

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ACTION**  
**Spanish Fork Canyon Chaining Maintenance**  
**USDA Forest Service – Uinta National Forest**  
**Spanish Fork Ranger District**

The Spanish Fork Ranger District, Uinta National Forest, is initiating scoping and requesting public comment on the proposed Spanish Fork Canyon Chaining Maintenance. During 1990-93, approximately 1500 acres were chained in response to watershed and wildlife issues. These areas are now being invaded by juniper whips. The District proposes to thin encroaching junipers within approximately 1000 acres of the original 1500 acres that were chained. Starting the summer of 2006, chainsaws will be used to cut, lop, and scatter the trees throughout the treatment area. All remaining stumps will be no taller than six inches. The treatment is accessible from existing roads and no new roads will be created. The proposed area of treatment is in sections 1, 2, 4, and 9-15, T10S, R6E, and sections 7, 17, and 18, T10S, R7E in Utah County. The area is located approximately 22 miles east of Spanish Fork, Utah and north of Highway 6. We anticipate this project will be categorically excluded according to FSH 1909.15 31.2(6) which is a categorical exclusion for wildlife habitat improvement projects which do not include the use of herbicides.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed action. Send substantive comments to the Responsible Official, Douglas Jones, Uinta National Forest, Spanish Fork District Ranger, 44 West 400 North, Spanish Fork, UT 84660; phone (801) 798-3571; fax (801) 798-3050; 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\_spanishfork@fs.fed.us*. Comments must be postmarked or received 30 days after publication in this newspaper.

If you have questions regarding this proposal, please contact Karen Hartman, Spanish Fork Ranger District, 44 West 400 North, Spanish Fork, UT 84660 at (801) 798-3571.