

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

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Proposed Hogsback Ridge Aspen Understory Seeding II

The proposed action is to seed approximately 200 acres of understory in an aspen community adjacent to the seeding done in 2004 on the Hogsback Ridge located approximately 8 air miles south east of Heber City, Utah. (N ½Sec. 10, S ½ Sec. 3, SE ¼ Sec. 4, T 5 S, R 6 E, SLM) This will be accomplished by using a native grass/forb seed mix and an ATV with a seed spreader. Seed will be applied to the ground surface and no surface roughing will be used. The ATV will make one pass over the entire area and care take to minimize ground disturbance. The access points to and from the project area will be done with the least possible ground disturbance and rehabilitated with seeding and slash if needed to prevent public from accessing with ATVs. The seeded area will be rested from livestock grazing for one year and then deferred the next year. The objective of the seeding project is to improve ground cover and overall watershed conditions. The proposed action will also increase plant species diversity and improve vegetative condition. The proposed treatment would consist of broadcast seeding. The proposed treatment would be conducted in the fall of 2005.

Comments are requested on this proposal during the next 30 days. Please send comment to: Julie King, District Ranger, Heber Ranger District, P.O. Box 190, Heber, Utah 84032. Comments may be faxed to (801) 654-5772 or hand delivered during normal business hours from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Comments may also be submitted to the following e-mail address: comments-intermtn-uinta-heber@fs.fed.us. Comments should be postmarked or received with in 30 days beginning the day following publication of this notice in the Provo Daily Herald. Pursuant to 36 CFR 215, this legal notice provides an opportunity to comment on the proposed action.

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 and will be available for public inspection and will be released if requested under the Freedom of Information Act.

For additional information contact Jim Percy, Heber Ranger District, 435-654-0470