

BRIEFING PAPER
for the
WINTER MOTORIZED USE FOREST PLAN AMENDMENT AND TRAVEL
MANAGEMENT DECISION

When: A Decision Notice was approved August 10, 2007 by Brian Ferebee.

Public Involvement – What kind of public involvement occurred?

- ◆ A Request for Comments was published in *Provo Daily Herald* on May 18, 2007.
- ◆ Scoping letters were mailed May 16, 2007 to 66 interested parties.
- ◆ Prior to initiation of formal scoping, the Forest contacted several local motorized user groups, county governments, and potentially affected/interested state agencies.
- ◆ Project notification in the *2007 Summer Edition of the Schedule of Proposed Actions*.

Decision Specifics:

- ◆ The 2003 UINTA LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (i.e., Forest Plan) was amended changing the definition of “*over snow vehicle*” to “A motor vehicle that is designed for use over snow and that runs on a track or tracks and/or a ski or skis.”
- ◆ “*Over-snow vehicle*” (amended definition) was not changed except for the Chicken Springs area at Strawberry Reservoir which was closed to all winter motorized vehicle use to protect sage grouse.
- ◆ Generally discontinues cross-country over-snow travel by motorized vehicles other than “*over-snow vehicles*”. This eliminates cross-country over-snow travel by any motorized vehicle not designed for travel on snow or ice and steered and supported in whole or in part by tires and low pressure tires. (e.g., un-retrofitted ATV over-snow cross-country use no longer authorized except as described below.)
 - An exception is within designated areas encompassing Currant Creek Reservoir, Vernon Reservoir, and most of Strawberry Reservoir (excluding the Chicken Springs area) which would remain open to vehicles operating on low pressure tires from December 1st to March 31st.
- ◆ OTHER ROUTE SPECIFIC DECISIONS:
 - FSR70471 (Currant Creek Road) between the confluence of FSR70080 to FSR70736, and FSR70736 is designated open to motorized vehicles less than 50 inches in width from December 1st to March 31st.
 - Seasonally closed to ATV use from December 1st to March 31st:
 - FSR70046 (Circle-Main Canyon Road, ~ 6.3 mi. on Heber District).
 - FSR70134 (Clyde Creek Road, ~3.5 mi. on Heber District).
 - FSR70150 (Mud Creek Road, ~4.5 mi. on Heber District).
 - FSR70085 (American Fork-Snake Creek Road [above Tibble Fork Reservoir], ~13.8 mi. on Pleasant Grove District).
 - FSR70010 (Granite Flat Campground Road, ~0.7 mi. on Pleasant Grove District).
 - FSR70317 (Cummings Parkway Road, ~0.5 mi. in upper American Fork Canyon on Pleasant Grove District).
 - FSR70008 (Silver Lake Flat Road, ~3.1 mi. on Pleasant Grove District).
 - FSR70042 (Unicorn Ridge-Indian Creek Road, ~4.6 mi. on Spanish Fork District).
 - FSR70131 (W. Side Strawberry Road, ~2.1 mi. in Left Fork White River on Spanish Fork District).