

**Opportunity to Comment
Salter Vegetation
Management Project
United States Department of
Agriculture, Forest Service
San Juan National Forest,
Dolores Ranger District
Montezuma County,
Colorado**

The Dolores Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest requests your input on the proposed Salter Vegetation Management Project draft Environmental Assessment (EA). The proposed project consists of vegetation management activities on approximately 22,000 acres of ponderosa pine forest.

The project area is located northeast of Dolores, CO on the Dolores Ranger District. Proposed treatment areas are in the vicinity of Salter Y, Plateau Creek, Carlyle Point, Turkey Knoll, and Boggy Draw. This project is proposed in order to 1) improve or maintain the resistance and resiliency of ponderosa pine forest ecosystems, 2) increase the diversity of ponderosa pine forest ecosystem development stages and, 3) provide economic support to local communities by providing timber products to local industries in a sustainable manner.

The draft EA provides more details on the proposed project and provides a summary of potential effects the project could have on various resources.

**How to Comment and
Timeframe**

The draft EA and other supporting documents are available online at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=576771>. Additional information may be obtained by contacting David Casey, Supervisory Forester:

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The Forest Service is providing an opportunity to comment, consistent with 36 CFR 218.24. This legal notice also serves to notify and invite public comment on the proposal as stipulated in §800.3 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The public is encouraged to provide specific written comments (§218.2) on this proposal for the responsible official to consider. The District Ranger for the Dolores Ranger District, as the responsible official, will consider the project and decide whether or not to approve implementation. Specific written comments should have a direct relationship to the proposed project.

Written comments will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of the legal notice in The Journal. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. With few exceptions, regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

The Salter Vegetation Management Project would

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implement the San Juan National Forest's existing Land and Resource Management Plan and is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. Only individuals or entities (as defined by 36 CFR 218.2) who submit timely and specific written comments during this or any other comment period will have eligibility to file an objection under §218.8. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after the designated comment opportunity. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements in §218.25(a)(3), including that each individual or representative from each entity submitting written comments must provide the name and postal address of the individual or entity submitting the comment, and either sign the comment or verify identity upon request. Names, contact information, and comments will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

The 30-day comment period will begin on February 10th. Electronic comments can be submitted through the electronic comment form located on the project webpage. Comments may also be submitted by means of written comment via the U.S. Postal Service or facsimile. Written comments must be postmarked by the US Postal Service or submitted via fax (970-882-0175) to the Dolores Ranger District Office by the end of the comment period. Please address written comments to: Dolores Ranger District, Attention: Salter Vegetation Management Project, 29211 Hwy 184, Dolores, CO 81323.

Comments should include: 1) your name and postal address, 2) project title (Salter Vegetation Management Project), and 3) signature or other verification of identity upon request (36 CFR 218.25(a)(3)). Comments received in response to this initial request, including names, addresses and any other information provided with the comments, will be considered a part of the public record.

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