

West of Abajo Mountain

##### Status

Analysis dependent on funding in 2003.

## Sanpete

#### Birch Creek-Bear Canyon Sheep/Goat AMP

Ed Schoppe (435) 283-3305 NEPA EA

##### Description

##### Counties Affected

Sanpete

##### Districts Affected

Sanpete

##### Cooperators

Scoping

Decision

Location

T14S, R5E;10/01/02

##### Status

Decision Pending

## Recreation

### Ferron/Price

#### Fish Creek Trail Re-route

Bill Broadbear NEPA CE Cat 01

##### Description

Re-route approximately 1/2 mile of the trail to avoid three existing stream crossings that are poorly located and unnecessarily impacting riparian vegetation.

##### Counties Affected

Carbon  
Sanpete  
Utah

##### Districts Affected

Ferron/Price

##### Cooperators

Scoping

01-16-2003

Decision

03-17-2003

Location

T12S, R6E, Section 6, in the bottom of Fish Creek drainage near the confluence of C Canyon with Fish Creek

##### Status

Scoping completed and a Decision Memo issued 3-17-2003. Implementation planned for August,

## Recreation

### Ferron/Price

#### Lake Canyon Trail System

Bill Broadbear

NEPA EA

**Scoping** 01-15-2003    **Decision** 06-01-2003  
**Location** T14S, R6E, Sections 20, 21, 27, 28, 33, 34 south of Utah Highway 31 near the Miller Flat Road junction.

##### Description

Construct 9.5 miles of new trail, close and rehabilitate 7.3 miles of user created trail, construct barrier areas, and widen the Miller Flat Road for nearly 1/2 mile to provide a standard double lane road.

##### Status

30-day pre-decisional period ended May 1, 2003. Currently preparing decision.

##### **Counties Affected**

Emery  
Sanpete

##### **Districts Affected**

Ferron/Price

##### **Cooperators**

#### George's Fork Road Conversion

Bill Broadbear

NEPA CE Cat 02

**Scoping** 01-24-2003    **Decision** 06-16-2003  
**Location** T19S, R4E, Sections 2, 3, 10 and 11, near Duck Fork Reservoir

##### Description

Conversion of approximately 1.1 miles of Forest Road 50049 to a motorized and non-motorized trail. This project was formerly named the Duck Fork Road Conversion.

##### Status

Scoping has been completed, a decision has been made. Implementation has occurred.

##### **Counties Affected**

Sanpete

##### **Districts Affected**

Ferron/Price

##### **Cooperators**

#### Ferron Creek Trail Bridge

Bill Broadbear

NEPA CE Cat 01

**Scoping** 01-16-2003    **Decision** 07-17-2003  
**Location** T19S, R6E, Section 32, near the Ferron Canyon Picnic Site

##### Description

Construct a trail bridge across Ferron Creek to provide motorized and non-motorized trail access to the Black Dragon Trail (Forest trail #035), and to reduce sedimentation into Ferron Creek.

##### Status

Decision made on 07-7-2003. Implementation planned for late fall of 2003 or spring 2004.

##### **Counties Affected**

Emery

##### **Districts Affected**

Ferron/Price

##### **Cooperators**

Ferron City

#### Joes Valley Low-water Boat Ramp

Bill Broadbear

NEPA CE Cat 03

**Scoping** 01-23-2003    **Decision** 08-01-2003  
**Location** T17S, R6E, Section 32, on the east side of Joes Valley Reservoir

##### Description

Construct a low water boat ramp on the east side of Joes Valley reservoir to facilitate boat launching especially during periods of low water level.

##### Status

Scoping completed, decision pending

##### **Counties Affected**

Emery

##### **Districts Affected**

Ferron/Price

##### **Cooperators**

Emery County

## Recreation

### Moab/Monticello

#### Toilet Install / Replacement

Paul Buck (435) 587-2041 NEPA CE Cat 03 **Scoping** 07-24-2003 **Decision** 10-30-2003  
**Location** Devils Canyon CG / Foy Lake / Mason Draw CG

##### Description

Replace four toilets at Devils Canyon CG and install one new toilet. Install one new toilet at Foy Lake. Replace one toilet at Mason Draw CG.

