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# Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions

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Dear Uinta National Forest Shareholder:

Managers of National Forest System lands face very different challenges today than in the past. Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth, in acknowledging these changing conditions, has outlined four threats to National Forest System lands today: fire and fuels, invasive species, loss of open space, and unmanaged outdoor recreation.

On the Uinta National Forest, we are addressing these threats through many of the projects proposed in this publication. Fuels reduction treatments are proposed for summer home areas on the Heber and Pleasant Grove Ranger Districts, and along the popular Alpine Loop Scenic Backway. Trees that have either already succumbed or are highly susceptible to insect and disease in the White River and Telephone Hollow areas are proposed for harvest and thinning to reduce the potential for fire. Land acquisitions proposed along the Wasatch Front and in Mineral Basin would help ensure access to National Forest System lands. Trail maintenance and reconstruction proposals on the Bonneville Shoreline Trail would reduce erosion and illegal motorized vehicle access. New trail and trailhead construction proposals at Grove Creek and Monks Hollow would provide parking, access, and trail opportunities that would encourage users, both motorized and non-motorized, to stay on designated routes. The Dry Canyon Watershed Restoration project would result in extensive restoration of areas damaged by unauthorized motorized vehicle activities. Restoration work for this project would also include revegetation with native plant species to reduce opportunities for invasion by noxious, invasive plant species.

We welcome your involvement in management of your National Forests. Each project description includes the name of an individual who may be contacted for more information. Thank you for your continued interest in the Uinta National Forest.

Sincerely,

*for* PETER W KARP  
Forest Supervisor

Enclosure



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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

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#### *Fire*

##### **Bryants Fork Fuels Reduction**

Jim Gibson

(435) 654-0470 NEPA CE Cat 10

**Scoping** 09-08-2003 **Decision** 04-30-2004

**Location** Bryants 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 was published on September 8, 2003. Scoping letters were mailed on December 12, 2003. A decision memo is expected to be signed by the end of April 2004, and implementation is planned for summer 2004.

#### **Counties Affected**

Wasatch

#### **Districts Affected**

Heber Ranger District

#### **Cooperators**

#### *Range*

##### **Indian Creek Water Development Reconstruction**

Jim Percy

(435) 654-0470 NEPA CE Cat 09

**Scoping**

**Decision**

**Location** Lower Indian Creek, (T. 4 S., R. 12 W., sec 25, 26, 35, and 36).

#### Description

Install a head box, fence the spring area, and pipe water from Baldy Creek across Streeper Creek and Indian Creek to troughs located in the uplands. Construct a buck and pole fence along Indian Creek from the confluence of Streeper Creek to the old Forest boundary, and construct a fence on Streeper Creek from the Beaver pond area to Indian Creek.

#### Status

Scoping was initiated in January 2003. A legal notice announcing the opportunity to comment was published in The Daily Herald on February 6. This project has been postponed due to lack of funding.

#### **Counties Affected**

Wasatch

#### **Districts Affected**

Heber

#### **Cooperators**

## Heber Ranger District

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### *Range*

#### **Allotment Management Plan Revision - Heber Mountain and Lake Creek Sheep Allotments**

Jim Percy (435) 654-0470 NEPA EA

**Scoping** 01-02-2001 **Decision** 09-30-2003

**Location** Heber Mountain and Lake Creek sheep allotments

#### Description

Develop a new allotment management plan for each allotment.

#### Status

Scoping was initiated in January 2001. A pre-decisional EA was released on May 21, 2003. The final EA was completed and the decision notice was signed on September 30, 2003. The project was appealed, and the decision was upheld. The allotment management plans will be implemented in the 2004 grazing season.

#### Counties Affected

Wasatch

#### Districts Affected

Heber

#### Cooperators

#### **Lightning Ridge Fence**

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

**Scoping** 03-31-2004 **Decision** 07-30-2004

**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

Scoping will be initiated in March 2004. Environmental analysis is expected to result in the project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo is expected in July 2004. The project would be implemented in 2004 or 2005.

