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LEGAL NOTICE OF DECISION

Trout Slope West Timber Project

USDA Forest Service
Ashley National Forest

The Ashley National Forest Supervisor has decided to select Alternative 3 of the Trout Slope West Timber Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). This decision includes treating areas 1, 2, and 3 as described in the FEIS, and closing approximately 10 miles of temporary roads used within the project area after harvest activities have ended. The Forest Supervisor has also decided to amend the Forest Plan to allow openings greater than 40 acres.

The Responsible Official is: George Weldon, Forest Supervisor, Ashley National Forest. A copy of the Record of Decision and the Final Environmental Impact Statement are available for public review at the Ashley National Forest Supervisor's Office, 355 N. Vernal Ave, Vernal, Utah 84078 or on the Ashley website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley>.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR part 215.11. Individuals or organizations that submitted substantive comments during the comment period may appeal this decision. Appeals must meet the content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14, as published in the Federal Register on June 4, 2003.

Appeals should be sent to Appeal Deciding Officer, Intermountain Region USFS, 324 25th Street, Ogden, Utah 84401; or faxed to 801-625-5277; or by email to: appeals-intermtn-regional-office@fs.fed.us. Emailed appeals must be submitted in MS Word (*.doc) or rich text format (*.rtf). Appeals may also be hand delivered to the above address, during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding federal holidays. The appeal, including any attachments must be filed with the Appeal Deciding Officer within 45 days following the publication of this legal notice in the Vernal Express. The date of publication of this legal notice in the Vernal Express is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal. Those wishing to file an appeal should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

If no appeal is received within the 45-day time period, implementation of this decision may begin on, but not before, the 5th business day following the close of the appeal filing period. If an appeal is received, implementation may not occur for 15 days following the date of appeal disposition.

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the Record of Decision and/or Final Environmental Impact Statement sent to you please contact Jeff Underhill, Team Leader, 355 N. Vernal Ave., Vernal, Utah 84078 or call (435) 781-5174.