##### Status

On going.

**Counties Affected** **Districts Affected** **Cooperators**

#### Wagon Wheel Trail #168

Paul Buck (435) 587-2041 NEPA CE Cat 01 **Scoping** 11-01-2002 **Decision** 11-30-2003  
**Location** T34S R23E Sec 19 and 30

##### Description

Realignment and Reconstruction of a Portion

##### Status

Second scoping completed. Decision expected in 11/03.

**Counties Affected** **Districts Affected** **Cooperators**

#### Allocation of guided/non-guided use for Dark Canyon Wilderness

Jennifer Jones (435) 259-7155 NEPA CE Cat 03 **Scoping** 10-31-2003 **Decision** 12-30-2003  
**Location** Dark Canyon Wilderness

##### Description

NEPA analysis of what the allocation should be between guided and non-guided use, based on the Dark Canyon Wilderness Carrying Capacity. The decision to be made would be what the percentage allocation should be for guided and nonguided use and whether to issue a prospectus.

##### Status

Starting

**Counties Affected** **Districts Affected** **Cooperators**

#### Willow Basin Trail Right-of-Way & Trail Reconstruction (DM/DR)

Silas Rappe (435) 259-7155 NEPA CE **Scoping** 08-15-2003 **Decision** 12-30-2003  
**Location** T25S, R24E, Section 34

##### Description

Aquiring land easement from private land owner. Developing trailhead. Possible re-alignment of sections of trail.

##### Status

Ongoing. Decision expected 12/03.

**Counties Affected** **Districts Affected** **Cooperators**  
Moab/Monticello

#### Outfitter and Guide Annual Permits (TBA)

Shannon Skibeness (435) 259-7155 NEPA CE Cat 03 **Scoping** 03-15-2004 **Decision** 04-15-2004  
**Location** District-wide

##### Description

Applications for new permits are due March 1st, 2004. CE without decision

##### Status

2003 finished. 2004 ongoing.

**Counties Affected** **Districts Affected** **Cooperators**  
Moab/Monticello

## Recreation

### Moab/Monticello

#### Outfitter and Guide Term Permits (DM/DR)

Shannon Skibenness (435) 259-7155 NEPA CE Cat 03

**Scoping** 03-07-2003 **Decision** 06-04-2004  
**Location** District-wide

#### Description

Five Year Permits For:  
Colvig Silver Camp  
Cottonwood Gulch  
Deer Hill Expeditions  
International Adventure Tours  
Kent Mountain  
National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS)  
Outward Bound West (Formally Colorado Outward Bound)  
Rim Tours  
San Juan Huts  
Western Spirit

Status  
On going

**Counties Affected** **Districts Affected** **Cooperators**  
Moab/Monticello

#### Recapture Trail

Paul Buck (435) 587-2041 NEPA Unknown

**Scoping** 07-31-2003 **Decision** 10-01-2004  
**Location** T 34 S R23E Sec 23

#### Description

New ATV trail construction

Status  
Scoping completed. Decision expected in 10/04.

**Counties Affected** **Districts Affected** **Cooperators**

### Sanpete

#### Spring City ATV Trail Loop

Bill Broadbear / 435 637 NEPA EA

**Scoping** 07-01-2003 **Decision** 05-01-2004  
**Location** Spring City Canyon near the town of Spring City Utah in Sanpete County,

#### Description

The Sanpete Ranger District is seeking public comment on a proposed ATV trail loop in Spring City Canyon. This project would consist of the Following:

Status  
Public Scoping July of 2003.

1mile of new trail construction in Sec. 5, T16S, R5E.

