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Dear Interested Party,

I am proposing to construct a new OHV trail parallel to Utah Highway 31 (U31) in Sanpete County, Utah in T14S, R5E Section 12 and T14S, R5E, Sections 7,8,17, 20 and 21. The trail would be approximately 4 miles in length and extend from Huntington Reservoir to South Skyline Drive. The trail would closely parallel U31 with construction occurring south of the highway and 100-400 feet from the edge of U31. The new trail would be open to motorcycles, ATV's, UTV's with four low pressure tires and a dry weight of less than 1800 pounds and non-motorized uses.

Connected with this action would be the following actions:

- 1) Construction of three trailhead kiosks
- 2) Installation of interpretive signs and route markers along the route
- 3) A signed crossing of U31 at the junction of U31 and Beaver Dam Ridge Road
- 4) Closure and rehabilitation of 2.1 miles of unauthorized user created trail just north of U31

I believe this project would provide a safe link for OHV enthusiasts from Miller Flat Road and the Lake Canyon Camping area to South Skyline Drive (see attached map). Currently OHV access between these two popular destinations has occurred by riding directly on U31.

Posted speed limit on this segment of U31 is 40 mph. Traffic includes passenger cars, RV's (many towing trailers), logging trucks, and other large truck traffic. Traffic counts on the north end of the Miller Flat Road show typical weekend summer traffic of 600 vehicles per day. All of this traffic is ending up on U31, including many OHV's destined for South Skyline Drive. Similarly, OHV's travel south on Beaver Dam Ridge Road from the Beaver Dam and Fairview Lakes Summer Home areas. Most of this traffic is also destined for either South Skyline Drive or the Lake Canyon area.

As the Responsible Official for this action, I am inviting you to comment on this proposal. My decision will be subject to appeal pursuant to Forest Service regulations 36 CFR 215. Only those who submit timely comments during this comment period will be accepted as potential appellants. Comments can be either oral or written. Individuals or organizations submitting comments must either sign the comments or otherwise verify identity in order to attain appeal eligibility. Comments received, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for this project and will be available for public inspection. Comments should include the information required pursuant to 36 CFR 215.6(a) (3), as published in the Federal Register on June 4, 2003.



Please send comments to me in any of the following ways: Manti-La Sal National Forest, Ferron/Price Ranger District, 115 West Canyon Road, P.O. Box 310, Ferron, Utah 84523; phone: (435) 384-2372, fax: (435) 384-3296; e-mail: comments-intermtn-manti-lasal-ferron@fs.fed.us. E-mailed comments must be submitted in MS Word (*.doc) or rich text format (*.rtf). Comments may also be delivered to the above address during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m, Monday-Friday, excluding federal holidays. The opportunity to comment ends 30 days following the date of publication of this proposed action as a legal notice in the *Sun Advocate Newspaper*.

You may also contact staff member Bill Broadbear with comments or questions at 599 West Price River Drive, Price Utah 84501 or by telephone at 435-637-2817.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mesia Nyman

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District Ranger