

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ACTION
Sabie Mountain Habitat Improvement Project
USDA Forest Service – Uinta National Forest
Spanish Fork Ranger District

The Spanish Fork Ranger District, Uinta National Forest, is requesting public comment on the proposed Sabie Mountain Habitat Improvement project. The primary purpose of this project is to maintain previous chainings that were implemented to enhance wildlife and watershed conditions. Additionally, this project will reduce hazardous fuels in the Sabie Mountain area and improve the fire condition class. Non-system roads and trails will be removed. The proposed site is located in Tooele County T9S R4W, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34, and T10S R4W Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8.

The District, in cooperation with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, proposes to implement wildlife habitat and watershed work including removal of encroaching juniper whips on approximately 1200 acres, thinning approximately 120 acres of mature pinyon-juniper, and obliteration of approximately 2 miles of non-system roads and trails. The treatment area is accessible from existing roads and no new roads will be created. The work will be completed over the next one to five years

This project is expected to be categorically excluded following FSH 1909.15 31.2(6) *“Timber stand and/or wildlife habitat improvement activities which do not include the use of herbicides or do not require more than one mile of low standard road construction.”* A Decision Memo will be issued.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed action. Send 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 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 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 of this notice. This comment period provides those interested in or affected by these projects an opportunity to make their concerns known. It is being provided pursuant to the order issued by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California, case no. CIV F-03-6386JKS. Those who provide timely comments will be eligible to appeal the decision pursuant to 36 CFR 215 regulations. 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.