Utilizing 1 1/2 miles of user created trail in Sec's 7 and 8, T16S, R5E. This section of trail follows the old canyon road alignment and gets ATV's away from the main traffic in the canyon.

Closing 1mile of user created trail in Sec. 9, T16S, R5E that is causing problems.

Utilizing 6 miles of existing road in Spring City Canyon that is currently open to all vehicles.

Utilizing 3 miles of existing ATV trail in Spring City Canyon to complete the loop.

**Counties Affected** **Districts Affected** **Cooperators**

## Roads/Access

### Ferron/Price

#### SOB Hill, North Horn Mountain, Road

Mesia Nyman (435) 636-3580 NEPA EA

**Scoping** 04-01-2003 **Decision** 06-30-2003  
**Location** North Horn Mountain near Bull Hollow, Section 9, T18S, R5E

#### Description

Project will assess the environmental consequences of minor relocation of 0.55 mile length of road FSD road #50019 for safer travel.

#### Status

Analyzing data and writing the NEPA documentation

**Counties Affected**

Emery

**Districts Affected**

Ferron/Price

**Cooperators**

### Ferron/Price RD

#### Fairview Lakes Private Land Access Road

Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE Cat 03

**Scoping** 05-01-2003 **Decision** 09-30-2003  
**Location** Existing access road (Forest Road 173 and 50187) between State Highway 31 near Benches Pond to Private Land including Fairview Lakes. T 13S R6E Section 30 and 31.

#### Description

Issue Special Use Permit to Fairview Lakes Homeowners Association to provide access and permit operation and maintenance of the access road to private inholdings. Includes all of road 50187 and a portion of Forest Road 173.

#### Status

Preparing Decision 9/2003

**Counties Affected**

**Districts Affected**

**Cooperators**

## Special Uses

### Ferron/Price

#### Deseret Generation and Transmission

Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE Cat 03

**Scoping** 12-01-2002 **Decision** 02-01-2003  
**Location** T10S R4E Sec 19

#### Description

Renewal of a powerline Special Use Permit (Permit issued by the Uinta NF)

#### Status

Scoping/Analysis in Progress

**Counties Affected**

Utah

**Districts Affected**

Ferron/Price

**Cooperators**

#### North Emery Water Users Association

Joel Nowak/Leland (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE Cat 03

**Scoping** 12-01-2002 **Decision** 02-01-2003  
**Location** Rilda Canyon

#### Description

Renewal of a continued use of an existing water source for domestic and stock use including a fence and gate.

#### Status

Scoping completed. Preparing the

**Counties Affected**

**Districts Affected**

**Cooperators**

## Special Uses

### Ferron/Price

#### Summer Home Permit Renewals

Joel Nowak/Leland (435) 283-4151 NEPA CE Cat 03 **Scoping** 12-01-2002 **Decision** 02-28-2003  
**Location** Ferron and Beaver Dams Summer Home Areas

**Description**

Renewal of 4 Summer Home Permits. Two at Ferron Reservoir summer home site and 2 at Benches Pond Summer home site.

**Status**

Implementation

**Counties Affected** Emery  
 Carbon  
**Districts Affected** Ferron/Price  
**Cooperators**

#### Mary's Lake Dam

Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE Cat 03 **Scoping** 01-01-2003 **Decision** 04-01-2003  
**Location** T18S R5E Sec 14

**Description**

Issue Special Use Permit for the operation and maintenance of the Mary's Lake dam and reservoir.

**Status**

Scoping completed, some questions on the viability of the project.

**Counties Affected** Sanpete  
**Districts Affected** Sanpete  
**Cooperators**

#### Stream Monitoring Devices

Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE Cat 03 **Scoping** 10-01-2002 **Decision** 05-01-2003  
**Location** T13S R6E Sec 34  
 T14S R6E Sec 27  
 T14S R6E Sec 36

**Description**

Installation of stream monitoring devices in Boulger Creek Upper Huntington Creek (Electric Lake), Cleveland Reservoir Outlet, and installation of an electronic data link transmitter at Candle Mountain.

