

**Notice of Decision**  
Winter Motorized Use Forest Plan Amendment and Travel Management  
USDA Forest Service  
Uinta National Forest

The Uinta National Forest has completed an Environmental Assessment for the Winter Motorized Use Forest Plan Amendment and Travel Management. The Responsible Official has approved a Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (DN/FONSI) for this project.

The Forest Plan's definition of "snowmobile" has been amended to no longer include vehicles operating on low pressure tires. This change brings our management direction into alignment with the Travel Management Rule (TMR). This change would NOT preclude continued cross-country travel of "*over-snow vehicles*" operating on tracks or skis (as defined in the TMR) where provided for in the Forest Plan. An exception would be that the Chicken Springs area at Strawberry Reservoir is now closed to all winter motorized vehicle use to protect sage grouse using this area.

This decision seasonally closes the following designated routes to vehicles other than "over-snow vehicles" to avoid winter motorized vehicle user conflicts and maintain the investment expended on grooming snowmobile trails:

Heber District: 6.3 miles of FSR70046 north of Daniels Pass; 3.5 miles of FSR70134 west of Strawberry Reservoir; and 4.5 miles of FS0150 west of Strawberry Reservoir.

Pleasant Grove District: 13.8 miles of FSR70085; 0.7 mile of FSR70010; 3.1 miles of FS0008; and 0.5 mile of FS0317 in American Fork Canyon.

Spanish Fork District: 4.6 miles of FSR70042 west of Little Baldy Mountain; and 2.1 miles of FS0131 north of Soldier Summit.

Designated areas encompassing Currant Creek Reservoir, Vernon Reservoir, and most of Strawberry Reservoir except the Chicken Springs area will remain open to all motorized use. To facilitate access to Currant Creek Reservoir, this decision designates FSR70471 from the confluence of FSR70080 to the termini of FSR70736 as open to ATV travel. Use of motorized vehicles, other than "over-snow vehicles", on this road and in designated areas would be restricted to motorized vehicles less than 50 inches in width from December 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>.

This legal notice provides notification of the final decision associated with the project. This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 215. Appeals must meet the content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14. Appeals must be postmarked or received by the Appeal Deciding Officer within 45 days of the publication of this notice in the *Provo Daily Herald*. The Appeal Deciding Officer is Jack Troyer, Regional Forester. Appeals must be sent to: Jack Troyer, Appeal Deciding Officer, Intermountain Region USFS, 324 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Ogden, Utah 84401; or by fax to 801-625-5277; or by email to: [appeals-intermtn-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:appeals-intermtn-regional-office@fs.fed.us). Emailed appeals must

be submitted in rich text (rtf.) or Word (doc.). Documents in other formats (tiff, jpg etc) should be mailed in hardcopy. Appeals may also be hand delivered to the above address, during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If no appeal is filed, this decision may be implemented no sooner than five days following the close of the appeal period. If an appeal is filed, implementation may begin 15 days following the disposition of all appeals.

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the EA and/or DN/FONSI, please contact Reese Pope, Uinta National Forest Supervisor's Office, at (801) 342-5100. The EA and DN/FONSI are also available online at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta/projects/nepa/>.

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