#### Counties Affected

Wasatch

#### Districts Affected

Heber Ranger District

#### Cooperators

#### **Buckley Unit Fence**

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

**Scoping** 04-15-2004 **Decision** 08-31-2004

**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. These four units will then be managed using a rest-rotation grazing system.

#### Status

Scoping will be initiated in April 2004. Environmental analysis is expected to result in the project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo is expected in August 2004. The project would be implemented in 2004 or 2005.

#### Counties Affected

Wasatch

#### Districts Affected

Heber Ranger District

#### Cooperators

## Heber Ranger District

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### *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** 05-17-2004

**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 regulations.

##### Status

Scoping was initiated in January 2003, with comments due on February 12, 2003. The proposed action was released for public comment on March 24, 2004, with comments due April 23, 2004. A final EA and decision notice are scheduled to be issued in May 2004. The project would be implemented in the summer or fall of 2005.

##### 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, with comments due by January 11, 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 completed in September 2004.

##### Counties Affected

Wasatch

##### Districts Affected

Heber

##### Cooperators

## Heber Ranger District

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### *Vegetation*

#### **Strawberry Watershed Fuels Reduction**

Jim Gibson (435) 654-0470 NEPA EA

#### **Scoping**

#### **Decision**

**Location** Strawberry River watershed

#### **Description**

Conduct several vegetation/fuels reduction treatments in the Strawberry River watershed. A recent landscape assessment completed for the Strawberry Valley area identified the lack of natural or prescribed fire use in the area, particularly in aspen, conifer, and sagebrush vegetation communities, resulting in a lack of diversity. This project was modified in 2003. The prescribed burn units will remain the same under the current analysis. The mechanical sagebrush treatments and fuel breaks have been dropped from the proposed action.

#### **Status**

Scoping was initiated on February 12, 2001. A legal notice appeared in The Daily Herald on March 7, 2001. This project has been deferred due to budget and personnel constraints.

#### **Counties Affected**

Wasatch

#### **Districts Affected**

Heber

#### **Cooperators**

#### **Bryants Fork Spruce Beetle Treatment**

Doug Page (435) 654-0470 NEPA CE Cat 14

#### **Scoping**

04-15-2004

#### **Decision**

05-20-2004

**Location** West side of Strawberry Reservoir near Bryants Fork Creek

#### **Description**

A rapidly expanding spruce beetle infestation was recently discovered in the Bryants Fork area. A March 2004 survey indicated that about 550-600 spruce trees have been infested in a 200-250 acre area. The proposed action is to treat these stands to reduce the risk of development and spread of a spruce beetle epidemic.

#### **Status**

Scoping will be initiated in April 2004. Environmental analysis is expected to result in the project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo is anticipated in May 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**

07-30-2004

**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 stands to reduce 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](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta) under "Projects & Plans." Environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo should be issued by the end of July 2004. The project would be implemented in the fall of 2004 or in 2005.

#### **Counties Affected**

Wasatch

#### **Districts Affected**

Heber

#### **Cooperators**

Wasatch County  
Daniels Summit Homeowners

## Pleasant Grove Ranger District

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### Fire

#### Tibble Fork and Silver Lake Summer Home Group Hazardous Fuel Reduction

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

<u>Counties Affected</u>	<u>Districts Affected</u>	<u>Cooperators</u>
Utah	Pleasant Grove	

#### 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.

<u>Counties Affected</u>	<u>Districts Affected</u>	<u>Cooperators</u>
Utah	Pleasant Grove	

#### 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 2005.

<u>Counties Affected</u>	<u>Districts Affected</u>	<u>Cooperators</u>
Utah	Pleasant Grove	

## Pleasant Grove Ranger District

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### *Fish/Wildlife*

#### **Wildlife Guzzlers**

Karen Hartman (801) 798-3571 **NEPA** CE Cat 06 **Scoping** 03-31-2004 **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 March 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  
Sportsmen for Habitat

### *Lands*

#### **Lands Transactions on the Pleasant Grove Ranger District**

John Logan (801) 342-5100 **NEPA** CE 31.1b, 6 **Scoping** **Decision**  
**Location** 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 a project file and 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 is scheduled for completion in early winter 2004. The Mineral Basin purchase is still in a preliminary stage.

