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Dear Uinta National Forest Shareholder:

Changes are coming for the Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA)! Beginning July 1, the Uinta National Forest will join the other forests in the Intermountain and Southwestern Regions in using a new, nationwide, web-based database to track projects whose decisions are documented in a decision memo, decision notice, or record of decision. By September 2004, all national forests in the nation will be using the system.

The SOPA we will continue to mail out and post to our website will contain the same information as always, but in a slightly different format. What *is* different will be the ability to query the web-based database to find out about projects across the nation. Once this national system is up and running, we will let you know how to access it and start generating your own "custom" SOPAs.

This Spring 2004 edition is only being published on our website, not hardcopy. In order to comply with the new nationwide timelines, we are publishing this SOPA just a month before the first edition of the SOPA generated with the new database goes into effect. Printing times generally result in a three week wait, so instead of sending two SOPAs back-to-back, we will resume a hardcopy mailing of the SOPA once we've transitioned to the new format in July 2004. As always, current and past editions of the SOPA are available on our website at www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta under "Projects & Plans."

Thanks for your interest in the Uinta National Forest.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure



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Spring 2004

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

N/A = NEPA Analysis not required

All future dates are approximate and represent only best estimates.

Uinta National Forest

Heber Ranger District

Fire

Bryant's Fork Fuels Reduction

Jim Gibson

(435) 654-0470 NEPA CE Cat 10

Scoping 09-08-2003 **Decision** 06-15-2004

Location Bryant's Fork summer home development, west side of Strawberry Reservoir.

Description

Thin small trees from four vacant lots and create a linear fuel break surrounding the development to reduce risk of wildfire impacts to the summer home development.

Status

A legal notice for scoping was published on September 8, 2003. Scoping letters were mailed on December 12, 2003. A decision memo is expected to be signed by mid-June 2004, and implementation is planned for summer 2004.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber Ranger District

Cooperators

Fish/Wildlife

Beaver Habitat Improvement

Jeff Waters

(435) 654-0470 NEPA CE Cat 06

Scoping 06-14-2004 **Decision** 07-15-2004

Location Murdock Hollow and Mill B Canyon in the Upper Strawberry watershed.

Description

Conduct treatments to restore aspen on about 40 acres at two beaver colony sites. Encroaching subalpine fir would be thinned and aspen regenerated in 1 to 4-acre patch cuts.

Status

Scoping will be initiated in mid-June 2004. Scoping documents will be available on the Uinta's website at www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta under "Projects & Plans." A decision memo is expected to be signed by mid-July, with implementation soon thereafter.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber

Cooperators

Heber Ranger District

Fish/Wildlife

Sage-grouse Habitat Improvement

Jeff Waters (435) 654-0470 NEPA CE Cat 06

Scoping 06-14-2004 **Decision** 07-15-2004

Location Strawberry Valley

Description

Thin sagebrush on a 4 to 6 acre area around sage-grouse lek site to reduce cover available for sage-grouse predators (red fox and coyote).

Status

Scoping will be initiated in mid-June 2004. Scoping documents will be available on the Uinta's website at www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta under "Projects & Plans." A decision memo is expected to be signed in mid-July 2004, with implementation beginning by the end of July.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber

Cooperators

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
Brigham Young University

Range

Buckley Unit Fence

Kevin Wright (435) 654-0470 NEPA CE Cat 09

Scoping

Decision

Location West Fork Cattle Allotment, Wolf Creek Quadrangle, T. 1 N., R. 10 W., sec. 23 and 24

Description

Construct a new unit boundary fence to split the Buckley grazing unit in half and create two new grazing units. This will create four grazing units on the western portion of the allotment to facilitate management using a rest-rotation grazing system.

Status

This project has been postponed due to lack of funding. No scoping was initiated.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber Ranger District

Cooperators

Lightning Ridge Fence

Kevin Wright (435) 654-0470 NEPA CE Cat 09

Scoping

Decision

Location West Fork Cattle Allotment, Wolf Creek Summit Quad, T. 1 N., R. 10 W., sec. 15 USM

Description

Construct a four strand, barbed wire fence in the Lightning Ridge area of the West Fork Cattle (C&H) Allotment. The 400-foot fence will keep cattle permitted for grazing on the West Fork C&H Allotment within the boundaries of the allotment.

