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|  <p>Scoping Document</p> | <p>Small Project Proposals</p> | <p>USDA Forest Service Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest Evanston-Mountain View Ranger District Uinta County, Wyoming Summit County, Utah Comments Due: June 15, 2008</p> |
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The Purpose of this Scoping Document

The purpose of this document is to inform you of two new individual small projects we are proposing for the Evanston-Mountain View Ranger District. The environmental effects of the proposed projects are being analyzed by Forest resource specialists (including water, soils, wildlife, cultural resources, visuals, recreation, and fisheries) individually and cumulatively in relation to one another. However, there will be a separate decision made on each individual proposal. We welcome your comments, concerns, and suggestions regarding these proposals.

The Evanston-Mountain View Ranger District has made a preliminary assessment that these proposals fall within categories of actions listed in 36 CFR Part 220 (and Forest Service NEPA Handbook 1909.15) that can be excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement, and that no extraordinary circumstances exist that would preclude use of the categories. The following list provides brief project descriptions and contact information. Additional information on these projects is available from the Evanston-Mountain View Ranger District.

What projects are being proposed?

The following projects are proposed for implementation on the Evanston-Mountain View Ranger District. The information below gives you the general location and provides a brief summary of the project. If you have questions or want more information please contact the project manager listed, at the Evanston-Mountain View Ranger District Office.

1. Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permit Re-issuance

Project Manager: Bernard Asay

Location: Wilderness and Roadless Areas and Trailheads on the Evanston-Mountain View Ranger District

Legal Description: Ranges 13-17 E in Townships 1 and 2 N, SLM, Summit County, Utah

Proposed Category: 36 CFR 220.6(e)(15)

Mr. Ken Aimone of North Slope Outfitters desires to renew his special use permit to continue providing commercial outfitter and guiding services. The permit would be issued for 10 years. The permitted area is within the High Uintas Wilderness, roadless areas, and trailheads on the Evanston-Mountain View Ranger District. The original permit was issued in 1986 and his current permit expired on December 31, 2008. The permit re-issuance would cover the same area as previously authorized. The permittee has been in compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit and has paid all fees. There will be no changes to the authorized activities or increases in the scope or intensity of authorized activities.

2. East Fork Bear River Diversion Fish Screens

Project Manager: Paul Chase

Location: Hovarka and Hilliard Canals

Legal Description: Sections 16 & 22 R8W, T2N Uinta

Proposed Category: 36 CFR 220.6(e)(7)

The Evanston-Mountain View Ranger District and Trout Unlimited seek to install head gates and fish screens at the Hilliard and Hovarka irrigation diversions on the East Fork of the Bear River. Installing fish screens at these locations will eliminate fish entrainment, reducing mortality rates for this conservation Bonneville Cutthroat Trout (BCT) population. The installation of fish screens at these locations will also benefit sculpin and mountain whitefish populations. See attached map.

Project partners will design and install fish screens that meet the topographic constraints and irrigator needs of the two diversions. Preliminary site visits suggest that a flat plate fish screen design may be the best alternative (see attached picture).

Preliminary Issues

1. Effects to the human environment (including water, wildlife, vegetation, soil, cultural resources, fisheries, scenery, and recreation).
2. Effects on threatened, endangered, and sensitive species, including plants, fish, and wildlife.

What is the Decision to be made?

The decision to be made is whether or not to implement the proposed projects and if so, to what specifications, level or degree.

Who will make the Decision?

The District Ranger is the official responsible for making the decision. The projects would be implemented beginning in summer 2009.

When do we need your Response?

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments on any of the above projects should be received by **June 15, 2009**. Written comments should be submitted by mail to: Stephen Ryberg, District Ranger, P.O. Box 1880, Evanston, Wyoming 82930. Comments can also be hand delivered Monday through Friday during the business hours of 8:00 to 4:30 at the following address: 1565 Highway 150, Suite A located in Evanston, Wyoming. Oral comments must be provided at the Responsible Official's office during normal business hours via telephone (307) 789-3194 or in person. Electronic comments should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf) or Word (.doc) to comments-intermtn-wasatch-cache-evanston-mtnview@fs.fed.us.

