



Scoping Document

Sons of the Utah Pioneers North Ogden Divide Monument permit

USDA Forest Service
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache
National Forest
Ogden Ranger District
Weber County, Utah

Comments Due: February 24, 2009

The Purpose of this Scoping Document

This document is to inform you that the Ogden Ranger District is initiating an environmental analysis. Based on the preliminary assessment, this proposal falls within categories of actions listed in 36 CFR Part 220.6 that are excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement and that no extraordinary circumstances exist that would preclude use of the category. We welcome your comments, concerns, and suggestions regarding this proposal.

What is being proposed?

Sons of the Utah Pioneers have had a Special Use Permit authorizing the Operation and Maintenance of a Memorial Monument on the summit of North Ogden Pass adjacent to the County Highway. This permit has expired and will require a new permit with a termination date of December 31, 2019. A map is attached showing this approximate location.

The proposed action is to issue a Monument permit to the Sons of the Utah Pioneers authorizing the Operation and Maintenance of a Memorial Monument on the summit of North Ogden Pass adjacent to the North Ogden Divide Trailhead and County Highway 162. The monument is located in Section 25, T7N, R1W, Salt Lake BM.

The monument was constructed in 1984 and commemorates the five Indian trails known to have crossed the pass, as well as the Explorers and Pioneers who followed the trails in moving between the Ogden Valley and Ogden. The monument is concrete and native stone, approximately 28' wide, 13 ½' deep, and 12' 9" high. There are no changes to the authorized facilities proposed as a part of this decision.

Why are we proposing this project?

This existing authorization to occupy National Forest System land has expired. This new authority would be issued with no changes to the authorized activities. The permit was originally issued in 1984. The permitted activity is in full compliance with Forest Service policies and permit requirements.

The 36 CFR part 220.6 (e) would allow a Categorical Exemption for issuance of a new special use authorization for a new term to replace an existing or expired special use authorization when the only changes are administrative, there are no changes to the authorized facilities or increases in the scope or intensity of authorized activities, and the applicant or holder is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the special use authorization.

Preliminary Issues

1. Effects on the environment (including water quality, wildlife, vegetation, soil, cultural resources, fisheries, air quality, and recreation).
2. Effects on special status species, including plants and wildlife.

What is the Decision to be made?

The decision to be made is whether or not to issue a permit to the Sons of the Utah Pioneers authorizing the Operation and Maintenance of a Memorial Monument on the summit of North Ogden Pass for a period of ten years.

Who will make the Decision?

Forest Supervisor, Brian Ferebee, is the official responsible for making the decision. The decision would be implemented immediately.

How can I comment?

We welcome your comments, whether you have additional issues you believe need to be addressed or specific concerns with the proposal.

Specific questions regarding the proposal should be directed to Rick Vallejos, at (801) 625-5112; FAX (801) 625-5914, or email rvallejos@fs.fed.us. Additional information can be found on the web at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/uwc/projects/wcnf/proposed/> under Ogden Ranger District projects.

Submittals you make and identifiers therein will be available for public review and may be released in their entirety if requested pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.

When do we need your Response?

To be most useful, we would appreciate receiving your written comments by **February 24**. Comments should be mailed to:

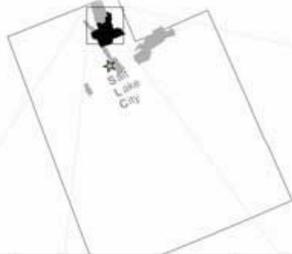
Chip Sibbernsen, District Ranger, Ogden Ranger District, 507 25th Street, Suite 103, Ogden, UT 84401 or emailed to: comments-intermtn-wasatch-cache-ogden@fs.fed.us

Oral comments may be provided at the Ogden Ranger District office during normal business hours via telephone (801) 625-5112 or in person. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, rich text format (.rtf), and Word (.doc).

