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Legal Notice of Proposed Action

Opportunity to Comment

Canyons Project

The Manti-La Sal National Forest is conducting an environmental analysis for the Canyons Project. The project area is located on the Wasatch Plateau in central Utah. The current vegetation communities are in a condition that a fire start, on an average summer day, would be uncharacteristically hot, difficult to control, and would be a significant threat to private land and other developments. Based on recent experiences (e.g., Seeley Fire), the results of such a fire would likely lead to overland flow, erosion, and debris flows from storm events that would have negative impacts far downstream from the National Forest System lands.

The proposed action and associated analysis can be obtained from the Sanpete Ranger District, 540 N. Main, Ephraim, Utah 84627. The comment period ends 30 days following the date of publication of this legal notice in the Sun Advocate minus federal holidays. This publication date is the exclusive means for calculating the time to submit comments on the proposed action. Those wishing to comment on this proposal should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. As a qualified HFRA project, the Canyons Project will be subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR part 218, subpart C. Upon completion of the NEPA analysis (either an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement if need be), we will promptly mail it to those shareholders who submitted comments and shareholders who previously requested to be included on this project's mailing list. Following the mailing of the Environmental Assessment, we will publish legal notice of the opportunity to object to this proposed project in our newspaper of record, The Sun Advocate. Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted written comments specific to the Canyons Project. This project is not subject to the notice, comment, and appeal procedures found at 36 CFR part 215.

Comments must be submitted to Mark Pentecost, Forest Supervisor at Manti-La Sal National Forest, 599 West Price River Dr., Price, Utah 84501, Fax Number (435) 637-4940. Comments may be submitted by email in word (.doc or .docx), pdf, rich text format (.rtf), text (.txt), and hypertext markup language (.html) to patmurphy@fs.fed.us Comments may also be hand delivered weekdays 8 AM to 4:30 PM at the above stated addresses, except holidays. To be eligible for objection, each individual or representative from each organization submitting comments must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request. Names and addresses of commenters will become part of the public record.

A public meeting will be held at the Sanpete Ranger District, 540 N. Main, Ephraim, UT, on Tuesday, November 15, 2017 at 6:30p.m. Specific comments on this project will be accepted at this meeting

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