/s/ Stephen M. Ryberg

May 16, 2009

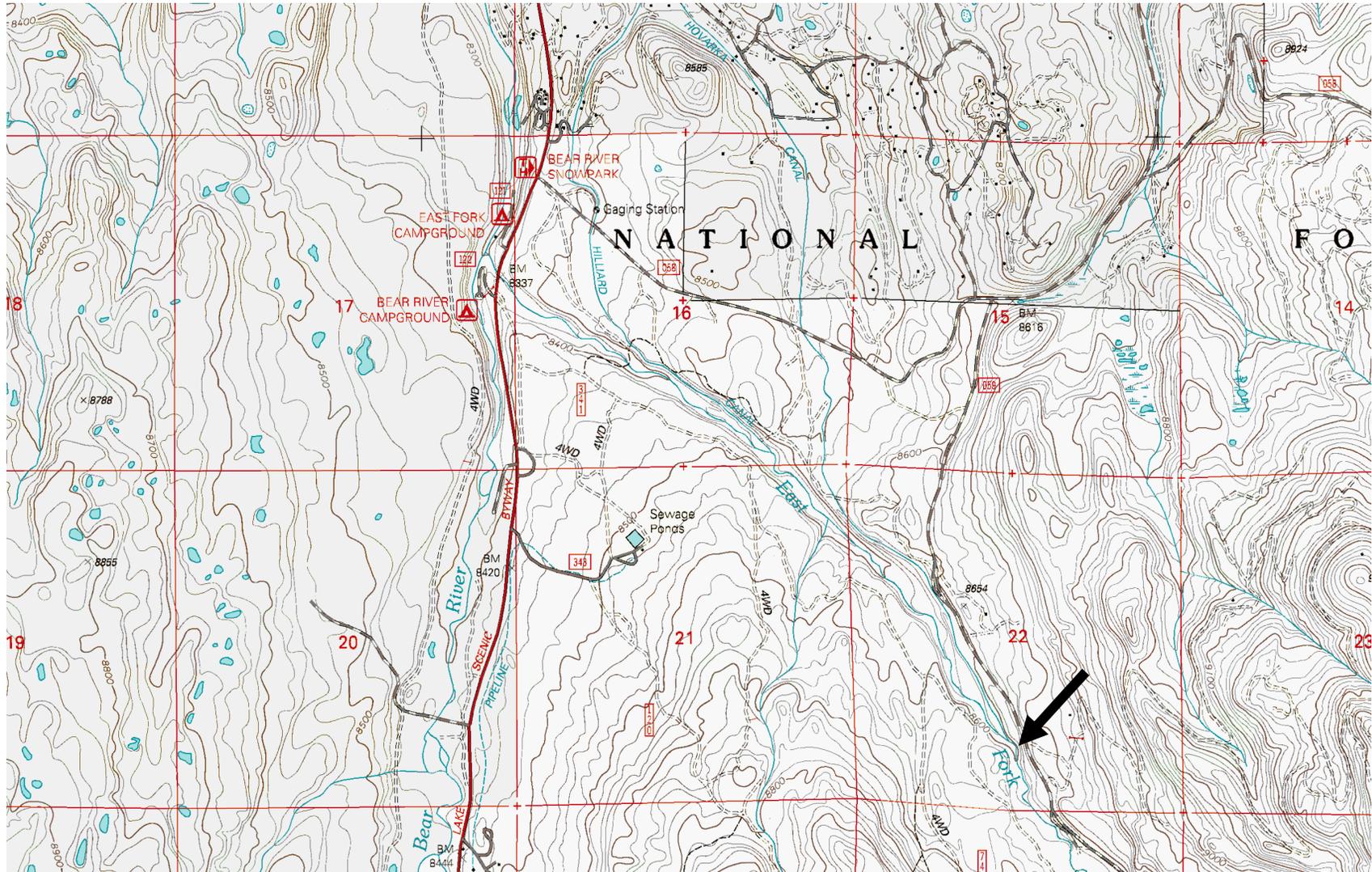
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Map of proposed East Fork Bear River Diversion Fish Screen locations.



Example of a Flat Plate Screen: This is similar to the screen design that may be used for the two diversions on the East Fork Bear River.

