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LEGAL NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

Opportunity to Comment

USDA Forest Service, Ashley National Forest, Duchesne/Roosevelt Ranger District, Duchesne County, Utah
Revised Duchesne Roosevelt District Wide Range Improvement Project

The Ashley National Forest is planning to prepare a Revised Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Duchesne Roosevelt District Wide Range Improvement Project. The Ashley NF proposes to modify one portion of the Duchesne Roosevelt District Wide Range Improvement Project. The decision for that project was signed on 07/27/2018. This project would only revise one part of the previous decision. The revised portion includes the Sowers Canyon improvements to the original project. The original decision authorized 5.8 miles of pipeline in the main canyon and five side canyons and hollows, five water troughs, and a water tank at the start of Sowers Canyon. The planned revisions in Sowers Canyon include 4.0 additional miles of 1.5-inch diameter buried pipe down the main canyon, and side canyons and hollows, and five additional water troughs. There are four additional proposed side canyons and hollows that would provide water to livestock. Additionally, two water storage tanks would be installed in Trappers Canyon. The original water tanks are no longer proposed. These modifications would improve livestock distribution and grazing management by improving water access and water storage for livestock.

Details on the proposal and associated analysis can be obtained from our office at 85 West Main, Duchesne, UT and also online at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56463>. Additional information regarding this action can also be obtained from: Todd Irish, at the above address. He can be reached by email at todd.irish@usda.gov or by telephone at (435) 781-5205.

This legal notice serves a two-fold purpose: to solicit your review and comments on the Proposed Action, and to serve as the official 30-day comment period for the project. By providing your comments during this time period, you will ensure that you remain on the mailing list and also provide you the opportunity to object to the draft Decision Notice and final Environmental Assessment that will be released when our analysis is complete. This will be the only opportunity to comment on this project.

How to Comment and Timeframe

Electronic, facsimile, mailed or hand-delivered written comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days starting the day after the publication of this notice in the Uintah Basin Standard. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project during a public comment period established by the responsible official are eligible to file an objection under §218.

Submit written comments to: Kristy Groves, District Ranger, Duchesne Ranger District Office, located at 85 West Main, Duchesne UT 84021. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Mountain Standard Time, Monday through

Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic comments must be submitted in common formats such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), portable document format (.pdf), hypertext markup language (.html), or Word (.doc) to comments-intermtn-ashley@fs.fed.us. Please include the project name (Revised Duchesne Roosevelt District Wide Range Improvement Project) in the email subject line. Alternatively, comments may be faxed to 435-781-5142.

For objection eligibility, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification.

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