

Request for Comments

USDA FOREST SERVICE
UINTA NATIONAL FOREST
HEBER RANGER DISTRICT
WASATCH COUNTY, UTAH

Telephone Hollow Timber Sale

The Heber Ranger District of the Uinta National Forest is seeking comment on a proposed timber sale and fuels treatment to reduce stand densities in approximately 280 acres. Stands would be thinned retaining the larger healthier trees on the site. In conjunction with the commercial thinning, the invading understory subalpine fir would be mechanically removed to reduce ladder fuels and prevent the site from converting from lodgepole pine dominance to subalpine fir dominance. Approximately 20 acres of aspen would be mechanically treated to prevent subalpine fire invasion. Small openings will be created to promote lodgepole pine regeneration. Activity fuels (logging slash) would be treated by various means to reduce post-harvest fire potential selected areas of the project. This may include removal, chipping, crushing, and/or piling and burning.

The purpose of the proposed action is to: maintain healthy, vigorous lodgepole pine stands in the affected landscape, reduce stand susceptibility to mountain pine beetle, reverse the successional trend away from subalpine fir dominated stands, and reduce the risk of a stand replacing crown fire in the treated stands. The need to treat hazardous fuel conditions is exacerbated by the proximity of residential and summer homes to treatment units

The project is located near Daniel's Summit in Township 6 South, Range 6 East, Sections 10 and 15, Salt Lake Meridian, and T 2 S, R 12 W, sections 9, 16, 21, and 22, Uintah Special Meridian.

The project was scoped in February 2004 and October 2006. Seven letters were received in 2004 and two in 2006. Issues raised in these letters will be included in this analysis; resubmittal of comments is not necessary.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed action. Only those who submit timely comments will be accepted as appellants. Each individual or representative from each organization submitting 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. Comments should include the information required pursuant to 36 CFR 215.6(a)(3).

The Forest service is seeking public comment on the proposed action. All comments and inquires concerning this proposal should be addressed to: Julie King, District Ranger, Heber Ranger District, P.O. Box 190, 2460 South Highway 40, Heber City, Utah 84032, or call (435) 654-0470. Comments may also be faxed to (435)654-5772 or by e-mailing comments-intermtn-uinta-heber@fs.fed.us. E-mail comments must be submitted in MS Word (*.doc) or rich text format (*.rtf). Oral comments as well as 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. To ensure full consideration, please provide comments within 30 days of publication of this legal notice.

Additional information will be available on the Uinta National Forest at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta/projects/nepa/> or you may contact Steve Penny at the Heber Ranger District at the information listed above.

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