Status

This project has been postponed due to lack of funding. No scoping was initiated.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber Ranger District

Cooperators

Heber Ranger District

Range

Upper Strawberry Grazing Allotment AMP

Jim Percy

(435) 654-0470 NEPA EIS

Scoping 05-22-2003 **Decision** 09-30-2005

Location Upper Strawberry River area

Description

Develop Allotment Management Plans (AMPs) for the allotments in the upper reaches of the Strawberry River. These allotments include the West Daniels Cattle Allotment (C&H), East Daniels C&H, Twin Peaks Sheep Allotment (S&G), Strawberry S&G, and Mill B S&G. The proposal is to convert the Twin Peaks Sheep Allotment to cattle and combine with the West Daniels Cattle Allotment with a reduction in permitted animal months; convert the Strawberry Sheep Allotment to cattle and combine with the East Daniels Cattle Allotment with a reduction in permitted animal months; close the area along the west side of Strawberry River from Mill B corral up to Trail Hollow to livestock grazing; and continue to graze one band of sheep on the Mill B Allotment as presently permitted.

Status

Scoping was initiated in May 2003, with comments due June 30, 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in the preparation of an EIS. Some field verification will be conducted in 2004. A draft EIS is scheduled to be released for review and comment in February 2005. A final EIS and record of decision are scheduled to be issued in September 2005. The plans would be implemented the following grazing season.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber Ranger District

Cooperators

Recreation

Mill Hollow Water System

Lisa Heiser

(435) 654-0470 NEPA EA

Scoping 01-03-2003 **Decision** 05-18-2004

Location Mill Hollow Campground

Description

Reconstruct the water system in the Mill Hollow Campground to upgrade the current system and bring it into compliance with state safe drinking water regulations.

Status

Scoping was initiated in January 2003. The proposed action was released for public comment on March 24, 2004. The EA and decision notice were signed May 14, 2004, and a legal notice announcing the decision was published on May 18, 2004. The project will be implemented in the summer or fall of 2004.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber

Cooperators

Bench Creek Trail

Lisa Heiser

(435) 654-0470 NEPA CE Cat 01

Scoping 11-29-2002 **Decision** 09-30-2004

Location Bench Creek drainage

Description

Relocate and construct a new segment of the Bench Creek Trail. Reconstruct and maintain the remainder of the trail in order to upgrade the current non-system trail and improve customer satisfaction. Add this section of trail to the classified trail system.

Status

Scoping was initiated in November 2002. Environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo is scheduled to be completed in September 2004.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber

Cooperators

Heber Ranger District

Vegetation

Bryant's Fork Spruce Trap Tree Treatment

Jim Gibson

(435) 654-0470 NEPA CE Cat 14

Scoping 04-15-2004 **Decision** 05-07-2004

Location West side of Strawberry Reservoir near Bryants Fork Creek

Description

A rapidly expanding spruce beetle infestation was recently discovered in the Bryant's Fork area. A March 2004 survey indicated that about 550-600 spruce trees have been infested in a 190 acre area. The proposed action is to fell trees to create and eventually remove beetle traps in these stands to reduce the spread of this spruce beetle epidemic.

Status

Scoping was initiated in April 2004. A decision memo was signed on May 7, 2004.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber

Cooperators

Bryant's Fork Forest Health

Jim Gibson

(435) 654-0470 NEPA EA

Scoping 06-04-2004 **Decision** 09-30-2004

Location Bryant's Fork Creek Drainage near the southwest corner of Strawberry Reservoir; T. 12 W., R. 3 S., Secs. 26, 27, 34, and 35 (USM).

Description

A salvage and sanitation timber sale is proposed in and around the Bryant's Fork Summer Home Tract to reduce the risk of spruce bark beetle epidemics in the area. The project would reduce average stand density and diameter and promote regeneration of spruce.

