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Dear Reader

In order to be more efficient in soliciting public input on project proposals on the Salt Lake Ranger District, we will at times transmit a group of what we feel are minor projects. Below is a list of project proposals currently undergoing environmental analysis. It is my hope that this will provide you enough information to provide us input, or request further information if you desire.

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 - Contact: Al Soucie, 801-733-2688 or asoucie@fs.fed.us for additional information.

- Permit renewal, private road special use permit. An existing permit for access to private land from a Forest Road expired. Previous owner of the private land sold the lot to a new owner. Permit will be re-issued to the new landowner. No new proposals or changes to the existing road and activities covered by this permit. Location is north side of State highway 190 in Big Cottonwood Canyon, across from Solitude Ski Resort, Sec. 22, T2S, R3E.
- Permit renewal- Re-issue an existing and expired permit to Alta Ski Lifts for the use of a Forest Service owned Guard Station located in the Town of Alta. Alta Ski Lifts uses the facility for employee housing during the winter months and the Salt Lake Ranger District maintains use of the facility for seasonal employee housing during the summer months. Located in Sec. 5, T3S, R3E.

Recreation Special Uses - Contact: Andy Smith, 801-733-2686 or ansmith@fs.fed.us for additional information.

- Exum Utah Mountain Adventure Permit renewal – Re-issue an Outfitter and Guide permit from a five-year term to a ten- year term. The permit area is in Little and Big Cottonwood and Mill Creek Canyons where they provide non-motorized, year-round guided backcountry excursions and instruction in all aspects of mountaineering.



Activities are permitted in portions of the Lone Peak, Twin Peaks, and Mount Olympus Wilderness Areas. All Wilderness regulations, including group size limits, will be applicable under the permit. There are no new activities or changes being proposed.

- Snowbird Mountaineering Permit Renewal – Re-issue an Outfitter and Guide permit from a five-year term to a ten- year term. Snowbird has provided non-motorized guided activities on both the Wasatch-Cache and Uinta National Forests including rock climbing, hiking, mountain biking, ski mountaineering, and mountain picnics. Most of the activity occurs during the summer months. Portions of the Lone Peak and Twin Peaks Wilderness are within the permitted area. Guided mountain biking is allowed on designated roads and trails and is not allowed in Wilderness. All Wilderness regulations, including group size limits, will be applicable under the permit. There are no new activities or changes being proposed.

How to Comment and Timeframe

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments must be received by **November 2, 2007**. Written comments must be submitted to: Loren Kroenke, 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.

Sincerely,

/S/ Loren M. Kroenke
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District Ranger