

NOTICE TO COMMENT  
USDA Forest Service  
Heber-Kamas Ranger District, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest  
Wasatch County

Badger Hollow Sage-Grouse Habitat Enhancement Project

The Heber-Kamas Ranger District of the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, in coordination with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, is proposing a sage-grouse habitat improvement project. The project is located southeast of Strawberry Reservoir in T3S, R7W, Sec. 23, 25, 26 and 36; and T4S, R7W, Sec. 1, 11 and 12, Wasatch County, Utah. The proposed action is to treat sagebrush over approximately 60-75% of the 1,500-acre project area using a Dixie harrow or brushhog. The project would improve sage grouse habitat by reducing the sagebrush canopy cover, rejuvenating sagebrush, and the increasing native grass and forb understory. This project is needed because the area provides important brood-rearing habitat for sage grouse, and the sagebrush habitat in the area is dense and is becoming old and decadent.

The project is expected to be categorically excluded in accordance with FSH 1909.15, 31.2 (6).

The comment period is being held concurrently with the scoping period. This comment period provides an opportunity for the public to provide early and meaningful participation on a proposed action prior to a decision being made by the Responsible Official. Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Daily Herald. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

All comments and inquiries concerning this proposal should be addressed to the Responsible Official: Julie King, District Ranger, Heber-Kamas Ranger District, P.O. Box 190, Heber City, UT 84032, or call (435) 654-0470. Comments may also be faxed to (435) 654-5772. Electronic comments may be sent to [comments-intermtn-uinta-heber@fs.fed.us](mailto: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 normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, excluding federal holidays. 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.

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