



**Scoping Document
October 20, 2008**

Small Project Proposal

**USDA Forest Service
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache
National Forest
Logan Ranger District
Cache County, Utah**

**Comments Due:
November 19, 2008**

The Purpose of this Scoping Document

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

The Logan Ranger District has made a preliminary assessment that this proposal falls within categories of actions listed in 36 CFR Part 220 (and Forest Service NEPA Handbook 1909.15) that can be excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement, and that no extraordinary circumstances exist that would preclude use of the categories. The following provides a brief project description and contact information. Additional information on this project is available from the Logan Ranger District.

What project is being proposed?

The following project is 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. Fish Tracking Receiver and Antenna Installation

Project Manager: Paul Chase

Location: Junction of Temple Fork and Spawn Creek

Legal Description: T 13 N, R 3 E, Section 35

Proposed Category: Forest Service Handbook 1909.15 - Environmental Policy and Procedures Handbook, Chapter 30, Section 31.2 Category 7

This project would install a small antenna and receiver at the confluence of Spawn Creek and Temple Fork, to track Bonneville cutthroat trout and brown trout tagged with passive integrated technology (PIT tags) within the Temple Fork Basin. This project would help facilitate monitoring populations of trout in this area. The antennae would be placed horizontally in the stream and mounted to the stream bottom using small (2"x 6") anchors. The receiver would consist of a small computer (palm pilot size) and a battery, placed in a small work box placed in a small culvert buried upright approximately 20-30 feet from the stream.

Preliminary Issues

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

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 specification, level or degree.

Who will make the Decision?

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

When do we need your Response?

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments on the above project should be received by **November 19, 2008**. Written comments should be submitted to: Jennefer Parker, District Ranger, 1500 East Highway 89, Logan, Utah 84321. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Oral comments must be provided at the Responsible Official's office during normal business hours via telephone (435) 755-3620 or in person. Electronic comments should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf) or Word (.doc) to comments-intermtn-wasatch-cache-logan@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

/s/Jennefer Parker

JENNEFER PARKER
Logan District Ranger

October 21, 2008

Date

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