**Status**

Decision completed. Cleveland device and Candland mountain data link installed. Others are awaiting installation.

**Counties Affected**  
**Districts Affected**  
**Cooperators**

#### Ferron City Arapeen ATV Jamboree

Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE Cat 03 **Scoping** 12-15-2002 **Decision** 07-10-2003  
**Location** Ferron and Muddy Creek Drainages

**Description**

ATV trail ride jamboree in August 2003 during the county fair activities. Use would be on existing trails.

**Status**

Project completed 8/2003

**Counties Affected** Emery  
**Districts Affected** Ferron/Price  
**Cooperators**

#### Access to SITLA Lands on East Mountain

Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA EIS **Scoping** 12-01-2002 **Decision** 08-01-2003  
**Location** T15-T16S R6E

**Description**

Land Access to private SITLA inholdings, access road to a Prima Gas well, and access to a Fortuna Gas well on East Mountain

**Status**

Scoping-Project Scope has changed, Amended NOI published fall of 2002, additional local scoping

**Counties Affected** Emery  
**Districts Affected** Ferron/Price  
 Ferron/Price  
**Cooperators**

## Special Uses

### Ferron/Price

#### Cunningham Special Use Road Application

Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE Cat 03

**Scoping** 01-01-2003 **Decision** 10-01-2003  
**Location** T14S R6E

##### Description

Special Use Road Application. 2nd access road to private land

##### Status

Developing Proposed Action

##### **Counties Affected**

Emery

##### **Districts Affected**

Ferron/Price

##### **Cooperators**

#### Spring Cr. Water Measuring Device for Huntington-Cleveland Irrigation Co.

Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE Cat 03

**Scoping** 12-15-2002 **Decision** 03-30-2004

**Location** T14S, R6E, Section 28

##### Description

Install stream flow measuring device in spring creek below Huntington Reservoir to measure flows from Huntington Reservoir and Lake Creek near the old Lake Guard station location..

##### Status

Scoping in progress

##### **Counties Affected**

Sanpete

##### **Districts Affected**

Ferron/Price

##### **Cooperators**

#### Spring Creek Water Monitoring Device

Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE Cat 03

**Scoping** 04-01-2003 **Decision** 04-01-2004

**Location** In Spring Creek between the outlet of Huntington Reservoir and the Lake Creek - Spring Creek diversion. (near the old Lake Guard Station site) and two device in streams above Huntington Reservoir.

##### Description

Install a water monitoring device (potentially a Parshall flume) along with telemetry equipment to relay the data to the Huntington Cleveland Irrigation Company Offices. It would measure release flows from Huntington Reservoir and flows in Lake Creek.

##### Status

Have received an application for the outlet device.

##### **Counties Affected**

##### **Districts Affected**

##### **Cooperators**

#### Spring Development for Craig Johansen (DM/FS)

Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE Cat 03

**Scoping** 10-01-2002 **Decision** 04-15-2004

**Location** T16S, R6E, sections 16,21, and 22

##### Description

Development of a spring for water for a cabin on private land in upper Joes Valley (one spring on Ferron mountain and one next to the upper joes valley

##### Status

Scoping completed in 2002. Project on hold.

##### **Counties Affected**

Emery

##### **Districts Affected**

Ferron/Price

##### **Cooperators**

#### Trough Springs Ridge/Valentines Gulch Land

Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA EA

**Scoping** 12-01-2002 **Decision** 07-01-2004

**Location** T14S R6E S 1/2

##### Description

Private Land Access on the east side of Electric Lake Reservoir

##### Status

Developing Proposed Action

##### **Counties Affected**

Emery

##### **Districts Affected**

Ferron/Price

##### **Cooperators**

## Special Uses

### Sanpete

#### Hart, Paul

Joel Nowak/Leland

(435) 283-4151 NEPA CE Cat 03

**Scoping** 01-01-2003 **Decision** 03-01-2003  
**Location** T15S R2E Sec. 26 - an existing road leaving Wales Canyon road and heading North to Section 23.

