



**File Code:** 1950

**Date:** October 24, 2008

Dear Interested Party,

This letter describes a number of proposed projects or activities we are currently reviewing and considering for approval. As a part of the environmental analysis process, we are soliciting your input on these projects. Please feel free to share any issues or concerns you may have relative to these actions. A project contact is listed should you have any questions or desire further information.

The Salt Lake Ranger District has made a preliminary assessment that these proposals fall within categories of actions listed in the Forest Service NEPA Handbook 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. The following list provides brief project descriptions and contact information. Additional information on these projects, as well as other District and Forest proposals, are available at Forest's website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/wcnf/projects/proposed>.

#### Non-Recreation Special Uses

- **White Way Public Road Authorization** - The Forest Service is considering the issuance of a public road easement to Salt Lake County for a short section of existing street (White Way) in the Neff's Canyon area of Olympus Cove. The authorization would issue a right-of-way for approximately 700 feet in length and 50 feet in width (0.525 acres) and would include the turn-around at the Neff's Canyon trailhead. The street is currently maintained by Salt Lake County and considered under their jurisdiction. The action would formalize a Forest Service agreement, originally initiated when the adjacent area was developed in the early 1980s. **Contact:** Melissa Hearst, Acting District Ranger, 801-733-2675 or [mhearst@fs.fed.us](mailto:mhearst@fs.fed.us)
- **Firs Cabin #10 Remodel & Addition** – Located in the Firs Summer Home Tract in upper Mill Creek Canyon. The cabin needs to comply with Salt Lake Valley Health Dept. wastewater disposal requirements and will be required to install a flush toilet and holding tank. The cabin owner is proposing to remodel and add on to the existing cabin to accommodate these changes as well as some other needs. The cabin's age qualifies it for a required review from the State Historic Preservation Office prior to any changes. **Contact:** Al Soucie, 801-236-3450 or [asoucie@fs.fed.us](mailto:asoucie@fs.fed.us)
- **Brighton Properties water transmission line replacement** – Brighton Properties proposes to replace an existing 2 inch diameter steel water transmission line with 3 inch diameter HDPE pipe, from the spring box to their water storage tank to comply with State of Utah's regulations for an approved water system,. The general location of this project is under the Millicent lift within the Brighton Ski Area. Total length of the water transmission line to be replaced would be about 2400 feet. Approximately 1400 feet of this line would follow the alignment of the existing access road to the Twin Lakes reservoir. The existing special use permit would be amended to accommodate this change in facilities. **Contact:** Al Soucie, 801-236-3450 or [asoucie@fs.fed.us](mailto:asoucie@fs.fed.us)



- **Benchland Water District, new concrete water storage reservoir** – Benchland Water District supplies pressurized irrigation water to communities located in Kaysville, Fruit Heights and Farmington, within Davis County. Benchland is proposing to construct a 20 acre-foot open top concrete storage reservoir with associated water lines on NFS land, located generally east of the right-of-way for the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District’s aqueduct, located in the west ¼ corner of Section 7, T3N, R1E. About 4 acres of land would be disturbed to construct this reservoir. Existing roads can be used to access the site. **Contact:** Al Soucie, 801-236-3450 or [asoucie@fs.fed.us](mailto:asoucie@fs.fed.us)

**Recreation Special Uses** - Contact: Steve Scheid, 801-733-2689 or [sscheid@fs.fed.us](mailto:sscheid@fs.fed.us).

- **Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort** - Snowbird is proposing to construct and operate the first phase of a beginner/intermediate single-track mountain bike trail system. The trail would begin at the midway station on Mid Gad Lift, wind and contour its way down the lower Gad Valley and terminate at the Tram Center. The trail would be approximately 7,550 (1.4 mile) feet long and 3 feet wide, with grades generally between 3 and 5 percent. About 300 feet would utilize existing service roads.
- **Alt Ski Lifts** - Alta is proposing to expand their snowmaking system and improve its efficiency by finishing it as a loop and to add a spur that would allow them to make snow on the Sugarbowl run off the top of Sugarloaf, thus giving the ability to make snow top to bottom on Sugarloaf terrain. The extended line would connect the terminuses of the existing lines in the ski area’s two basins; at the top of the Collins lift in Collins Gulch and the near the Cecret Saddle in upper Albion Basin.

**How to Comment and Timeframe**

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments must be received by **November 24, 2008**. Written comments must be submitted to: Salt Lake District Ranger, 6944 South 3000 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84121. 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 (801) 733-2660 or in person; or at an official agency function (i.e. public meeting) that is designed to elicit public comments. Electronic comments must be submitted in rich text format (.rtf) or Word (.doc) to [comments-intermtn-wasatch-cache-saltlake@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-intermtn-wasatch-cache-saltlake@fs.fed.us).

Sincerely,

**/S/ Melissa Hearst**  
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