

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Earthquake Research Study
USDA Forest Service
Uinta National Forest
Spanish Fork Ranger District

The Spanish Fork Ranger District of the Uinta National Forest is proposing to issue a special use permit for an earthquake research project to be conducted by Utah Valley State College in Township 9 South, Range 2 East, section 29 (SE ¼) at the mouth of Picayune Canyon, during the spring/summer of 2007.

One exploratory trench approximately 100 feet in length, 5-10 feet in depth, and 10-15 feet wide would be excavated at the mouth of Picayune Canyon just east of Spring Lake along the Wasatch fault zone to investigate the timing, amount of displacement, and recurrence of major earthquakes in the Nephi and Santaquin area. Upon completion of the study the trenches would be back-filled and seeded with native species. The work would be funded by Utah Valley State College (UVSC). The sediments and faults exposed will be studied by students at UVSC Earth Science program, UVSC faculty, and staff of the Utah Geological Survey. The results of the study are expected to help reduce hazards to the public from earthquakes.

The public is invited to provide comments on this proposal. Comments should be as specific as possible and have a direct relationship to the proposal. Comments received or postmarked within 30 days of the date of publication of this legal notice in the *Provo Herald* will be considered. Please send written comments to: Douglas H. Jones, District Ranger, Spanish Fork Ranger District, 44 West, 400 North, Spanish Fork, UT 84631; phone: (801) 798-3571, fax: (801) 798-3050; or e-mail: comments-intermtn-uinta-spanishfork@fs.fed.us. Oral or written comments may also be delivered to the above address during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m, Monday-Friday, excluding federal holidays.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Marcia Gilles at (435) 623-0952, extension 461.