#### Description

Special Use Permit to maintain and improve existing road for about 1/4 mile to private land.

#### Status

Scoping completed. Forest engineers working on plan.

#### Counties Affected

Sanpete

#### Districts Affected

Sanpete

#### Cooperators

Joel Nowak

#### Renewal of Special Use Permit for Town of

Joel Nowak/Leland

(435) 283-4151 NEPA CE Cat 03

**Scoping** 12-01-2002 **Decision** 03-01-2003  
**Location** N 1/2 NW 1/2 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 29, T20S R3E SLM

#### Description

Providing , maintaining, and operating two (2) Government-owned buildings for use by the general public and all structures, buildings, appurtenant facilities and other improvements.

#### Status

Preparing permit 10/03

#### Counties Affected

Sanpete

#### Districts Affected

Sanpete

#### Cooperators

#### Birch Creek - Emergency Fire Exit Route

Joel Nowak/Leland

(435) 637-2817 NEPA CE Cat 03

**Scoping** 12-01-2002 **Decision** 04-01-2003  
**Location** T14S R5E Sec 2 East 1/2

#### Description

To provide a fire escape route for a community in Birch Creek east of Fairview, Utah. Approximately 1000 feet on National Forest Lands.

#### Status

Analysis in Progress

#### Counties Affected

Sanpete

#### Districts Affected

Sanpete

#### Cooperators

#### John R. North Fork Cabin Foundation, LLC

Joel Nowak/Leland

(435) 637-2817 NEPA Unknown

**Scoping** 12-01-2002 **Decision** 04-01-2003  
**Location** NW 1/4 Sec 8 T18S R4E Manti Canyon

#### Description

Issue a Special Use Permit to a corporation that will make the cabin, formerly known as the Nielson Cabin, available to the public.

#### Status

Scoping and collecting additional information from the applicant. Analysis beginning.

#### Counties Affected

Sanpete

#### Districts Affected

Sanpete

#### Cooperators

#### Sanpete County Sheriff's Communication Tower

Joel Nowak/Leland

(435) 637-2817 NEPA CE Cat 03

**Scoping** 09-20-2003 **Decision** 10-31-2003  
**Location** T19S R4E Sec 21

#### Description

Public radio safety communication tower. 12 ft. high and will be located in an inconspicuous location on top of ridge near Skyline Dr.

#### Status

Scoping

#### Counties Affected

Sanpete

#### Districts Affected

Sanpete

#### Cooperators

## Special Uses

### Sanpete

#### Outfitter/Guide permit renewals

Joel Nowak/Leland (435) 637-2817 **NEPA** CE Cat 03 **Scoping** 10-01-2003 **Decision** 12-01-2003  
**Location** Manti portion of Manti-La Sal NF

##### Description

Renew O & G permits for one year.

##### Status

Scoping

##### Counties Affected

Carbon  
Emery  
Sanpete  
Utah  
Juab

##### Districts Affected

Ferron/Price  
Sanpete

##### Cooperators

#### Renewal of Special Use Permits

Joel Nowak/Leland **NEPA** EA **Scoping** 10-03-2003 **Decision** 12-01-2003  
**Location** North Zone of the Manti-La Sal

##### Description

To include renewals for water pipelines, parking lot, reservoirs, fences, monuments, seismic stations, and powerlines. All are expired or will expire this year. These are existing permits and the use will not change with the renewal of the permits. No new uses will be authorized.

##### Status

Scoping

##### Counties Affected

Juab  
Carbon  
Emery  
Sanpete

##### Districts Affected

Ferron/Price  
Sanpete

##### Cooperators

#### Skyline Drive Access Roads

Joel Nowak/Leland (435) 283-4151 **NEPA** EA **Scoping** 12-01-2002 **Decision** 03-01-2004  
**Location** T12S R5E Sec 23, 26, & 35

##### Description

Six access roads to private inholdings in the upper San Pitch Drainage at Skyline Drive.

