

 <p><b>Scoping Document</b></p>	<p><b>Small Project Proposal</b></p>	<p>USDA Forest Service Wasatch-Cache National Forest Logan Ranger District Cache County, Utah</p> <p><b>Comments Due:</b></p> <p><b>November 30, 2007</b></p>
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**The Purpose of this Letter**

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of two individual small projects we are proposing for the Logan Ranger District and provide you the opportunity to comment. You received similar letters in the past, discussing projects we proposed at that time. This letter discusses two new small project proposals for the Logan District. The environmental effects of the proposed projects are being analyzed by Forest resource specialists (including water, soils, wildlife, cultural resources, visuals, recreation, and fisheries) individually and cumulatively in relation to one another. We welcome your comments, concerns, and suggestions regarding these proposals.

**What projects are being proposed?**

The following projects are proposed for implementation on the Logan Ranger District. The information below gives you the **general** location and provides a **brief** summary of the project. **If you have questions or want more information please contact the project manager listed, at the Logan Ranger District Office.**

**1. Turkey Trail Single Track Motorized to ATV Conversion**

**District Contact:** Connie McCaughey  
**Location:** Turkey Trail in upper Logan Canyon  
**Legal Description:** T13N, R4E Sections 5, 7

The Logan District proposes to convert the 1.5-mile Turkey Trail, currently indicated for single track motorized use, to an ATV trail. Converting this trail would provide a loop opportunity to ATV users wishing to go from the Peter Sinks area to Little Bear and back to the Sinks road. These trails are all open to ATVs. The Turkey Trail was originally designated for single track motorized use because one short section of trail is steep and narrow with switchbacks difficult to maneuver on an ATV. The proposed project would use a small machine (a SWECO trail machine) to smooth the tight switchbacks and widen this portion of the trail to 60 inches. The area of disturbance would be about 1000 feet long. Other than this one location, the trail can currently accommodate ATV use and no further ground disturbance would occur.

**2. Bel Mia Girls Home and Maple Springs Campground Sewer Line**

**District Contact:** Mike Van Horn  
**Location:** Near Mantua, Utah  
**Legal Description:** T9N, R1W Sections 28, 33, 34

Owners of the Bel Mia Girls Home and Maple Springs Campground wish to establish a connection to the central wastewater collection and treatment system operated by Brigham City. To facilitate a gravity piped flow of wastewater from the girls home and campground to the existing system, the optimum alignment is to connect to the sewer pipeline which services the Forest Service Box Elder Campground. A portion of the new sewer line would be located on National Forest. Once the sewer line is constructed, restoration of all surface improvements would be completed by the proponent.

## **Preliminary Issues**

1. Effects to the environment (including water quality, wildlife, vegetation, soil, cultural resources, fisheries, air quality)
2. Effects on the Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive species, including plants and wildlife
3. Effects on scenery

## **Preliminary Alternatives**

The following are preliminary alternatives to the proposal. There may be other alternatives developed during the analysis based on the issues raised during this information-gathering period.

- No action. The proposed project will not take place.
- Allow the project to be implemented with mitigation as needed for resource protection.

## **What is the Decision to be made?**

The decision to be made is whether or not to implement the proposed project and if so, to what specifications, level or degree.

## **Who will make the Decision?**

The District Ranger is the official responsible for making the decision. The decision would be implemented beginning in 2008.

## **When do we need your Response?**

Please submit your comments by November 30, 2007. Comments should be directed to: Evelyn Sibbernsen, Environmental Coordinator, Logan Ranger District, 1500 East Highway 89, Logan, Utah 84321.

E-mail comments to:  
comments-intermtn-wasatch-cache-logan@fs.fed.us

Sincerely,

/s/Rick Schuler

October 30, 2007

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Rick Schuler  
Acting Logan District Ranger

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Date

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