Status

Scoping was initiated on June 4, 2004. Field studies and analyses will be conducted during the summer. Scoping documents and maps are available on the Uinta's website at www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta under "Projects & Plans." A decision notice is projected to be signed by the end of September 2004.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber

Cooperators

Telephone Hollow Timber Sale

Doug Page

(435) 654-0470 NEPA CE Cat 14

Scoping 02-13-2004 **Decision** 01-03-2005

Location Telephone Hollow and Sink Hollow immediately northeast of developed private lands off Daniels Summit, Highway 40

Description

Conduct commercial thinning and fuels treatment on approximately 220 acres of lodgepole pine, aspen, and/or spruce-fir stands to reduce build up of hazardous fuels, reduce risks of a mountain pine beetle outbreak, and provide wood products.

Status

Scoping was initiated in February 2004. Scoping documents are available on the Uinta's website at www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta under "Projects & Plans." This project has been delayed to devote personnel and resources to the Bryant's Fork Forest Health project to address epidemic-level spruce beetle populations. A decision memo on the Telephone Hollow project should now be issued in January 2005.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber

Cooperators

Wasatch County

Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Fire

Tibble Fork and Silver Lake Summer Home Group Hazardous Fuel Reduction

Riva Duncan (801) 342-5100 NEPA CE Cat 10 **Scoping** 06-15-2004 **Decision** 08-01-2004

Location Tibble Fork and Silver Lake Summer Home area

Description

Thin about 80 acres of mixed fuels in areas with high fuel loading surrounding and within the Tibble Fork and Silver Lake summer home area to create defensible space around home groups. This work would be completed by removing unwanted vegetation using mechanical methods.

Status

Scoping will be initiated in mid-June 2004. Environmental analysis is expected to result in the project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo is scheduled to be issued in August 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Sundance/North Fork (Alpine Loop) Shaded Fuel Break

Marlene DePietro (801) 785-3563 NEPA CE Cat 10 **Scoping** 05-15-2003 **Decision** 09-30-2004

Location Mount Timpanogos Campground area

Description

Thin 270 acres of mixed fuels in areas with high fuel loading on National Forest System and private lands along the Alpine Loop Road (SR 92) to reduce the severity of potential wildfire in the area and provide a safe travel route for the public and firefighters should a fire start in the area. This project is a continuation of the shaded fuel break begun on private lands adjacent to SR 92 and Sundance Ski Resort.

Status

Scoping was initiated in May 2003. A public field visit will be scheduled in spring 2004 to review the project to help determine the type of environmental analysis needed. A decision is currently scheduled to be issued in September 2004. Project work would occur in 2005.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Provo/Hope Fuels Reduction Treatment

Riva Duncan (801) 342-5100 NEPA EA **Scoping** 07-30-2004 **Decision** 01-03-2005

Location Hope Campground/Cascade Mountain area

Description

Treat approximately 8,100 acres of oakbrush to reduce the severity of potential wildfire to public and private lands, and lessen any wildfire's effects on water and soils. Treatments will be accomplished using both mechanical methods and prescribed fire.

Status

Scoping will be initiated in July 2004. A decision notice is expected by January 2005. Project implementation would begin in spring 2005.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Fish/Wildlife

Wildlife Guzzlers

Karen Hartman (801) 798-3571 NEPA CE Cat 06 **Scoping** 06-15-2004 **Decision** 07-30-2004

Location Provo Peak

Description

Conduct analysis for two "Boss Tank" guzzlers to be placed in the Provo Peak area. One guzzler would be put on the mountain in 2004; the other in 2005.

Status

Scoping will be initiated in mid-June 2004. Environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo is expected to be completed in July 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Fish/Wildlife

Lands

Lands Transactions on the Pleasant Grove Ranger District

John Logan (801) 342-5100 NEPA CE 31.1b, 6

Scoping

Location

Decision

Two land title claims in the South Fork Provo River area, and land purchases for Grove Creek and Mineral Basin

Description

These activities are categories of actions that, barring extraordinary circumstances, are categorically excluded from documentation, and neither a project file or decision memo are not required.