##### Status

Scoping/Analysis in Progress

##### Counties Affected

Sanpete

##### Districts Affected

Sanpete

##### Cooperators

## Vegetation

### Ferron/Price

#### South Manti Timber Salvage:

Doug Jones (435) 636-3544 **NEPA** EIS **Scoping** 02-01-1998 **Decision** 12-01-2003  
**Location** T19-21S, R4E

##### Description

Salvage harvest of dead and dying spruce trees using ground-based and helicopter yarding systems. (EIS/FS)

##### Status

Reviewing the existing FEIS for the purpose of publishing a new decision

##### Counties Affected

Sanpete  
Sevier

##### Districts Affected

Ferron/Price

##### Cooperators

## Vegetation

### Moab/Monticello

#### Kigalia Point Reclamation

Richard Poulson (435) 636-3521 NEPA CE Cat 03

**Scoping  
Location**

**Decision** 05-01-2003  
T35S, R19E , Sec 28  
30 miles west of Blanding Utah.  
Site is near the Dark Canyon Wilderness

#### Description

Native revegetation site in an area of abandoned uranium mines.

#### Status

Analysis in progress. Implementation dependent on funding

**Counties Affected**

**Districts Affected**  
Moab/Monticello

**Cooperators**

#### Nizhoni Fire Salvage Project

Greg Montgomery (435) 587-2041 NEPA CE Cat 13

**Scoping  
Location**

04-03-2003 **Decision** 09-30-2003  
The project area is located on National Forest System lands administered as the Monticello Ranger District, Manti-La Sal National Forest. The Nizhoni Fire project area is located approximately 9 air miles from Blanding, Utah in the Abajo Mountains. It is located within the Johnson Creek drainage. This area is one of the drainages that supply water to Recapture Reservoir, which is a source of culinary water for the City of Blanding.

#### Description

The Monticello Ranger District on the Manti-La Sal National Forest proposes the following actions:

1. Salvage harvesting of approximately 2-3 MMBF of fire killed, damaged, or dying Ponderosa pine across approximately 800 acres. Removal of included timber would be through ground-based systems (i.e. tractors, mechanized harvesters, forwarders). Commercial saw log material would be removed prior to July of 2004. Firewood harvesting could continue through 2005.
2. Approximately 3.5 miles of temporary roads would be constructed and reclaimed after management activities (firewood) have been completed.
3. Plant approximately 800 acres of Ponderosa pine, gopher control for reforestation may take place on 350 acres, and 3 miles of fence would be constructed.
4. Treat harvest generated and existing fuels through the following methods: lop and scatter an estimated 800 acres; and machine pile and burn landing areas on an estimated 6 acres.
5. Design features would be incorporated in addition to the Forest Plan standards and guidelines, best management practices, and monitoring measures in order to reduce the impacts of salvage harvesting and its associated activities.

#### Status

Project is in the analysis process. Currently being considered for Categorical Exclusion under new regulations. Visit the project web site for more information:  
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/mantilasal/pl>

**Counties Affected**  
San Juan

**Districts Affected**  
Moab/Monticello

**Cooperators**

## Vegetation

### Moab/Monticello

#### Hang Dog Fire Salvage

Greg Montgomery (435) 587-2041 NEPA CE Cat 13

**Scoping** 09-23-2003 **Decision** 11-14-2003  
**Location** T28S, R26E, Sections 5, 6, 8, & 18. Hang Dog Fire area that burned in 2002. Two-Mile Creek and Lion Canyon-La Sal Creek (Huc 6) drainages of the Upper Dolores (Huc 4) Watershed

##### Description

Proposed salvage of dead and damaged ponderosa pine from within 250 acres of the Hang Dog Fire.

