

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ACTION
Mount Timpanogos Water Tank Replacement and Trail Realignment
USDA Forest Service – Uinta National Forest
Utah County, Utah

The Pleasant Grove Ranger District of the Uinta National Forest is initiating scoping and asking for public comment on two proposed projects that are in the same area on the eastern edge of Mount Timpanogos Wilderness (Wilderness).

The first proposal is to replace and/or relocate an aging buried water tank and associated waterlines that provide water to Mount Timpanogos Campground and other recreation facilities adjacent to Mount Timpanogos Trailhead in the North Fork of Provo Canyon, Utah. The tank and a portion of the waterline are located within the Wilderness.

The second proposal is to relocate sections of Trail 052 in the same general area of the water tank. This trail intersects with Trail 055, which is open to bicycles and motorcycles, neither of which is allowed in the Wilderness. A 2003 land survey conducted in the area determined that the junction between these two trails and a portion of Trail 055 are in the Wilderness. A bridge that crosses the North Fork of the Provo River at the beginning of Trail 052 experienced damage from an avalanche during the winter of 2004/2005. The proposed trail reroute would relocate the bridge and the lower section of Trail 052 to a location outside the Wilderness. The relocation would remove the junction between Trails 052 and 055 from the Wilderness.

The area is located within the NE 1/4 of Section 9, Township 5 South, Range 3 East, Salt Lake Base Meridian.

The public is invited to provide substantive comments on the proposed action. Please send written comments to: Pamela J. Gardner, Pleasant Grove District Ranger, 390 N 100 E, Pleasant Grove, UT 84062; telephone: 801-785-3563; or fax: 801-785-6932. Email comments may be sent to comments-intermtn-uinta-pleasantgrove@fs.fed.us and must be in word (*.doc) or rich text format (*.rtf). Oral or written comments may also be submitted at the above address during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, excluding federal holidays. The opportunity to comment ends 30 days following the date of publication of the notice for this project in the *Provo Daily Herald*.

If you have questions regarding this proposal, please contact Larry Velarde, Recreation Staff Officer, at the Pleasant Grove Ranger District Office, or by telephone at 801-785-3563.

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