**Counties Affected**

Utah

**Districts Affected**

Pleasant Grove

**Cooperators**

National Park Service

#### **Interagency Administrative/Visitor Center Facility Land Exchange**

Pam Gardner (801) 785-3563 **NEPA** EA **Scoping** 04-16-2003 **Decision** 06-01-2004  
**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. A legal notice requesting comments was published in The Daily Herald on February 26, with comments due March 29, 2004. The EA is available on the Uinta's website at [www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta) under "Projects & Plans." A decision notice is scheduled to be issued in June 2004.

**Counties Affected**

Utah  
Beaver  
Salt Lake

**Districts Affected**

Pleasant Grove

**Cooperators**

## Pleasant Grove Ranger District

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### Recreation

#### Squaw Peak 50-Mile Trail Run - 5-Year Permit

Joe Rechsteiner (801) 342-5100 NEPA EA

#### Scoping

#### Location

#### Decision

Various trails in Utah County and across the Pleasant Grove Ranger District.

#### Description

Authorize a 5-year permit allowing an adventure race across various trails on the district.

#### Status

This project is now being analyzed as part of the Competitive Recreational Events project, listed under the Supervisor's Office section.

#### Counties Affected

Utah

#### Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

#### Cooperators

#### Wasatch Adventure Race - 5-Year Permit

Joe Rechsteiner (801) 342-5100 NEPA EA

#### Scoping

#### Location

#### Decision

Various trails in Utah County and across the Pleasant Grove Ranger District

#### Description

Authorize a 5-year permit allowing an adventure race across various trails on the district.

#### Status

This project is now being analyzed as part of the Competitive Recreational Events project, listed under the Supervisor's Office section.

#### Counties Affected

Utah

#### Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

#### Cooperators

#### Bonneville Shoreline Trail Maintenance and Reconstruction

John Hendrix (801) 785-3563 NEPA CE Cat 01

#### Scoping 01-28-2004

#### Decision 05-03-2004

#### 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 May 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 06-01-2004

#### 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

## Pleasant Grove Ranger District

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### *Soil/Watershed*

#### **Dry Canyon Watershed Restoration Project**

John Hendrix

(801) 785-3563 NEPA CE Cat 06

**Scoping** 03-31-2004 **Decision** 12-15-2004

**Location** Dry Canyon area above Lindon

##### Description

The project is located on about 200 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) abrasion 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 will be initiated in March 2004. A restoration plan would be developed for the project with specifications for the expected work. This project would be implemented beginning in the summer of 2004.

##### Counties Affected

Utah

##### Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

##### Cooperators

#### **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 first initiated in 1999; however, the proposed action was 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*

#### **Tibble Fork Reservoir**

Marlene DePietro

(801) 785-3563 NEPA EA

**Scoping**

**Decision**

**Location**

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

##### Description

Re-issue a Special Use Permit to the Northern Water Conservancy District for operating and maintaining Tibble Fork dam and associated facilities. The permit area covers approximately 17 acres. The permit was first issued in 1963.

##### Status

Scoping was initiated on January 23, 2003. An amendment was made to the permit to extend authorization for one year. This project has now been combined with the analysis to re-issue the special use permit for Silver Lake Flat Reservoir. The combined project is named "Silver Lake Flat and Tibble Fork Reservoirs."

