



**Scoping Document
August 5, 2009**

Small Project Proposals

**USDA Forest Service
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache
National Forest
Logan Ranger District
Cache County, Utah**

**Comments Due:
September 4, 2009**

The Purpose of this Scoping Document

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of two small projects we are proposing for the Logan Ranger District. You have received similar letters in the past, discussing projects we proposed at that time. This letter discusses two new small project proposals for the Logan District. The environmental effects of the proposed project are being analyzed by Forest resource specialists (including water, soils, wildlife, cultural resources, visuals, recreation, and fisheries). We welcome your comments, concerns, and suggestions regarding these proposals.

The Logan Ranger District has made a preliminary assessment that these proposals fall within categories of actions listed in 36 CFR Part 220.6 (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 provides a brief project description and contact information. Additional information on these projects is available from the Logan Ranger District.

What projects are being proposed?

The following projects are proposed for implementation on the Logan 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 Logan Ranger District Office.**

1. Cache Archery Range Special Use Permit Renewal

Project Manager: Connie McCaughey

Location: Card Canyon

Legal Description: T 12 N, R 3 E, Section 30

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

The Cache Valley Archery Club desires to renew their special use permit to continue operation of the archery/target shooting range located on National Forest System land in Card Canyon. The initial permit was issued in 1957 and the current permit expired in December 2008. The permit occupies 20 acres and authorizes use of an archery field course, a parking area, a road, a lodge building approximately 30 ft x 50 ft, a picnic area, a waterline, and a bulletin board. The permit holder has been in full compliance with all terms and conditions of the permit. There will be no changes to the authorized facilities or increases in the scope or intensity of authorized activities.

2. Peter Sinks Weather Station Special Use Permit

Project Manager: Ron Vance

Location: Peter Sinks

Legal Description: T 14 N, R 4 E, Section 32

Proposed Category: 36 CFR 220.6 (e) (3)

The Utah Climate Center has operated a weather sensor tower in Peter Sinks under a Special Use Permit for many years. Due to the difficult winter access they would like to install an additional tower and radio transmitter to transmit signals to the Logan Peak facility for real time monitoring of winter weather conditions. The tower would be placed in the trees on the ridge to the north of Peter Sinks to minimize visibility. The tower would be about 15 feet in height and would hold a battery and radio (enclosed in a 12-inch by 14-inch, water-tight box), a directional antenna, and a 20-watt solar panel. The tower would be green in color to blend in with the surrounding vegetation.

Preliminary Issues

1. Effects to the human environment (including water quality, wildlife, vegetation, soil, cultural resources, fisheries, air quality, 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 specification, 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/fall 2009.

When do we need your Response?

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments on the above projects should be received by **September 4, 2009**. Written comments should be submitted to: Jennefer Parker, District Ranger, 1500 East Highway 89, Logan, Utah 84321. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Oral comments must be provided at the Responsible Official's office during normal business hours via telephone (435) 755-3620 or in person. Electronic comments should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf) or Word (.doc) to comments-intermtn-wasatch-cache-logan@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

/s/Jennefer Parker

August 5, 2009

JENNEFER PARKER
Logan District Ranger

Date

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