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Dixie National Forest Guide to Public Involvement (Schedule of Proposed Actions)

Opportunities for Public Involvement in the National Forest Decision Process

Attached is the update for current and ongoing environmental analyses on the Dixie National Forest. The following pages summarize projects that are in the analysis process or which will be initiated in the next three months.

Thank you for helping us reduce cost by utilizing this web site. If you still need a hardcopy of the Schedule of Proposed Actions, please contact the Forest Environmental Coordinator at 435-865-3729 and let us know.

The Dixie NF does not maintain a forest wide project mailing list. Analysis teams for each project develop contact lists of interested or affected individuals or agencies as appropriate.

We have a Forest SOPA Mailing List for persons to receive this Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA) either by mail or an email notification when it is posted on the Dixie Web site.

If you would like to be involved in the development and analysis of a specific project, or assist with implementation, please contact the SOPA Contact listed for that project. The SOPA contains the name, phone number and email of the project leader. By contacting the project leader, you will be added to the project contact list to receive project information or notices for public comments. Your participation will be welcomed.

This Schedule of Proposed Actions is available on the Dixie National Forest Web page. Some projects will have other documents posted on the "Additional Information" page. This additional information is posted as it becomes available throughout the analysis. (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/dixie/>)

I would like to take this opportunity to explain the terms NFMA and NEPA. NFMA is an acronym for the National

Forest Management Act, 1976. The implementing regulations can be found at 36 CFR 219. A NFMA analysis uses the Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) to develop a Proposed Action by comparing the existing condition to a desired future condition for a resource or an area of the forest. Opportunities to move the existing condition to the desired condition are identified and possible management practices to effect the change in existing condition to desired condition are listed and checked for consistency with law including forest plan, regulation or policy. The culmination of a NFMA Analysis is a Proposed Action. A NFMA Analysis does not make programmatic or project specific resource commitments.

NEPA is an acronym for the National Environmental Policy Act, 1970. The implementing regulations can be found at 40 CFR 1500 - 1508 (July, 1986). A NEPA analysis is a public disclosure process of the environmental consequences if a project were implemented. NEPA is a procedural law and as such requires that the Proposed Action be Scoped or made known to the public.

The Teasdale Ranger District (now part of the Fremont River Ranger District) is administered by the Fishlake National Forest. For information concerning projects in that area, please contact the Loa Ranger District office (435-836-2811).

The Dixie National Forest is your National Forest. It is our responsibility to manage and protect the resources of the Forest so they will provide a continuing flow of natural resource goods and services to meet the needs of society for today and tomorrow. Thank you for your interest in this important process.

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