

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF DECISION
USDA - Forest Service
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest,
Spanish Fork Ranger District
Tooele County, Utah**

Sharps Valley Habitat Improvement Project
The Spanish Fork Ranger District of the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest has completed an analysis of the Sharps Valley Habitat Improvement Project. The project will treat 380 acres of pinyon-juniper with a bullhog, and 670 acres of pinyon-juniper using a lop and scatter technique, obliterate 2.4 miles of non-system roads, lock one gate, sign an administrative use road, remove FS Road 695 from the system and correct the current travel map to include 0.1 mile connecting FS Roads 691 and 690. This project will improve sage-grouse and mule deer winter habitat, improve watershed conditions, close user-created roads, correct mapping errors, and reduce hazardous fuels.

The Responsible Official, District Ranger Doug Jones, approved the decision memo for this project on September 28, 2009. The Spanish Fork Ranger District and Utah Division of Wildlife Resources will implement the project which is located in Tooele County, Utah: T9S, R4W, 30 and 31, and T9S, R5W, Sections 25 and 36.

This legal notice provides notification of the final decision associated with this project. This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 215. Individuals or organizations who submitted substantive comments during the comment period specified at 215.6 may appeal this decision. Appeals must meet the content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14. Appeals must be sent to: Appeal Deciding Officer, Intermountain Region USFS, 324 25th Street, Ogden, Utah 84401; or by fax to 801-625-5277; or by email to: appeals-intermtn-regional-office@fs.fed.us. Emailed appeals must be submitted in rich text (rtf) or Word (doc) and must include the project name in the subject line. Appeals may also be hand delivered to the above address, during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to an electronic message, a verification of identity will be required. A scanned signature is one way to provide verification.

Appeals, including attachments, must be filed within 45 days from the publication date of the legal notice in the Provo Daily Herald, the newspaper of record. Attachments received after the 45 day appeal period will not be considered. The publication date in the Provo Daily Herald, newspaper of record, is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal. Those wishing to appeal this decision should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. If no appeals are filed within the 45-day time period, implementation of the decision may occur on, but not before, 5 business days from the close of the appeal filing period. When appeals are filed, implementation may occur on, but not before, the 15th business day following the date of the last appeal disposition.

Please contact Karen Hartman, Wildlife Biologist, at 801-798-3571 if you have any questions regarding this project or if you would like a copy of the Decision Memo or associated documents. Legal Notice 349394 Published in The Daily Herald October 2, 2009.