

REQUEST FOR SCOPING COMMENTS
Heber Ranger District, Uinta National Forest

Boreal Toad Pond Project

The Heber Ranger District of the Uinta National Forest, in coordination with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, is analyzing increasing the size of a small pond by 1/8 acre, which currently supports a population of boreal toads, a subspecies of the western toad. The project is located in Section 25, Township 3 South, Range 12 West, Uintah Special Meridian. In 2005, a fence was placed at this location to protect this population from livestock impacts. The proposed action involves increasing the size and duration of ponded water at this site to improve breeding and wintering habitat for the boreal toad, a Utah Species of Concern.

The Forest Service is seeking scoping comments. All comments and inquiries concerning this proposal should be addressed to: Julie King, District Ranger, Heber Ranger District, P.O. Box 190, 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 in the *Provo Daily Herald*.

For additional information, please contact Michael Bornstein, Wildlife Biologist, at the above address and phone number.