



UTAH RECLAMATION
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COMMISSION

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Dear Stakeholder:

The Spanish Fork Ranger District of the Uinta National Forest has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Diamond Fork Group-Site Campground. As the Forest Service Responsible Official, I have issued a Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for the project. The Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission will issue a separate decision to fund the project as part of meeting the recreation development responsibilities for developed camping identified in the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992, as amended (Public Law 102-575; Public Law 106-140). The analysis area is located in the Diamond Fork drainage approximately 12 miles southeast of Spanish Fork, Utah. The group-site facility would encompass approximately 25 acres.

When the Palmyra and Diamond Fork Campgrounds were reconstructed and the new Diamond Campground was completed there was a net loss of group campsites. With the removal of the group-site facilities and the increase in demand for developed camping in Diamond Fork, there is a need not only to replace the lost capacity of group-site facilities but also to provide additional camping opportunities to meet existing and anticipated demand. The Forest Service recognizes that not all of this demand can be met over the long-term; however, there is a need to identify the appropriate location, size and type of facility that can be constructed in Diamond Fork within the limits of resource and fiscal constraints.

I have identified Alternative 4 as the selected alternative. This alternative meets the purpose and need for the project, has minimal adverse environmental effects, and is consistent with applicable Forest Plan direction. The alternative includes, facilities for 475 persons at one time (PAOT) within the analysis area, and five 4-unit vault toilets, paved access road and spurs, shade shelters, a water system, trail system, the establishment of vegetation, a host site and an information/fee station, and a fence/gate/cattleguard system to encircle the campground.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 215.7, the legal notice published in the Provo Daily Herald in December 2004, provides notification of the final decision associated with this project. This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.11. Individuals and organizations who submitted substantive comments during the comment period may appeal. A written Notice of Appeal, including attachments, must be filed (regular mail, fax, e-mail, hand delivery, express delivery, or messenger service) within 45 days following the date this notice is published in the Provo Daily Herald, Provo, Utah. This legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal and those wishing to file an appeal should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. Enclosed you will find a copy of the EA and Decision Notice. These documents will also be available on line at the Forest Web page, (www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta/).

The Notice of Appeal should be sent to: USDA Forest Service, Uinta National Forest, ATTN: Forest Supervisor, Peter W. Karp – Appeals Deciding Officer, 88 West 100 North, Provo, Utah 84601; FAX to 801-342-5144; or you may hand deliver an appeal to the above address during normal business hours from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. Appeals may also be sent by e-mail to



appeals-intermtn-uinta@fs.fed.us. Appeals must meet the content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14.

If no appeal is received, implementation of this decision may occur on, but not before 5 business days from the close of the appeal filing period. If an appeal is received, implementation may not occur for 15 days following the date of appeal disposition. Please contact Spanish Fork Ranger District, Uinta National Forest, 44 West 40 North, Spanish Fork Utah 84660; phone 801-79803571; fax 801-798-3050, if you have any questions regarding this project or if you would like a copy of the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact. The document will also be available on the internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta>, follow the links to Proposed Projects and Final Decisions.

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Enclosure