Objectives: Recover the economic value of saw timber size trees burned and damaged during the Hang Dog Fire. Facilitate the reestablishment of Ponderosa pine in the areas impacted by the fire in Timber Emphasis Units identified in the Forest Plan.

##### Status

Project is still in planning stage. Scoping will be initiated in September 2003.

##### **Counties Affected**

San Juan

##### **Districts Affected**

Moab/Monticello

##### **Cooperators**

#### Dead Goose Vegetation Treatment

Don Carpenter (435) 587-2041 NEPA EA

**Scoping** 01-01-1998 **Decision** 12-15-2003  
**Location** T33-34S, R20-21E, T34S, R19-20E

##### Description

Decision on road closures and upgrades.

##### Status

Decision was appealed and remanded to the Forest - Additional data is being accumulated and a new decision is expected this fall.

##### **Counties Affected**

##### **Districts Affected**

Moab/Monticello

##### **Cooperators**

#### Monticello & Blanding Munciple Watershed Improvement Projects

Greg Montgomery (435) 587-2041 NEPA EIS

**Scoping** 03-29-2001 **Decision** 01-30-2004

**Location** The project area covers approx 20,400 acres in portions of North Creek, Indian Creek, and Johnson Creek drainages

##### Description

Management of the project area is part of the Manti-La Sal National Forest's attempt to fulfill the Forest Service commitment of "caring for the land and serving people". The agenda focuses on four key emphasis: watershed health and restoration, sustainable forest ecosystem management, improved management of the National Forest road system, and improved recreation opportunities and experiences.

##### Status

Draft EIS has been published and comment period has ended. Notice of Availability was published in March 2003.

##### **Counties Affected**

San Juan

##### **Districts Affected**

Moab/Monticello

##### **Cooperators**

City of Monticello  
City of Blanding  
San Juan County  
USDI Bureau of Reclamation  
USDA Natural Resources and Conservation Service

## Vegetation

### Sanpete

#### Ephraim Roadside Salvage

Alan Lucas (435) 283-3328 NEPA CE Cat 13

**Scoping** 07-31-2003 **Decision** 10-31-2003  
**Location** Ephraim Canyon, T. 17 S., R. 4 E.,  
Sections 27 and 34

##### Description

Removal of hazard trees along road the Ephraim Canyon road and road 51111

##### Status

Planning is starting and in the information gathering stage.

**Counties Affected**  
Sanpete

**Districts Affected**  
Sanpete

**Cooperators**  
Steve cote

#### Manti Summer Home Phase II

Diane Cote (435) 636-3502 NEPA CE Cat 10

**Scoping** 08-15-2003 **Decision** 10-31-2003  
**Location** Manti Canyon; T. 18S., R. 3 E., Sec. 7 and  
8; R. 4 E., Sec. 7 and 8

##### Description

Wildland Urban Interface project to protect vegetation and property from fire. Project may include: improved access, reduction of hazardous fuels, Salvage of dead and dying trees, thinning of vegetation to reduce stocking.

##### Status

Analysis is on going to establish boundaries, purpose and need and a proposed action.

**Counties Affected**  
Sanpete

**Districts Affected**  
Sanpete

**Cooperators**

#### Whispering Pines Fuels Treatment

Diane Cote (435) 636-3502 NEPA CE Cat 10

**Scoping** 10-31-2003 **Decision** 12-15-2003  
**Location** North of Spring City Canyon, T.16 s., R. 4  
E., Sec. 1; R. 5 E., Sec 5 and 6

##### Description

The project is a Wildfire Urban Interface hazardous fuels reduction project. The purpose is to protect the Whispering Pines subdivision with a fuel break along the Forest service boundary.

##### Status

Analysis is in progress

**Counties Affected**  
Sanpete

**Districts Affected**  
Sanpete

**Cooperators**

#### Lake Project

Alan Lucas (435) 283-4151 NEPA EIS

**Scoping** 01-14-2003 **Decision** 01-31-2004  
**Location** T. 14 N. R. 5-6 E.

##### Description

The EIS will assess the environmental consequences of vegetative treatments to be accomplished by a commercial timber sale in the project area.

