



## Scoping Document

### Public Grove ATV Trail Realignment

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

Comments Due: April 18, 2008

### The Purpose of this Scoping Document

The Forest Service is proposing to relocate up to 1 ½ miles of motorized ATV trail on and around an existing seasonally-open route in the Public Grove area near the Avon-Liberty Divide road. (See Map). The project area is in Sections 17, 18, and 20, T. 8 N, R. 1 E, Salt Lake BM, in Cache County, Utah.

We invite you to let us know of any comments, concerns, or suggestions you have regarding this proposal.

### What is Being Proposed?

The proposal is to realign up to 1 ½ mile of the Public Grove 4x4 road (20220) and Public Hollow Loop (20092) with a new motorized trail. The new alignment will be located to the north of the existing roadway and will be placed in an alignment that is better drained. In conjunction with this project, approximately 1500' of the existing alignment for Public Hollow Loop road number 20092 where it has been severely impacted by mud-bogging will be obliterated, reclaimed, and permanently closed to motor vehicle traffic by means of a buck and pole fence.

### Why are we proposing this project?

This project is consistent with a decision made in the recently completed 2007 Ogden Travel Plan Revision in which it was determined that the Public Grove 4x4 road would be managed as a motorized trail rather than a road. In the fall of 2007, a field review of this route found that an alternative alignment located to the north of the existing route would provide better drainage and would be easier to maintain.

### Preliminary Issues

1. Effects on the environment (including water quality, wildlife, vegetation, soil, fisheries, air quality, and recreation).
2. Effects on cultural resources during trail construction.
3. Concerns about management of the seasonal, administrative closures, and vehicle size restrictions.

### What is the Decision to be made?

The decision to be made is whether or not to realign up to 1 ½ mile motorized trail. This decision includes installation of traffic barrier controls in key locations and the installation of drainage improvements along portions of the realigned trail.

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

The District Ranger, Chip Sibbersen, is the official responsible for making the decision. The decision would be implemented in the summer of 2008.

## **We want to hear from you.**

We welcome your comments, whether you have additional issues you believe need to be addressed or specific concerns with the proposal.

Specific questions regarding the proposal should be directed to Juan Barrientez, at (801) 625-5112; FAX (801) 625-5914, or email [jbarrientez@fs.fed.us](mailto:jbarrientez@fs.fed.us). Additional information can be found on the web at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/wcnf/projects/proposed/>.

Submittals you make and identifiers therein will be available for public review and may be released in their entirety if requested pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.

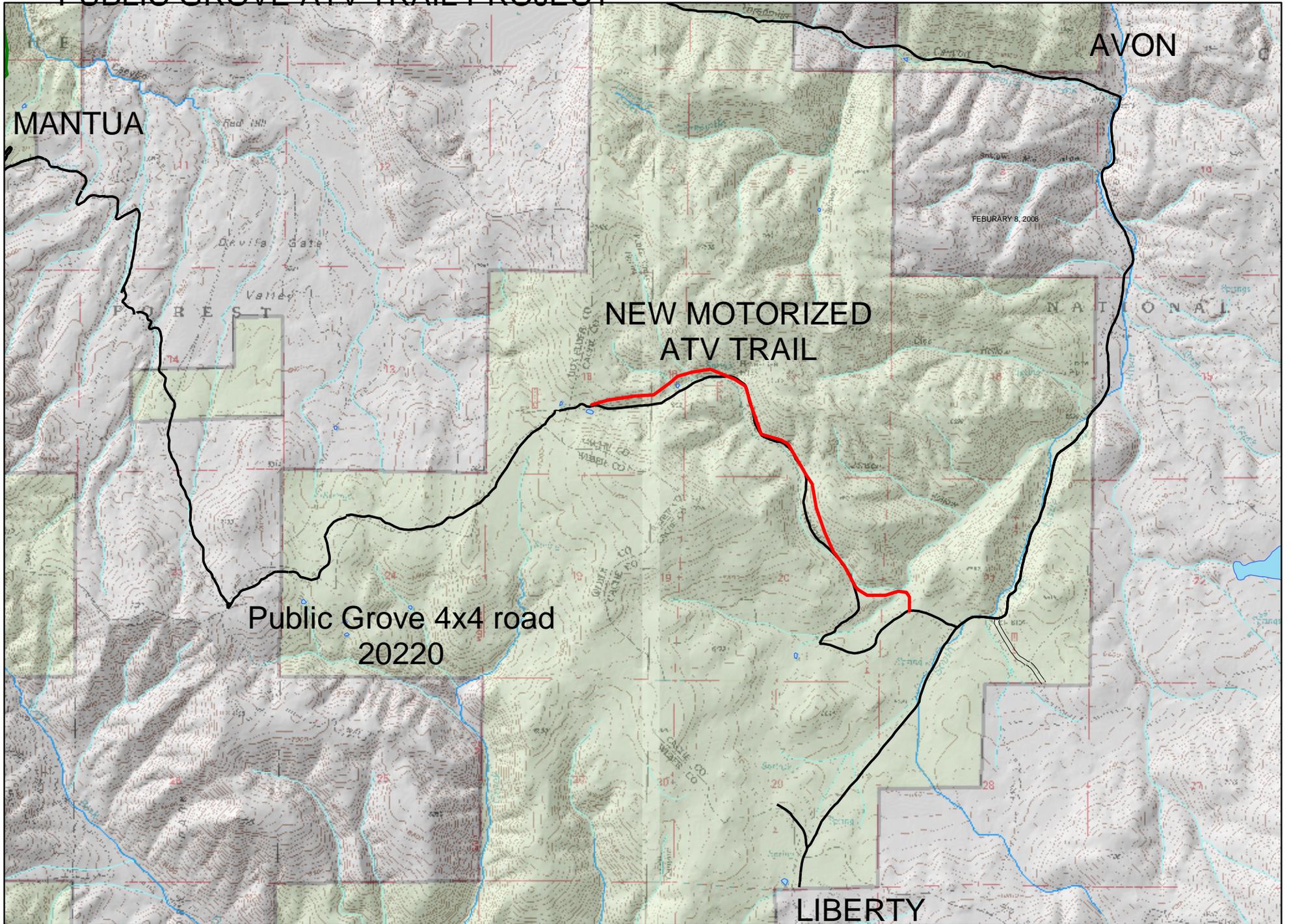
## **When do we need your Response?**

To be most useful, we would appreciate receiving your written comments by **April 18, 2008**. Comments should be mailed to:

Chip Sibbersen, District Ranger, Ogden Ranger District, 507 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 103, Ogden, UT 84401 or emailed to: [comments-intermtn-wasatch-cache-ogden@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-intermtn-wasatch-cache-ogden@fs.fed.us)

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# PUBLIC GROVE ATV TRAIL PROJECT



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NEW MOTORIZED  
ATV TRAIL

Public Grove 4x4 road  
20220

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