

## NOTICE AND COMMENT OF PROPOSED ACTION

### **Bartholomew Canyon Vegetation Treatment USDA Forest Service – Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest Spanish Fork Ranger District**

The Spanish Fork Ranger District, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, is requesting comments on the proposed action for the Bartholomew Canyon Vegetation Treatment Environmental Assessment. The purpose of this project is to restore the oak/maple community, improve wildlife habitat, reduce departure from historic ecological conditions and improve firefighter access in the Bartholomew Canyon Area of Hobbles Creek Canyon. The proposed area is located in the Left Fork of Hobbles Creek, Utah County SLM T6S R3E Section 36; T7S R4E Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18; T6S R4E Section 31; T7S R3E Section 1 and 2. The proposal is to: 1) Mechanically treat approximately 30-60 percent of oak/maple vegetation type within approximately 1,500 acres of Forest System lands in the Bartholomew Canyon Area adjacent to Forest System/Private Land Boundary, along the Bartholomew Canyon Roads and around Springville City infrastructure currently under Forest Service Special Use Permit, 2) Use prescribed fire to treat 30-60 percent of the oak/maple vegetation type within approximately 3,500 acres of Forest System lands in the Bartholomew Canyon Area. The prescribed fire would be to the west of the mechanical treatment area, allowing the mechanical treatment to act as a buffer between the prescribed fire area and the private property. The prescribed fire would take place one to two years after the mechanical treatment, 3) Block, rip, and reseed user created roads/trails and 4) Create turn outs and parking for emergency vehicles and other equipment, and add gravel to the road.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed action. 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 be as specific as possible and have a direct relationship to the proposal. Anyone providing comments or otherwise expressing interest in the proposed action by the close of the comment period specified in 36 CFR 215.6 will be eligible to appeal the decision pursuant to 36 CFR part 215 regulations. Send comments to the Responsible Official, Doug 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 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. Comments may also be e-mailed to: [comments-intermtn-uinta-spanishfork@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-intermtn-uinta-spanishfork@fs.fed.us), and must be submitted in rich text (rtf.) or Word (doc.). Documents in other formats (tiff, jpg etc) should be mailed in hardcopy. Comments must be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice in the *Provo Daily Herald*.

For further information, please contact Lans Stavast, Uinta National Forest Supervisors Office, 88 West 100 North, Provo, UT 84601 at (801) 342-5151.