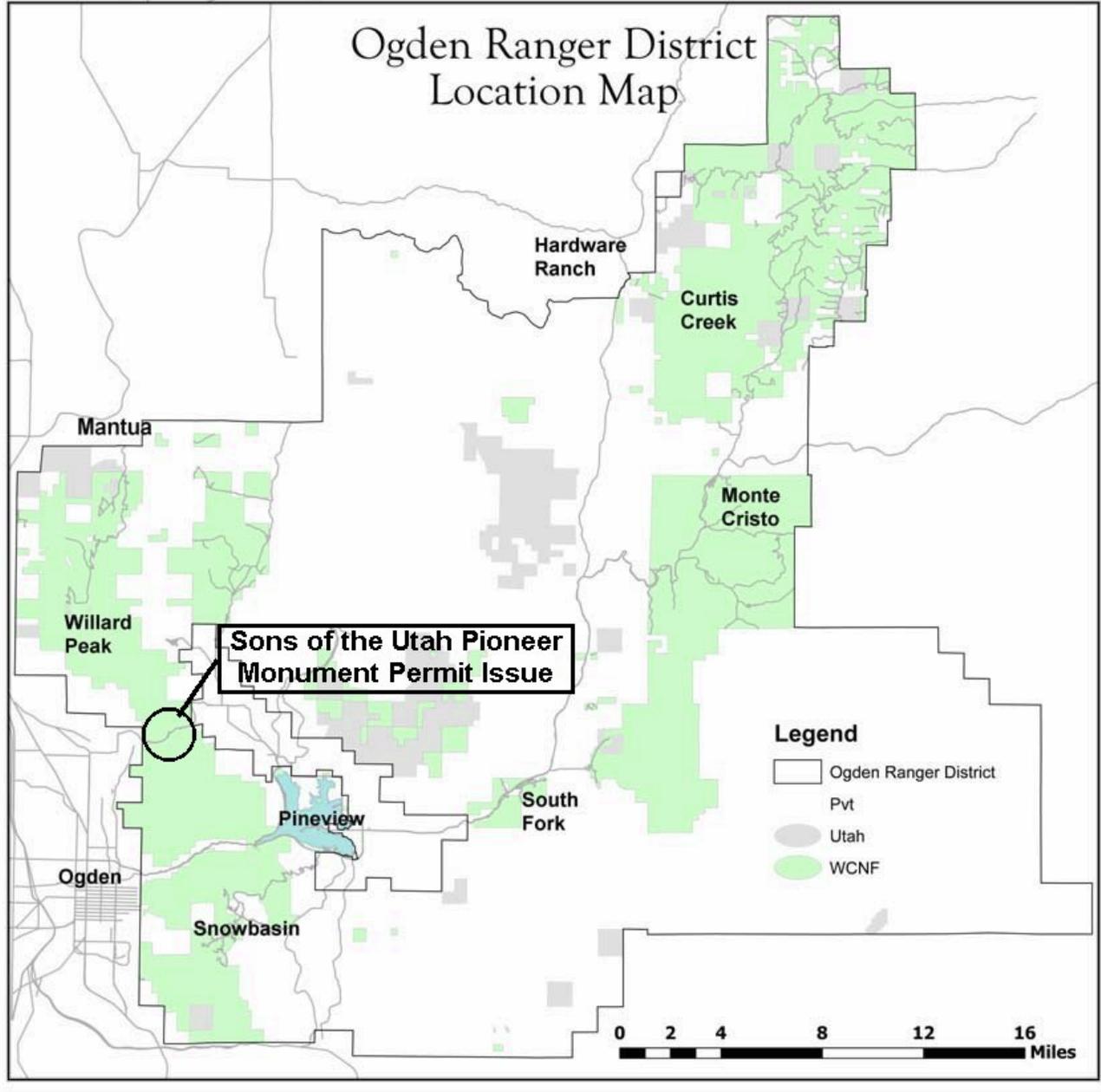
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Ogden Ranger District Location Map



**Sons of the Utah Pioneer
Monument Permit Issue**

- Legend**
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 - Pvt
 - Utah
 - WCNF

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