Status

Easements to address the land title claims were submitted to Utah County for filing in January 2003. The Grove Creek land purchase was completed in October 2003. The Mineral Basin purchase is still in a preliminary stage. As this project is excluded from documentation, it will not be carried forward to the next edition of the SOPA.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Interagency Administrative/Visitor Center Facility Land Exchange

Pam Gardner

(801) 785-3563 NEPA EA

Scoping 04-16-2003

Decision 07-30-2004

Location

Highland City, just west of the mouth of American Fork Canyon

Description

Conduct a land exchange to facilitate building a shared interagency facility for the Pleasant Grove Ranger District and Timpanogos Cave National Monument. The proposed exchange would provide for development of a state-of-the-art facility, allow sharing of administrative resources, build and strengthen partnerships between the two agencies and others, and enable both the Forest Service and the National Park Service to provide better customer and visitor service. The proposed exchange would be conducted with a private land owner who is willing to trade the Highland City property for up to six parcels of National Forest System land, which include existing administrative sites in Provo, Pleasant Grove, and Beaver, Utah. On December 6, 2002, Congress passed the Timpanogos Interagency Land Exchange Act authorizing this exchange. The exchange must conform to the "Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions."

Status

Scoping was initiated in April 2003. The proposed action was released for public comment on February 26, 2004. The environmental analysis is available on the Uinta's website at www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta under "Projects & Plans." A decision notice is scheduled to be issued in July 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Beaver

Salt Lake

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

National Park Service

Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Recreation

Bonneville Shoreline Trail Maintenance and Reconstruction

John Hendrix

(801) 785-3563 NEPA CE Cat 01

Scoping 01-28-2004 **Decision** 06-30-2004

Location Bonneville Shoreline Trail in Lindon and Pleasant Grove

Description

Reconstruct a section of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST) to protect against erosion and illegal motorized vehicle access, and bring the trail to Forest Service standards. The section of the BST to be reconstructed will connect the Dry Canyon Trailhead with the Battle Creek Trailhead, and will follow an existing two-track trail.

Status

The land required for construction of the trail has been acquired. Scoping was initiated in January 2004. Environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo is scheduled to be issued in June 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Grove Creek Trailhead

John Hendrix

(801) 785-3563 NEPA CE Cat 01

Scoping 01-28-2003 **Decision** 06-30-2004

Location Mouth of Grove Creek

Description

Construct a new trailhead in the Grove Creek area adjacent to the city of Pleasant Grove. The trailhead would provide access to Grove Creek and the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. State funding to help cover the cost of trailhead construction has been approved.

Status

Scoping was initiated on January 28, 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo is scheduled to be issued in June 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Soil/Watershed

Dry Canyon Watershed Restoration Project

John Hendrix

(801) 785-3563 NEPA CE Cat 06

Scoping 04-18-2004 **Decision** 07-30-2004

Location Dry Canyon area above Lindon

Description

The project is located on about 330 acres of land recently acquired by the Uinta National Forest known as the Canberra-Dry Canyon Acquisition. Most of this acquisition is crossed with two-track trail/roadways. The project would result in (1) installation of barriers on current access points from private lands adjacent to the national forest from which motorized vehicles are entering to create and/or recreate on unauthorized two-track roadways; (2) obliteration of these illegal hillside travelways, and (3) restoration of the watershed resource. The work will involve barricade erection, some recontouring, tilling, and seeding with native species.

Status

Scoping was initiated with a legal notice in the Daily Herald on April 18, 2004. A scoping letter was mailed April 12. A restoration plan would be developed for the project with specifications for the expected work. A decision memo is expected to be signed in July. This project would be implemented beginning in the summer of 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Soil/Watershed

Silver Lake Stabilization

Larry Velarde (801) 785-3563 NEPA EA

Scoping 02-28-2000 **Decision** 02-01-2005

Location Lone Peak Wilderness Area; T. 3 S., R. 2 E., sec. 36

Description

Stabilize the Silver Lake dam to reduce environmental and public safety hazards in the event of a dam failure. The proposed action includes drilling and blasting to lower the lake's spillway by 5-8 feet from the crest of the dam, and plugging the outlet works with concrete. Silver Lake is located within the Lone Peak Wilderness Area at an elevation of 8,900 feet.

