

LEGAL NOTICE

Pahvant Interagency Fuels Reduction Project

Notice of Opportunity for Comment

The Fillmore Field Office Manager and the Fillmore District Ranger are proposing to cut by hand, and burn by hand or helicopter, approximately 14,329 acres of hazardous fuels along the west side of the Pahvant Mountain Range, in the vicinity of Scipio, Holden, Fillmore and Meadow, Utah. Sagebrush-grasslands, pinyon-juniper, and Gambel oak would be treated in seven treatment units, ranging from approximately 490 to 4,929 acres in size. Treatments would begin in 2003 and are anticipated to be completed by 2008.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) that disclose the effects of implementing the proposed action have been completed. The EA, FONSI and associated environmental analysis documents can be viewed on the project website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/rifc/pahvant/pahvant.htm>.

The public is invited to comment on our proposed action. Only those who submit timely and substantive comments will be accepted as appellants. Substantive comments are those within the scope of, are specific to, and have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and include supporting reasons that the Responsible Officials should consider in reaching a decision. Each individual, or representative from each organization, submitting substantive comments must either sign the comments or otherwise verify identity in order to attain appeal eligibility. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for this project. Comments should include the information required pursuant to 38 CFR 215.6(a)(3), as published in the Federal Register on June 4, 2003.

Please send written comments to: Robert Gardner, District Ranger, Fillmore Ranger District, 390 South Main, P.O. Box 265, Fillmore, UT 84631; phone: (435) 743-5721, fax: (435) 743-4113. Comments may also be delivered to the above address during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, excluding federal holidays. The opportunity to comment ends 30 days following the date of publication of this legal notice in the Richfield Reaper.

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the EA and FONSI sent to you, please contact Diane Freeman, Team Leader, 115 East 900 North, Richfield, UT 84701 or call (435) 896-9233.

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