

Dear ???????????:

The Heber-Kamas Ranger District, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, is initiating scoping and asking for public comment on a proposal to reduce sagebrush density in the Streeper Creek Basin, Lower Trail Hollow and Upper Willow Creek area. This letter includes the following sections: How You Can Be Involved, Description of Proposed Action, Purpose and Need of Proposed Action, Location/Map and Schedule for Completion of Analysis.

### HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED??

The Heber-Kamas Ranger District is seeking comment on the following proposed action from Federal, State and local agencies, Native American Tribal Governments, and other individuals and organizations that may be interested in or affected by the proposed action. While your comments and concerns are welcome throughout the process, in order to be most useful in the development of alternatives to the proposed action, comments must be postmarked or received within 30 days beginning the day following the publication of these proposed actions in the Provo Daily Herald.

Please send comments to the Responsible Official, Julie King, District Ranger, Heber-Kamas Ranger District, P.O. Box 190, Heber City, UT 84032. Oral or written comments may also be submitted at Heber-Kamas Ranger District located at 2460 South Highway 40 in Heber City during normal business hours from 8:00 to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. E-mail comments may be sent to [comments-intermnt-uinta-heber@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-intermnt-uinta-heber@fs.fed.us) and must be in word (\*.doc) or rich text format (\*.rtf).

Your comments need to be as specific as possible and contain the following:

- 1- Name, address, and telephone number;
- 2- Title of the proposed project you wish to comment on;
- 3- Specific facts and comments along with supporting reason of issues that the Responsible Official should consider in reaching a decision.

Your input will help direct and define the direction of this analysis which will provide for more informed decision making, and sound land management. To be most helpful comments should revolve around issues and concerns to the proposed action and all information, be specific, include reasoning and cite scientific studies where appropriate. Valid issues and concerns are not factored or weighed by numbers of people or organizations submitting them. This process and decision is not based on popular vote, but by the soundness of the analysis and the information that it incorporates.

## PROPOSED ACTION

The project would involve reducing sagebrush cover and density by mowing approximately 550 acres within the Streeper Creek basin (120 acre), Lower Trail Hollow (190 acres) and Upper Willow Creek (240 acres). No mowing would be done within 50 feet of any perennial stream.

## LOCATION

Streeper Creek Basin: Sections 34 and 27, Township 5 South, Range 12 West, Uintah Special Base Meridian.

Lower Trail Hollow: Sections 28, 29 and 33, Township 4 South, Range 11 West, Uintah Special Base Meridian.

Upper Willow Creek: Sections 30 and 31, Township 5 South, Range 12 West, Uintah Special Base Meridian.

## PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of this project is to reduce sagebrush density and canopy cover. The need of this project is to reduce fuel build up, maintain and improve wildlife habitat, increase plant diversity and improve ground cover to reduce soil erosion.

## SCHEDULE FOR COMPLETION OF ANALYSIS

It is expected that the environmental document for this project will be a Decision Memo and should be completed by September 2008.

Sincerely,

JULIE K KING  
District Ranger