##### Counties Affected

Utah

##### Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

##### Cooperators

## Pleasant Grove Ranger District

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### *Special Uses*

#### **Various Applicants Commercial Filming**

Marlene DePietro (801) 785-3563 NEPA EA

#### **Scoping**

#### **Location**

#### **Decision**

Selected sites in American Fork and Provo Canyons

#### **Description**

Issue or re-issue Special Use Permits to film companies that desire to use selected sites for commercial filming purposes. Sites used as filming locations are also open to the general public. Locations to be studied are: Silver Lake Flat Reservoir Trailhead, Dutchman Flat, Holman Flat, Tibble Fork Reservoir Trailhead, Granite Flat Horse Transfer Trailhead, Pine Hollow Trailhead, Timpooneke Trailhead and Campground, Salamander Flat Camp Site, Summit Trailhead, South Fork Little Deer Creek Narrow Camp Site, Cascade Springs Overlook, Mill Canyon Spring Camp Site, Mount Timpanogos Trailhead, Theater-in-the-Pines Camp Site, Squaw Peak Road and Utah Valley Overlook, and Big Springs Hollow Road. Film companies set up a staging area and film at one of the locations listed here on a "call when needed" basis. Most operations are less than 5 days in length, and weekend use is avoided to limit conflicts with other Forest uses. An average of 4 permits have been issued each year since 1971.

#### **Status**

Scoping was initiated in April 2003. This project has been postponed due to lack of funding.

#### **Counties Affected**

Utah

#### **Districts Affected**

Pleasant Grove

#### **Cooperators**

#### **Utah Power American Fork Canyon Electrical Transmission Line**

Marlene DePietro (801) 785-3563 NEPA EA

#### **Scoping**

01-23-2003

#### **Decision**

04-01-2004

#### **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 review in September 2003. The EA and decision notice are scheduled to be completed by April 2004.

#### **Counties Affected**

Utah

#### **Districts Affected**

Pleasant Grove

#### **Cooperators**

#### **Utah Power Pleasant Grove Electrical Transmission Line**

Marlene DePietro (801) 785-3563 NEPA EA

#### **Scoping**

01-23-2003

#### **Decision**

04-01-2004

#### **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 April 2004.

#### **Counties Affected**

Utah

#### **Districts Affected**

Pleasant Grove

#### **Cooperators**

## Pleasant Grove Ranger District

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### *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 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

Springville City

#### **Mutual Dell Facilities Modification Projects - Phase II**

John Hendrix

(801) 785-3563 NEPA EA

**Scoping** 09-01-2003 **Decision** 08-02-2004

**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 will 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**

Marlene DePietro

(801) 785-3563 NEPA EA

**Scoping** 01-23-2003 **Decision** 09-01-2004

**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. An amendment was made to both permits to extend authorizations for one year. 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**

Marlene DePietro

(801) 785-3563 NEPA EA

**Scoping** 03-31-2004 **Decision** 11-30-2004

**Location** Mineral Basin, North Fork Road, Cascade Springs Road

#### Description

Authorize a 5-year permit allowing Homestead Snowmobiling to operate guided snowmobile tours on district trails.

#### Status

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

#### Counties Affected

Utah

#### Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

#### Cooperators

Wasatch Mountain State Park  
Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort  
Homestead Snowmobiling

## Spanish Fork Ranger District

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### *Fish/Wildlife*

#### **Vernon Pinyon-Juniper Treatments**

Karen Hartman

(801) 798-3571 NEPA CE Cat 06

**Scoping** 03-31-2004 **Decision** 06-30-2004

**Location** Vernon Unit

#### 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 March 2004. A decision memo is scheduled to be issued in June 2004.

