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Legal Notice

Opportunity to Object

Cart Creek Watershed Roads Improvement Project

USDA Forest Service, Ashley National Forest, Vernal Ranger District, Daggett County, Utah

The Vernal Ranger District has completed an environmental assessment and draft decision for the following proposed action: rerouting sections of Forest Roads 177 and 049 to improve soil and water resources, implementing seasonal motorized vehicle closures for wildlife, constructing a rock borrow pit, and designating a non-motorized trail. The responsible official who will issue a decision on this project is the Vernal District Ranger. The proposal and analysis are online at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ashley/landmanagement/projects>.

Eligibility to File Objections

Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project either during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with §218.5(a). 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 designated opportunities.

Individual members of organizations must have submitted their own comments to meet the requirements of eligibility as an individual; objections received on behalf of an organization are considered those of the organization only. If an objection is submitted on behalf of a number of individuals or organizations, each individual or organization listed must meet the eligibility requirement of having previously submitted comments on the project (§218.7). Names and addresses of objectors will become part of the public record.

Contents of an Objection

Incorporation of documents by reference in the objection is permitted only as provided for at §218.8(b). Minimum content requirements of an objection, identified in §218.8(d), include:

- Objector's name and address, telephone number if available, and signature or other verification of authorship upon request.
- Identification of the lead objector when multiple names are listed, along with verification upon request.
- Name of project, name and title of the responsible official, national forest/ranger district of project.
- Sufficient narrative description of those aspects of the proposed project objected to, specific issues related to the project, how environmental law, regulation, or policy would be violated, and suggested remedies which would resolve the objection.
- Statement demonstrating the connection between prior specific written comments on this project and the content of the objection, unless the objection issue arose after the designated opportunity(ies) for comment.

Filing an Objection

Written objections, including any attachments, must be filed (mail, fax, email, hand-delivery) with the reviewing officer (John Erickson, Ashley National Forest Supervisor) within 45 days of this legal notice, the publication date of which is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Although Mr. Erickson is stationed in Vernal, 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@fs.fed.us. Electronic objections may be submitted in an email message or in a .doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt, .rtf, or .html attachment. It is the responsibility of objectors to ensure their objection is received in a timely manner (§218.9).