



Scoping Document

Powder Mountain Sewer line Special Use Permit

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

Comments Due: February 24, 2009

The Purpose of this Scoping Document

This document is to inform you that the Ogden Ranger District is initiating an environmental analysis. Based on the preliminary assessment, this proposal falls within categories of actions listed in 36 CFR Part 220.6 that are excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement and that no extraordinary circumstances exist that would preclude use of the category. We welcome your comments, concerns, and suggestions regarding this proposal.

What is being proposed?

Powder Mountain Water and Sewer District has had a Special Use Permit authorizing the Operation and Maintenance of an eight-inch sanitary sewer outfall line alongside the west side of State Road 158 to Powder Mountain Ski Resort. This permit has expired and will require a new permit with a termination date of December 31, 2029. A map is attached showing these approximate locations.

The proposed action is to issue a Sewer Transmission Line permit easement to Powder Mountain Water and Sewer District of Eden, Utah. The permit will authorize a right-of-way for joint occupancy with the State of Utah Department of Transportation, located in Section 12, T7N, R1E, Salt Lake BM.

The permit will allow Operating and Maintaining of a 8-inch sanitary sewer outfall line to serve the Powder Mountain Ski Resort area. The total length on Forest Service land is 3250 feet (0.616 miles). There are no changes in the authorized facilities or increase in the scope or intensity of authorized activity.

Why are we proposing this project?

This existing authorization to occupy National Forest System land has expired. This new authority would be issued with no changes to the authorized activities. The permit was originally issued in 1982 and reissued in 1991. The permitted activity is in full compliance with Forest Service policies and permit requirements. New guidelines recommend twenty-year tenure in uses similar to this.

The 36 CFR part 220.6 (e) would allow a Categorical Exemption for issuance of a new special use authorization for a new term to replace an existing or expired special use authorization when the only changes are administrative, there are no changes to the authorized facilities or increases in the scope or intensity of authorized activities, and the applicant or holder is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the special use authorization.

Preliminary Issues

1. Effects on the environment (including water quality, wildlife, vegetation, soil, cultural resources, fisheries, air quality, and recreation).
2. Effects on special status species, including plants and wildlife.

What is the Decision to be made?

The decision to be made is whether or not to issue Powder Mountain Water and Sewer District a Special Use Permit authorizing the Operation and Maintenance of an eight-inch sanitary sewer outfall line alongside the west side of State Road 158 to Powder Mountain Ski Resort for a period of twenty-years.

Who will make the Decision?

Forest Supervisor, Brian Ferebee, is the official responsible for making the decision. The decision would be implemented immediately.

How can I comment?

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 Rick Vallejos, at (801) 625-5112; FAX (801) 625-5914, or email rvallejos@fs.fed.us. Additional information can be found on the web at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/uwc/projects/wcnf/proposed/> under Ogden Ranger District projects.

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 **February 24**. Comments should be mailed to:

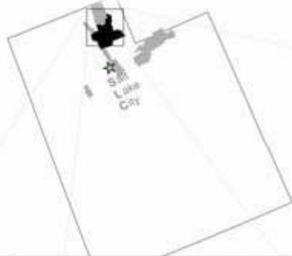
Chip Sibbernsen, District Ranger, Ogden Ranger District, 507 25th Street, Suite 103, Ogden, UT 84401 or emailed to: comments-intermtn-wasatch-cache-ogden@fs.fed.us

Oral comments may 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).

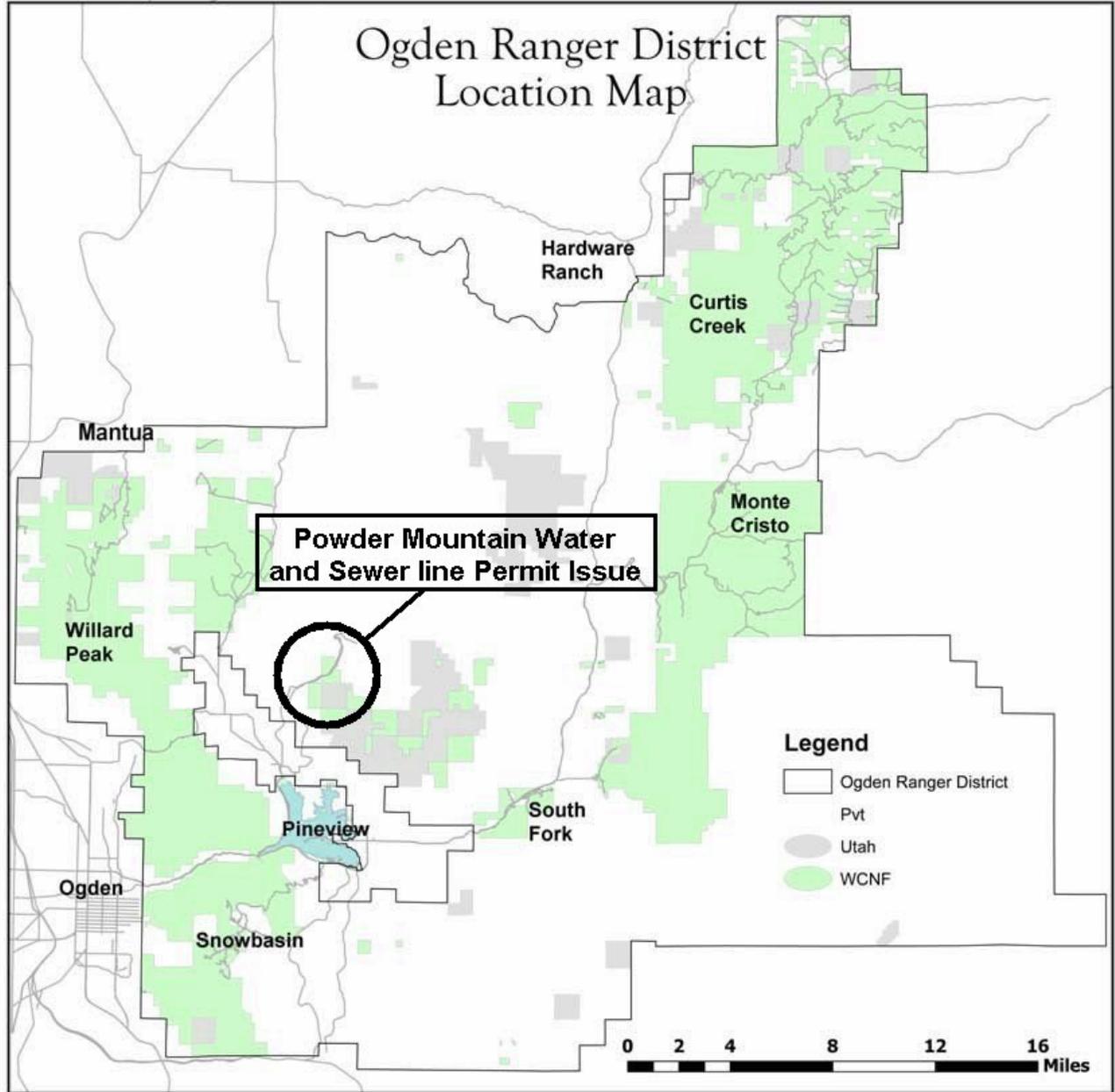
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Ogden Ranger District Location Map



**Powder Mountain Water
and Sewer line Permit Issue**

Legend

- Ogden Ranger District
- Pvt
- Utah
- WCNF

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