#### Counties Affected

Tooele  
Utah

#### Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

#### Cooperators

#### **Holman Creek Stream Channel Stabilization and Fish Habitat Enhancement**

Ron Smith

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**Scoping** 03-28-2003 **Decision** 09-30-2004

**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 appeared 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

### *Lands*

#### **Mapleton City Spring Development**

Duane Resare

(435) 623-2735 NEPA EA

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

**Location** Maple Canyon

#### 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

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### *Minerals*

#### **Vernon Clay Mining**

Duane Resare

(435) 623-2735 NEPA CE Cat 08

**Scoping** 05-17-2004 **Decision** 08-02-2004

**Location** Vernon unit 3 miles south east of Vernon just of 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 May 2004. A decision memo is scheduled to be issued in August 2004.

#### Counties Affected

Tooele

#### Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

#### Cooperators

### *Range*

#### **District-wide Structural Range Improvements**

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**Scoping** 05-03-2004 **Decision** 07-15-2004

**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 May 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 July 2004. The projects are scheduled for implementation in summer 2004.

#### Counties Affected

Tooele

Utah

#### Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

#### Cooperators

### *Recreation*

#### **Maple Bench Campground Reconstruction**

Duane Resare

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

**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-May 2004.

#### Counties Affected

Utah

#### Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

#### Cooperators

## Spanish Fork Ranger District

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### Recreation

#### Monks Hollow Trail Construction

Duane Resare (435) 623-2735 NEPA EA

**Scoping** 12-15-2003 **Decision** 05-31-2004

**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 revised EA and decision notice are scheduled to be issued in May 2004.

##### Counties Affected

Utah

##### Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

##### Cooperators

#### Diamond Fork Group Sites Facility

Duane Resare (435) 623-2735 NEPA EA

**Scoping** 01-03-2000 **Decision** 06-30-2004

**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 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. The EA and decision notice are scheduled to be issued by the end of June 2004.

##### Counties Affected

Utah

##### Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

##### Cooperators

Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission

### Vegetation

#### White River Salvage Sale

Doug Page (435) 654-0470 NEPA EA

**Scoping** 03-02-2001 **Decision** 03-04-2004

**Location** White River drainage

##### Description

Harvest trees through a commercial timber sale on about 360 acres of mixed conifer stands within the White River analysis area. The purpose of the project is to salvage dead and dying trees to limit the effects caused by the Douglas-fir beetle. The project is not within inventoried roadless areas.

##### Status

Scoping was initiated in March 2001. The proposed action was sent out for review and comment on October 7, 2003; a legal notice announcing the opportunity to comment was published in the Daily Herald on October 13, 2003. The Decision Notice was signed on March 4, 2004. Scoping and analysis documents are available on the Uinta's website at [www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta) under "Projects & Plans." Implementation is expected in 2005, and may continue for a few years thereafter.

##### Counties Affected

Wasatch

##### Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

##### Cooperators

## Spanish Fork Ranger District

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### *Vegetation*

#### **Angelica wheeleri Protective Enclosure**

Denise Van Keuren (801) 342-5100 NEPA CE Cat 06

**Scoping** 11-24-2003 **Decision** 03-05-2004

**Location** Salt Creek

##### Description

Build an enclosure to protect the Angelica wheeleri plant and collect data to determine plant use by herbivores. This plant, found in the Salt Creek area, is being considered for listing as a Forest Service sensitive species.

##### Status

Scoping was initiated on November 24, 2003. A decision memo was signed on March 5, 2004, and is available for review on the Uinta's website at [www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta) under "Projects & Plans." Project work is expected to occur in August 2004.

##### Counties Affected

Utah

##### Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

##### Cooperators

#### **Clay phacelia Restoration**

Denise Van Keuren (801) 342-5100 NEPA EA

**Scoping** 05-03-2004 **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 May 2004. A decision notice is expected 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

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### *Minerals*

#### **Oil and Gas Leasing Decision**

Kim Martin (801) 342-5100 NEPA EIS

**Scoping** 09-30-2004 **Decision** 06-30-2005

**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

## Supervisor's Office

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### *Special Uses*

#### **Competitive Recreation Events**

Joe Rechsteiner (801) 342-5100 NEPA EA

**Scoping** 03-11-2004 **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](http://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