

PUBLIC NOTICE  
SCOPING/OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT  
USDA Forest Service  
GRAND MESA, UNCOMPAHGRE AND GUNNISON NATIONAL FOREST  
MONTROSE AND SAN MIGUEL COUNTIES COLORADO

The Forest Service is proposing to conduct hazardous fuels reduction and commercial and pre-commercial thinning in ponderosa pine and pine-oak stands on the Norwood Ranger District of the Uncompahgre National Forest. The Sanborn Park-Western Power Line Wildland Urban Interface Project (Project) is located within the Horsefly Creek and Beaver/ McKenzie Creek Watersheds in Montrose and San Miguel Counties, Colorado. The objective of the proposal is to reduce wildfire risk to the community and residents of Sanborn Park, Colorado and along the electrical transmission lines in the area.

This 30-day comment period is an opportunity for the public to provide early and meaningful participation on a proposed action prior to a decision by the Responsible Official. This comment period will serve as scoping as described in the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003. The comment period will end September 19, 2008.

**The scoping document is available for review at the Norwood District Office, 1150 Forest Street Norwood, CO 81423 during normal business hours. The scoping document is posted on the GMUG National Forest's web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/gmug/policy/>. The document is organized in three parts; 1) a written narrative of the proposal with tables of the treatment units, 2) associated maps, and, 3) diagrams of the Wire Zone-Border Zone area. For further information please contact John Moore at (970) 874-6696.**

The Norwood Ranger District is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) and proposing this project as an authorized hazardous fuels reduction project utilizing the appropriate tool(s) under Title I of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA) of 2003. The purpose of this Act is to expedite hazardous fuels reduction and forest-restoration projects on Federal lands at risk of wildland fire or insect and disease epidemics. When the EA for the proposed Sanborn Park-Western Power Line Wildland Urban Interface Project is complete, legal notice will be published in the Telluride Daily Planet. The publication of the legal notice will begin the 30-day objection-filing period for the proposed project.

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted. For electronic comments, a verification of identity will be required for objection eligibility. Please refer to the Public Involvement section of the document for additional information about submitting comments.

It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the scoping period. Only those who submit timely written comments will have eligibility to file pre-decisional administrative review (objection) under 36 CFR 218.6(a). Individuals and organizations wishing to object must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 218.7.

Comments can be received at the following places:

**Written Comments via the U.S. Postal Service:**

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests

2250 Highway 50

Delta, CO 81416-2485

Attention: Sanborn Park- Western Powerline WUI Project

**Written Comment via e-mail:**

TO: [comments-rocky-mountain-gmug-norwood@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-rocky-mountain-gmug-norwood@fs.fed.us).

SUBJECT: Sanborn Park- Western Powerline WUI Project

**Written Comments via facsimile:**

(970) 874-6698

Attention: Sanborn Park- Western Powerline WUI Project

**Written Comments hand delivered or Oral Comments via telephone or in person, during business hours (8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M., Monday – Friday, excluding federal holidays):**

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