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**Date:** July 30, 2009

Dear Interested Party

This letter describes a number of proposed projects or activities we are currently reviewing and considering for approval. As a part of the environmental analysis process, we are soliciting your input on these projects. Please share any issues or concerns you may have relative to these actions. A project contact is listed should you have any questions or desire further information.

The Salt Lake Ranger District has made a preliminary assessment that these proposals fall within categories of actions listed in the Forest Service NEPA Handbook 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. The following list provides brief project descriptions and contact information. Additional information on these projects, as well as other District and Forest proposals, are available at Forest's website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/uwc/projects/wcnf/proposed/index.shtml>.

### **Forest Health**

- **Spruce Beetle Spraying** – Spruce beetle infestations have been affecting Englemann Spruce trees in Utah for a number of years. The infestations started in the southern part of the state and have been steadily moving northward and have impacted the adjacent forests in the Strawberry Valley and the High Uinta Mountains. We have identified new infestations in the Wasatch Range, including Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons.

Initial infestations were discovered in Redman Campground and infested trees were removed earlier this summer. Additional infestations have been discovered in other locations in the Cottonwood Canyons including at the ski areas. A number of infested trees were cut and burned, though it is expected that much of the beetle population from these sites have reproduced and spread. Infestations have also been identified on private lands in the canyons. We are proposing, in cooperation with the State Entomologist, State Forestry Area Manager, and ski areas, to spray selected trees, in high-value areas within and adjacent to recreation sites, including campgrounds and ski areas. We propose to spray in the fall of 2009 with Carbryal insecticide. The insecticide would be applied by a hand operated hydraulic sprayer that would saturate the tree bole to a height of approximately 40 feet. Buffers from open water and wind drift measures, as well as other mitigation measures would be required to protect resource values and the public. Initial spray treatments are proposed for Albion and Redman campgrounds as well as selected areas



around the bases of all four Cottonwood Canyon ski areas. **Contact:** Steve Scheid, 801-733-2689 or [sscheid@fs.fed.us](mailto:sscheid@fs.fed.us).

### **Non-Recreation Special Uses**

- Farmington City is requesting to renew an expired special use permit issued for the following existing improvements: a 250,000 gallon concrete culinary water storage tank; a buried 12 inch diameter water transmission line to private land; a 6 foot high security fence surrounding the reservoir site, and a fire hydrant. These improvements are located in Farmington, Davis County, Sec. 29, T3N, R1E. **Contact:** Al Soucie, 801-236-3450 or [asoucie@fs.fed.us](mailto:asoucie@fs.fed.us).

### **How to Comment and Timeframe**

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments must be received by **August 28, 2009**. Written comments must be submitted to: Salt Lake District Ranger, 6944 South 3000 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84121. 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 (801) 733-2660 or in person; or at an official agency function (i.e. public meeting) that is designed to elicit public comments. Electronic comments must be submitted in rich text format (.rtf) or Word (.doc) to [\*\*comments-intermtn-wasatch-cache-saltlake@fs.fed.us\*\*](mailto:comments-intermtn-wasatch-cache-saltlake@fs.fed.us).

Sincerely,

*/s/ Catherine H. Kahlow*  
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