##### Status

Preparing Draft EIS

**Counties Affected**  
Sanpete

**Districts Affected**  
Sanpete  
Ferraon/Price

**Cooperators**

#### Miscellaneous Special Forest Products

Alan Lucas (435) 636-3328 NEPA CE Cat 12

**Scoping** 11-30-2003 **Decision** 04-01-2004  
**Location**

##### Description

Locate areas in the North Forest Zone where various special forest products can be made available to the public for non-commercial use.

##### Status

Planning is starting and in the information gathering stage

**Counties Affected**

**Districts Affected**

**Cooperators**

## Vegetation

### Sanpete

#### Ephraim Salvage

Alan Lucas (435) 636-3328 **NEPA** CE Cat 13

**Scoping** 11-28-2003 **Decision** 05-31-2004  
**Location** Upper Ephraim Canyon, T.17 S., R. 4 E.,  
Sections 22, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, and 35

**Description**

Salvage harvest of dead spruce trees

**Status**

Planning is starting and in the information gathering stage

**Counties Affected**  
Sanpete

**Districts Affected**  
Sanpete

**Cooperators**  
Steve cote

#### Upper Manti Salvage

Alan Lucas (435) 636-3328 **NEPA** CE Cat 13

**Scoping** 11-30-2003 **Decision** 05-31-2004  
**Location** Upper Manti Canyon, T. 18 S., R. 4 E.,  
Section 16, 17, 19, 20, 29, and 30

**Description**

Salvage harvest of dead spruce trees

**Status**

Planning is starting and in the information gathering stage

**Counties Affected**  
Sanpete

**Districts Affected**  
Sanpete

**Cooperators**

#### Cone Thinning

Diane Cote (435) 636-3320 **NEPA** CE Cat 12

**Scoping** 02-15-2004 **Decision** 07-15-2004  
**Location** North of Electric Lake, T. 18 S., R. 6 E.,  
Sections 10, 14 and 36

**Description**

To provide areas for spruce seed collection by removing excess trees, fertilizing, pruning and spraying the selected seed collection trees. The forest has an ongoing spruce beetle epidemic that has killed spruce trees over half of the Manti division of the Manti-LaSal National Forest limiting seed collection. The proposed project would commercially thin the spruce stands areas to allow for protection from spruce beetle (pesticide spray), improved stand vigor and seed

**Status**

planning is strating and in the information gathering stage

**Counties Affected**  
Carbon  
Emery

**Districts Affected**  
Ferron/Price

**Cooperators**

#### Spinners/Link

Alan Lucas (435) 636-3328 **NEPA** CE Cat 13

**Scoping** 07-31-2003 **Decision** 10-31-2004  
**Location** Manti Salvage Planning Area, T. 19 S., R. 4 E.,  
Sections 32 and 33, T. 20 S., Sections 3, 4, 5, 9, 15, 16, and 19

**Description**

Hazard tree removal of dead trees along roads 50043, 50044, 50013

**Status**

Planning is starting and in the information gathering stage

**Counties Affected**  
Sanpete

**Districts Affected**  
Ferron/Price  
Sanpete

**Cooperators**

## Vegetation

### Sanpete

#### Spring City Roadside Salvage

Alan Lucas (435) 636-3328 NEPA CE Cat 13

**Scoping** 07-31-2003 **Decision** 10-31-2004

**Location** Spring City Canyon, T. 16 S., R. 5 E.,  
Sections 16, 17, and 18

**Description**

Hazard tree removal of dead trees along the 50036 road (Spring City Canyon)

**Status**

Planning is starting and in the  
information gathering stage

**Counties Affected**

Sanpete

**Districts Affected**

Sanpete

**Cooperators**

You may contact any of the offices referenced in this report. Each project identifies a specific contact person and his/her phone number. Send mail to the attention of the contact person.

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