

## **PUBLIC SCOPING NOTICE**

Elk Meadows Fuels Reduction and Aspen Health Restoration Project

USDA Forest Service

Fishlake National Forest

Beaver Ranger District

The Beaver Ranger District of the Fishlake National Forest is proposing to conduct commercial, salvage and sanitation treatments of trees at high-risk of spruce beetle infestation or at high-risk for high intensity wildfire near private property on approximately 1700 acres of spruce, aspen, and subalpine fir forest. Treatments would occur in seven separate treatment units. Six units range from approximately 55 to 550 acres in size and would include both mechanical and fire treatments. The other unit is approximately 7700 acres in size and would receive landscape burning on up to 80% (6100 acres) of the acreage. Salvage and sanitation treatments would begin as early as spring 2004 and are anticipated to be completed within five years. Landscape burning would take place after mechanical treatments have been completed. A more detailed description and project area maps can be viewed on the Fishlake National Forest website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake/> (see Projects and Plans) or at the following locations: Beaver Ranger Station, 575 South Main, Beaver, UT and Fishlake National Forest Supervisor's Office, 115 East 900 North, Richfield, UT.

Your comments are being requested to help identify key issues, develop alternatives and/or mitigation measures, and analyze effects of the proposed action. Please be as specific as possible in expressing your comments so they can be effectively addressed. Comments received, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for this project and will be available for public inspection.

Comments should be sent to Fishlake National Forest, Attn: Christopher Wehrli, Elk Meadows Vegetation Treatment Project Team Leader, 115 East 900 North, Richfield, UT 84701. Although your comments are always welcome, comments received by **April 30, 2004** will be most helpful. For more information about this proposal, please contact Christopher Wehrli, 115 East 900 North, Richfield, UT 84701, phone: (435) 896-9233.