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DISTRICT RANGER MAKES DECISION ON COW CANYON MUNICIPAL WATER PROJECT

Roosevelt/Duchesne District Ranger Clark Tucker has made the decision to allow the Upper Country Water Improvement District (UCWID) to develop a third spring in Cow Canyon to supplement their existing municipal water supplies. By approving the proposed action as discussed in the July 2004 Environmental Assessment (EA), the water district may connect flows from this spring into its existing culinary water system, which was previously authorized on the Ashley National Forest in 1992. The purpose of the project is to develop a dependable culinary water supply that will meet the immediate needs of the UCWID customers.

The UCWID must also prepare a water conservation plan to insure that water from the Cow Canyon facilities is used wisely by the water district and its customers.

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Prior to implementing the project, the UCWID must obtain the necessary permits from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, and show proper ownership (water rights) for the water to be diverted and used by the district.

The project is planned to begin sometime in 2005 as weather conditions allow.

The EA and Decision Notice are available at the Ashley National Forest Roosevelt Ranger District Office, 650 West Highway 40, Roosevelt, Utah 84066. This information can also be assessed on the web at www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley. If you have any questions about this decision please contact Clark Tucker, District Ranger at (435) 781-5203.

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