

REQUEST FOR COMMENT

Aspen Grove Avalanche Fuel and Insect Treatment
Pleasant Grove Ranger District
USDA Forest Service – Uinta National Forest
Utah County, Utah

The Pleasant Grove Ranger District of the Uinta National Forest is requesting public comment on a proposal to treat debris left from a large avalanche that occurred on January 12, 2005. The project would occur on portions of the avalanche area outside of Mount Timpanogos Wilderness (Wilderness) near the Mount Timpanogos Trailhead.

The project area is located about two miles northwest of the Sundance Resort along State Route 92 in T. 5S., R. 3E., Sections 4 & 9, Salt Lake Base Meridian.

Funnel traps would be placed in and along the periphery of the avalanche area to attract and kill Douglas-fir beetles before they can disperse and infest adjacent timber stands. In addition, anti-aggregation pheromone MCH pouches would be tacked on to standing trees to repel dispersing beetles from adjacent stands of susceptible timber. Avalanche debris may also be piled and burned on up to 16 acres on operable ground outside of the wilderness boundary. Smaller debris would be chipped.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed action. Your input will help direct and define issues, alternatives considered, and the analysis of environmental effects associated with this proposal. To be most helpful, comments should identify specific issues and concerns with the 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 Official 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. The opportunity to comment ends 30 days following the date of publication of the legal notice for this project in the *Provo Daily Herald*.

Comments should include the information required pursuant to 36 CFR 215.6(a)(3). Your comments need to be as specific as possible and contain the following:

Your name, address, and (if possible) telephone number;

Title of the document(s) on which comment is being submitted; and

Specific facts or comments along with supporting reasons that the person believes the Responsible Official should consider in reaching a decision.

Send substantive comments relative to this proposal to the Responsible Official for this project, Pam Gardner, Pleasant Grove District Ranger, Uinta National Forest, 390 North 100 East, Pleasant Grove, UT 84501; phone 801-342-5241; or you may hand deliver your comments during normal business hours from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. You may also e-mail your comments to: comments-intermtn-uinta-pleasantgrove@fs.fed.us

If you have questions, please contact Shawn Martin, Forest Silviculturist, at the Heber Ranger District, 2460 South Highway 40, Heber City, UT 84032, or by phone at 435-654-7232.

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