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FOREST SUPERVISOR ANNOUNCES DECISION ON TIMBER PROJECT

Ashley National Forest Supervisor George Weldon has selected Alternative 3 of the Trout Slope West Timber Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). This decision includes harvesting certain areas as described in the FEIS, and closing approximately 10 miles of temporary roads used within the project area after harvest activities have ended. The Forest Supervisor has also decided to amend the Forest Plan to allow openings greater than 40 acres within the project area.

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A copy of the Record of Decision and the Final Environmental Impact Statement are available for public review at the Ashley National Forest Supervisor's Office, 355 North Vernal Avenue, Vernal, Utah 84078, or on the Ashley website at www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley. If you would like further information please call Jeff Underhill, Team Leader at (435) 781-5174.

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