Status

Scoping was initiated in 1999. The proposed action was subsequently refined and scoping was re-initiated in February 2000. Environmental analysis is expected to result in the preparation of an EA. An EA and decision notice are scheduled to be released in February 2005. As the project is within the Lone Peak Wilderness, a minimum management analysis would also be prepared.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Special Uses

Spring Creek Canyon Water Line

John Hendrix (801) 785-3563 NEPA CE Cat 02

Scoping 10-01-2003 **Decision** 06-01-2004

Location Springville City, T. 7 S., R. 3 E.

Description

Connect a water line from Spring Creek Canyon to the Spring Creek subdivision.

Status

Scoping was initiated in October 2003. Environmental analysis resulted in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo was signed on June 1, 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Springville City

Utah Power American Fork Canyon Electrical Transmission Line

Marlene DePietro (801) 785-3563 NEPA EA

Scoping 01-23-2003 **Decision** 06-30-2004

Location American Fork Canyon; T. 4 S., R. 2 E., and T. 4 S., R. 3 E.

Description

Re-issue a Special Use Permit to PacifiCorp, doing business as Utah Power, for an above-ground 7.2 kv electrical line. The right-of-way for this line is approximately 40 feet wide and 27,000 feet long. The original permit for this line was issued in 1957. No new ground disturbing activities are anticipated to result from the reauthorization.

Status

Scoping was initiated on January 23, 2003. An EA was released for public comment in September 2003. The EA and decision notice are scheduled to be completed in June 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Special Uses

Utah Power Pleasant Grove Electrical Transmission Line **Scoping** 01-23-2003 **Decision** 06-30-2004

Marlene DePietro (801) 785-3563 **NEPA** EA **Location** Northeast of Pleasant Grove; T. 5 S., R. 2 E., sec. 9, 15, 16, and 26

Description

Re-issue a Special Use Permit to PacifiCorp, doing business as Utah Power, for an above-ground 138 kv electrical line. The right-of-way for this line is approximately 80 feet wide and 6,680 feet long. The original permit for this line was issued in 1954. No new ground disturbing activities are anticipated to result from the reauthorization.

Status

Scoping was initiated on January 23, 2003. The EA and decision notice are scheduled to be completed by the end of June 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Mutual Dell Facilities Modification Projects - Phase II **Scoping** 09-01-2003 **Decision** 08-02-2004

John Hendrix (801) 785-3563 **NEPA** EA **Location** American Fork Canyon

Description

The Mutual Dell Organization Camp is requesting permission to construct three new small family campsites adjacent to existing family campsites, install a new compost toilet near the "Forest Glade" family camp, develop a spring and install a tank and transmission lines for culinary water, and construct a shower building.

Status

Scoping was initiated in September 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in preparation of an EA. The proposed action should be available for review and comment in June 2004. The EA and decision notice are scheduled to be issued in August 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Silver Lake Flat and Tibble Fork Reservoirs **Scoping** 01-23-2003 **Decision** 09-01-2004

Marlene DePietro (801) 785-3563 **NEPA** EA **Location** North Fork American Fork Canyon; T. 4 S., R. 2 E., sec. 1 and T. 4 S., R. 3 E., sec. 6

Description

Re-issue special use permits to the Northern Utah Water Conservancy District for operating and maintaining Silver Lake Flat dam and its associated facilities, and Tibble Fork dam and its associated facilities. The permit area for Silver Lake Flat covers approximately 50 acres; the permit area for Tibble Fork covers 17 acres. The permits were first issued in 1963 and 1964, respectively. No new ground disturbing activities are anticipated to result from the reauthorizations.

Status

Scoping was initiated in January 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in documentation of an EA. The EA and decision notice are scheduled to be issued in September 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Homestead Snowmobiling 5-year Permit **Scoping** 06-30-2004 **Decision** 11-30-2004

Marlene DePietro (801) 785-3563 **NEPA** EA **Location** Mineral Basin, North Fork Road, Cascade Springs Road

Description

Authorize a 5-year permit allowing commercially-operated guided snowmobile tours on district trails.

