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Dear Friend of the Ashley,

Enclosed is a copy of the draft Decision Notice, and the Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Revised Duchesne Roosevelt District Wide Range Improvement Project. We are sending you this letter to notify you of the availability of these documents and the opportunity to object to the project. You are receiving this letter because of your previously submitted specific written comments on this project.

I have decided to implement the proposed action for this project. The proposed action meets the stated purpose and need for the project. The draft decision proposes to revise part of the District Wide Range Improvement Project that was signed last year. The Sowers canyon range improvement part of the project will be revised to include 1.2 miles of additional water line down Sowers Canyon, and 2.8 miles of additional water line up the side canyons and hollows using 1.5-inch pipe, that would be buried with the use of large excavating equipment. In addition, 6 new water troughs would be connected to the water system, along the pipeline route as well as two new water storage tanks in Trapper Canyon. The proposed pipeline would carry water down Sowers Canyon and into nine side canyons where water is limited. Four of these side canyons were not in the original EA. Details are available in the draft DN and EA/FONSI which are available online at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56463>. Documents and supporting documentation are also available for review upon request at the Duchesne/Roosevelt Ranger District Office at 85 West Main, Duchesne, UT. Additional information about the project can be obtained from Todd Irish, Interdisciplinary Team Leader. He can be reached at (435) 781-5205 or todd.irish@usda.gov.

This project is subject to a pre-decisional administrative review process, also known as an objection process (36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B). Only individuals or entities (as defined by 36 CFR 218.2) who submitted timely and specific written comments (as defined by 36 CFR 218.2) regarding this proposed project during a designated opportunity for public comment established by the responsible official are eligible to file an objection to this draft decision. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted comments unless based on new information that arose after the designated opportunities to comment.

Written objections (mail, fax, email, hand-delivery) on this draft decision must be filed within 45 days, starting the day after the publication date of the legal notice of opportunity to object in the Unitah Basin Standard. The actual publication date is the exclusive means to determine the timeframe. The objection reviewing officer is the Ashley National Forest Supervisor. Send objections to: Objection Reviewing Officer, Intermountain Region USFS, 324 25th Street, Ogden, UT 84401; or fax to 801-625-5277; or email to: [objections-intermtn-regional-](#)



office@usda.gov. Electronic objections may be submitted in an email message or in a .doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt, .rtf, or .html attachment. Please include the project name (Revised Duchesne Roosevelt District Wide Range Improvement Project) in the subject line. It is the responsibility of objectors to ensure their objection is received in a timely manner (§218.9).

Sincerely,

KRISTY GROVES
District Ranger

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