

Notice to Comment  
USDA Forest Service  
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest  
Ogden Ranger District  
Weber County, Utah

The Ogden Ranger District proposes to authorize a special use permit to Ogden City for completion and use of a 629-foot segment of road which crosses National Forest System land. The road will provide access for the construction and maintenance of a reinforced-concrete reservoir located entirely on private land adjacent to the National Forest. The water reservoir will serve a new pressure zone for Ogden City's drinking water and fire protection system.

The proposed action would authorize approximately 629 feet of existing road that was inadvertently constructed on National Forest System land by Ogden City in May 2008. When the road was constructed, the City believed that it was located entirely on private property. In September 2008, it was discovered the GIS database used in the project design was in error and a small piece of National Forest System land had been incorrectly labeled as private land. The total area occupied by the road on NFS land is approximately 0.24 acres.

The segment located on NFS land is within a 3.1W management prescription which includes lands where management emphasis is on maintaining or restoring aquatic/watershed and terrestrial habitat integrity. The proposed action would necessitate a non-significant amendment of the Forest Plan to approve a one-time waiver to the management prescription standard S3.1W, to allow road construction associated with this project. An Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared.

Brian Ferebee, Forest Supervisor is the Responsible Official.

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. 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.

The scoping document may be reviewed at Ogden Ranger District, 507 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Ogden, Utah 84401. It is also posted on the web at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/uwc/projects/wcnf/proposed/>.

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 Salt Lake Tribune. 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. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

Written comments must be submitted to Ogden Ranger District, 507 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Ogden, Utah 84401, fax number 801-625-5914. The office business hours for hand-delivered comments are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Oral comments must be provided at the Ogden Ranger District office during normal business hours via telephone (801) 625-5112 or in person. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, rich text format (.rtf), and Word (.doc) to comments-intermtn-wasatch-cache-ogden@fs.fed.us.

Additional information can be obtained from: Chip Sibbernsen (801) 625-5112.