

OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT REVISED CART CREEK WATERSHED ROADS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

USDA Forest Service – Ashley National Forest

The Revised Cart Creek Watershed Roads Improvement Project Environmental Assessment (EA) has been completed. A 30-day review period ending July 10, 2015 was conducted during which, the EA was mailed out to those who submitted specific written comments related to the project during scoping, or expressed an interest in the project. The Cart Creek Watershed Roads Improvement Project proposes to relocate Forest Roads (FR) 049 - Greens Draw Road and 177 - Bowden Draw Road out of wet meadows that are not suited to sustain vehicle traffic and implement seasonal restrictions to motorized use from September 30th to June 1st. These actions are designed to improve the water quality with the Cart Creek Watershed. Additionally, a borrow pit is proposed to use for road construction in this project and future roads projects. The Responsible Official who will issue a decision on this project is Rowdy Muir, the Flaming Gorge and Vernal District Ranger.

A copy of the EA and the draft decision and additional information regarding this proposed project can be obtained from: Christopher Plunkett at 355 N. Vernal Ave., Vernal, UT 84078. He can be reached at (435) 781-5140 or cplunkett@fs.fed.us and online at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41469>.

This proposed project is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218 Subpart B.

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 re-

garding 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 as 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 are identified in (§ 218.8(d) include

Objector's name and address with a telephone number if available; with signature or other verification of authority supplied 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, and

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 (regular mail, fax,

email, hand-delivery, or express delivery) with the Reviewing Officer, who is the Forest Supervisor within 45 days following the publication date of this legal notice in the newspaper of record. 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).

The publication date in the Vernal Express, newspaper of record, is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection of this project. Those wishing to object to this proposed project should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

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