



File Code: 2500; 1950

Date: July 21, 2015

Dear Friend of the Ashley:

Enclosed is a copy of the draft decision and finding of no significant impact for the Revised Cart Creek Watershed Roads Improvement Project. We sent you the revised environmental assessment for comment in mid-June, 2015.

In the draft decision, I selected Alternative 2 (the proposed action) to relocate Forest Roads 049 and 177 out of seasonal wet meadows to drier, more suitable ground. I have also chosen to implement seasonal use restrictions from September 30th to June 1st. Both of these actions combined will improve water quality within the Cart Creek Watershed, which is a Forest priority watershed. As a part of the proposed action, a borrow pit is proposed which is up to 3 acres in size so that the Forest has access to materials for road maintenance. Additionally, this decision will allow for the continued use and enjoyment of the area by recreationalists and help to implement the 2009 Motorized Travel Management Plan.

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. See the attached document on how to submit an objection.

Written objections, including any attachments, must be filed (regular mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, or express delivery) with the Reviewing Officer, who is the Regional Forester within 45 days following the publication date of the legal notice in the Vernal Express. The publication date of which is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Send objections to: Forest Supervisor, 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).



More information about this project is available on the Forest's website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41469>. If you need additional information, please contact Christopher Plunkett, Forest Hydrologist (435-781-5140; cplunkett@fs.fed.us) or LeAnn S. Colburn, Forest Environmental Coordinator (435-781-5163; lscolburn@fs.fed.us) at the Forest Supervisor's Office, 355 N Vernal Ave., Vernal, UT 84078.

Sincerely,



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