Status

Scoping will be initiated in June 2004. The proposed action will be available for comment in July 2004. A decision notice is scheduled to be issued in November 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Wasatch Mountain State Park

Spanish Fork Ranger District

Fish/Wildlife

Holman Creek Stream Channel Stabilization and Fish Habitat Enhancement

Ron Smith (801) 342-5100 NEPA CE Cat 07 **Location** Holman Creek

Description

Facilitate flood plain restoration and increase channel complexity, bank/channel stability, and fish habitat in Holman Creek.

Status

Scoping began in March 2003. A legal notice regarding the project was published on April 7, 2003. The environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo is scheduled to be issued in September 2004, with implementation in summer 2005.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Vernon Pinyon-Juniper Treatments

Karen Hartman (801) 798-3571 NEPA CE Cat 06 **Location** Vernon Unit

Scoping 07-30-2004 **Decision** 09-30-2004

Description

Thin 30-50 acres of sagebrush/pinyon-juniper habitat to encourage the growth of sagebrush species to improve habitat for sage grouse. Specific treatment sites will be identified in cooperation with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

Status

Scoping will be initiated in July 2004. Environmental analysis is expected to result in the project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo is scheduled to be issued by September 30, 2004, with implementation in 2005.

Counties Affected

Tooele
Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Lands

Mapleton City Spring Development

Duane Resare (435) 623-2735 NEPA EA **Location** Maple Canyon

Scoping 05-01-2003 **Decision** 10-29-2004

Description

Mapleton City is proposing to add spring developments to their existing Special Use Permit in Maple Canyon.

Status

Scoping was initiated in May 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in documentation in an EA. The proposed action will be available for review and comment in August 2004. The EA and decision notice are scheduled to be issued in October 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Spanish Fork Ranger District

Minerals

Vernon Clay Mining

Duane Resare (435) 623-2735 NEPA Unknown

Scoping 06-17-2004 **Decision** 09-15-2004

Location Vernon unit 3 miles south east of Vernon just off highway 31.

Description

Respond to an application to mine clay with low sodium and potassium and high alumina good for mixing cement and brick.

Status

Scoping is scheduled for mid-June 2004. Environmental analysis is expected to result in the project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo is scheduled to be issued in September 2004.

Counties Affected

Tooele

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Vernon Sheepocks Abandoned Mine Closures

Duane Resare (435) 623-0952 NEPA EA

Scoping 07-15-2004 **Decision** 09-30-2004

Location Vernon Unit, 3 miles southeast of Vernon, just off Highway 31.

Description

Close abandoned mines on the Sheeprock Mountains that are unsafe to the general public.

Status

Scoping will be initiated in mid-June 2004. Environmental analysis is expected to result in the project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision notice is expected to be signed in September 2004.

Counties Affected

Tooele

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Range

District-wide Structural Range Improvements

Rena Bragonje (801) 798-3571 NEPA CE Cat 09

Scoping 06-15-2004 **Decision** 08-16-2004

Location Grove Hollow, Harker Canyon, Little Valley, Rays Valley, and Loop Springs

Description

Construct fences and install water improvements and cattle guards. Specific projects are the Grove Hollow water development, Harker Canyon pipeline extension, Harker Canyon trough, Harker Canyon riparian fence, Little Valley corrals, Rays Valley pasture fence reconstruction, and Loop Springs water development. The purpose of these projects is to improve livestock management and thereby facilitate attainment of the desired vegetative conditions set forth in the Forest Plan.

Status

Scoping will be initiated in mid-June 2004. Environmental analysis is expected to result in these projects being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo is scheduled to be issued in August 2004. The projects are scheduled for implementation in late summer 2004.

Counties Affected

Tooele
Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Spanish Fork Ranger District

Recreation

Maple Bench Campground Reconstruction

Duane Resare

(435) 623-2735 NEPA CE 31.1b, 5

Scoping 05-01-2003 **Decision** 06-17-2004

Location Payson Canyon

Description

Reconstruct the existing campsites at the Maple Bench Campground in Payson Canyon. A primary consideration in the redesign of these sites will be the need to protect natural resources (e.g., soil, water, riparian areas, and wetlands) immediately adjacent to and accessed by these sites.

