

**USDA FOREST SERVICE
UINTA-WASATCH-CACHE
NATIONAL FOREST
HEBER-KAMAS RANGER DISTRICT
WASATCH COUNTY, UTAH**

The Heber-Kamas Ranger District, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, is initiating scoping concurrent with formal notice and comment on a proposal to harvest bark beetle-infested Engelmann spruce trees and create structural and age class diversity in aspen stands on approximately 800 acres. Approximately 4 miles of temporary road may be required to access proposed treatment stands, but would be ripped or re-contoured and seeded using a native seed mix.

The purpose of this project is to use a commercial timber sale to: Remove hazardous trees to ensure public safety; Utilize sanitation harvesting to remove beetle-infested trees, and reduce spruce beetle populations to the greatest extent possible; Salvage dead or damaged trees to recover economic value that would otherwise be lost, and contribute to the supply of timber to local mills; Collect funds from timber receipts to reforest severely affected areas with Engelmann spruce; Remove a portion of the accumulating dead fuels to reduce potential fire intensity; and Regenerate aspen stands to provide structural and age class diversity within the drainage.

The Clyde Creek Timber Sale project area is located approximately 25 miles southeast of Heber City, Utah and approximately 2 miles west of the Strawberry Visitor Center

This comment period is to provide an opportunity for the public to provide early and meaningful participation on a proposed action prior to a decision being made by the Responsible Official. Anyone providing comments or otherwise expressing interest in the proposed action by the close of the comment period specified in 36 CFR 215.6 will be eligible to appeal the decision pursuant to 36 CFR part 215 regulations.

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Provo Daily Herald. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

Written comments must be submitted to Julie King, District Ranger, Heber Ranger District, P.O. Box 190, Heber City, Utah 84032, fax number 435-755-3639. The office business hours for hand-delivered comments are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Oral comments must be provided at the Heber Ranger District office during normal business hours via telephone (435) 654-0470 or in person, or at an official agency function (i.e. public meeting) that is designed to elicit public comments. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, rich text format (.rtf), and Word (.doc) to comments-intermtn-uinta-heber@fs.fed.us.

For further information contact Steve Penny at the Heber District Office at 435-654-0470.
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