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### **ROOSEVELT/DUCHESNE DISTRICT RANGER MAKES DECISION FOR SHAMROCK MINING PROPOSAL**

Roosevelt/Duchesne District Ranger Clark Tucker has made a decision to authorize the Shamrock Mining Associates, holder of un-patented mining claims in the Blind Stream area to further develop their mineral resources.

The selected alternative will allow Shamrock to mine and haul an estimated 3,000 tons of calcite per year with a maximum limit of 6000 tons of calcite per year for a period of up to 25 years. The operation would be re-evaluated every 5 years.

No new roads are proposed. Existing roads would meet all access requirements. Material would be mined at the site and hauled to a stockpile site in Hanna, Utah. Minor maintenance of the existing roads would be conducted by Shamrock as needed, and as deemed appropriate by the Forest Service.

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The project has been analyzed and an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been completed. The EA and Decision Notice are available at the Ashley National Forest's Duchesne Ranger District Office, 85 West Main Street, Duchesne, Utah 84021. This information is also available on the web at [www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley). If you have any questions about this decision please contact either Clark Tucker, District Ranger at (435) 781-5203, or Dave Herron at (435) 781-5218.

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