Status

Scoping was initiated in May 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo should be issued in mid-June 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Monks Hollow Trail Construction

Duane Resare

(435) 623-2735 NEPA EA

Scoping 12-15-2003 **Decision** 07-15-2004

Location Diamond Fork drainage, T. 8 S., R. 5 E., sec. 32

Description

Reconstruct the existing motorized trail system above the current trailhead location in the Diamond Fork drainage, and construct a new 2-mile section of motorized trail from the Teat Mountain trail system to the Monks Hollow trail system. The project would utilize a trail cat to build this trail. Information signing and trail marking would be placed throughout the area.

Status

Between December 1999 and July 2003, three EAs on this project were issued, appealed, and subsequently withdrawn or remanded. The proposed action was refined and released for comment on December 15, 2003. A decision notice is expected to be issued in mid-July 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Pole Heaven Trailhead

Duane Resare

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Scoping 06-30-2004 **Decision** 07-30-2004

Location Junction of the Left Fork of Hobble Creek and the Pole Heaven Road (Forest Service Road #027).

Description

Relocate and reconstruct the trailhead to provide adequate and safe parking for the public on Pole Heaven Road.

Status

Scoping will be initiated in the end of June 2004. A decision memo is expected to be signed by the end of July 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Spanish Fork Ranger District

Recreation

Diamond Fork Group Sites Facility

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Scoping 01-03-2000 **Decision** 08-31-2004

Location Diamond Fork Canyon

Description

Develop a group site facility in lower Diamond Fork Canyon to address recreation demand and associated resource impacts. The Forest Service and the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission have proposed construction of a 475 people-at-one-time (PAOT) group site facility approximately 1.5 miles above the junction of Highway 89. The facility would have three 50 PAOT sites, three 75 PAOT sites, and one 100 PAOT site; five 4-unit vault toilets; paved access road and spurs; shade shelters; a water system; a trail system; established vegetation; a host site; volleyball courts; and an information/fee station. The facility would be constructed in an old agricultural field between the new road and the stream.

Status

Scoping was first initiated in January 2000. Environmental analysis resulted in documentation in an EA. A pre-decisional EA was released in April 2003. As a result of the comments received on the pre-decisional EA, the proposed action has been changed, and will be sent out again for public review and additional comments in mid-June. The EA and decision notice are scheduled to be issued by the end of August 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission

Vegetation

Clay phacelia Restoration

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Scoping 06-15-2004 **Decision** 08-02-2004

Location Several small areas on National Forest System lands in Spanish Fork Canyon, between Mill Fork and Soldier Summit.

Description

Complete analysis of interagency proposal to reestablish populations of the endangered clay phacelia plant on suitable habitat on the Forest.

Status

Scoping is scheduled to begin in mid-June 2004. A decision notice is expected to be signed in August 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Utah Department of Natural Resources
The Nature Conservancy
Utah Native Plant Society
USDA Forest Service Shrub Laboratory
University of Utah, Red Butte Gardens

Supervisor's Office

Minerals

Oil and Gas Leasing Decision

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Scoping 09-30-2004 **Decision** 09-30-2005

Location Uinta National Forest

Description

Make leasing decisions for the low potential areas of the Forest for oil and gas exploration, development, and production.

Status

A statement of work for this project is being prepared in preparation for bidding. It is expected that scoping will be initiated in September 2004.

Counties Affected

Juab
Sanpete
Tooele
Utah
Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber
Pleasant Grove
Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Bureau of Land Management

Special Uses

Competitive Recreation Events

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Scoping 03-17-2004 **Decision** 06-30-2004

Location Various areas and routes across the Uinta National Forest

Description

Approve issuance of special use permits for several competitive recreational races. Race courses would be confined to designated routes on existing classified roads and trails, and specifically-identified rappelling areas. This analysis will include the following two projects that were previously being addressed separately: Squaw Peak 50-mile Trail Run - 5-year Permit, and Wasatch Adventure Race - 5-year permit.

Status

A scoping letter was mailed to interested parties on March 11, 2004. A legal notice announcing the opportunity to comment was published in the Daily Herald on March 17, 2004. Scoping documents are available on the Uinta's website at www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta under "Projects & Plans." A decision notice is expected by the end of June 2004.

Counties Affected

Sanpete
Tooele
Utah
Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber
Pleasant Grove
Spanish Fork

Cooperators