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Dear Uinta National Forest shareholder:

This Summer 2003 edition of our *Schedule of Proposed Actions* is the first edition to use this updated format. We believe the changes in the structure of the document will help you find information regarding the proposed projects on the Uinta National Forest more quickly and easily. In addition, this format is being adopted by every National Forest in the Intermountain Region, providing consistency for our stakeholders: you and every other member of the public.

In the past, this document has been referred to as the *NEPA Quarterly*. The *Schedule* is simply another name for the same report. Published every quarter, it will continue to detail all documents prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), giving members of the public the opportunity to stay informed and participate in management of the their national forests. The *Schedule* is also available on our website at <www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta>. Select *Projects & Plans* on the homepage to access the *Schedule* and additional planning information relative to the Uinta National Forest. This document will no longer be published in conjunction with the neighboring Wasatch-Cache National Forest. To request the Wasatch-Cache National Forest's *Schedule of Proposed Actions*, please contact Julie Hubbard at 801-524-3907.

Each project in this document contains a contact name and phone number. If you would like additional information on any of these projects, or would like to be placed on a project-specific mailing list, please contact the individual listed. Inquiries and requests may also be sent via U.S. Mail to:

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I welcome your continued interest in the Uinta National Forest.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure



Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions

Summer 2003

Legend for NEPA Documents:

- CE = Categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS
- EA = Environmental Assessment
- EIS = Environmental Impact Statement
- Unknown = NEPA Analysis not yet determined
- N/A = NEPA Analysis not required

All future dates are approximate and represent only best estimates.

Uinta National Forest

Heber Ranger District

Range

Mahoney Springs Water Development Reconstruction

Jim Percy (435) 654-0470 NEPA CE

Scoping

Decision

Location East Daniels Cattle Allotment; T. 2 S., R. 11 W., sec. 5

Description

Replace existing head boxes, fence the spring area, and pipe water further away from the riparian area.

Status

Scoping was initiated in January 2001; however, this project has been deferred due to lack of funding. If it is re-initiated, additional scoping will be conducted.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber

Cooperators

Strawberry River Fence

Jim Percy (435) 654-0470 NEPA CE

Scoping 02-05-2003 **Decision** 07-02-2003

Location Along the east side of Strawberry River; T. 1 S., R. 12 W., sec. 27 and 34

Description

Construct a fence along the east side of the Strawberry River to reduce grazing impacts to the riparian area.

Status

Scoping was initiated in February 2003. A legal notice was published in The Daily Herald on February 5. The project was categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo was signed on July 2, 2003. Implementation has begun, and should be completed by mid-August.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber

Cooperators

Heber Ranger District

Range

Bjorkman Water Development Reconstruction

Jim Percy (435) 654-0470 NEPA CE

Scoping 01-02-2003 **Decision** 08-01-2003

Location East Daniels Cattle Allotment. Project starts near Currant Creek Peak and goes to a catch pond in Erickson Draw. T. 1 S., R. 11 W., sec. 19 and 30; T. 1 S., R. 12 W., sec. 15, 26, and 36.

Description

Replace existing head boxes, fence the spring area, and pipe water further away from the riparian area.

Status

Scoping was initiated in January 2003. On February 6, a legal notice was published in The Daily Herald. Environmental analysis is expected to result in the project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo should be issued in early August 2003, with implementation in mid- to late August 2003.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber

Cooperators

Willow Creek Water Development Reconstruction

Jim Percy (435) 654-0470 NEPA CE

Scoping 01-02-2003 **Decision** 08-01-2003

Location East Daniels Cattle Allotment; T. 1 S., R. 12 W., sec. 36

Description

Replace existing head boxes, fence the spring area, and pipe water further away from the riparian area.

Status

Scoping was initiated in January 2003. On February 6, a legal notice was published in The Daily Herald. Environmental analysis is expected to result in the project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo should be issued in August 2003, with implementation beginning in September 2003.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber

Cooperators

Allotment Management Plan Revision - Heber Mountain and Lake Creek Sheep Allotments

Jim Percy (435) 654-0470 NEPA EA

Scoping 01-02-2001 **Decision** 09-01-2003

Location Heber Mountain and Lake Creek sheep allotments

Description

Develop a new Allotment Management Plan for each allotment.

Status

Scoping was initiated in January 2001. A pre-decisional EA was released for comment on May 21, 2003. The EA and decision notice should be completed by early September 2003. Implementation should begin in fall 2003.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber

Cooperators

Heber Ranger District

Range

Indian Creek Water Development Reconstruction

Jim Percy

(435) 654-0470 NEPA CE

Scoping 01-02-2003 **Decision** 12-01-2003

Location North of the Chipman and Streeper Creek sheep allotments. Project starts at a spring SE of junction of Streeper and Chipman Creeks. Pipeline goes north about one-fourth mile then splits. One section goes east along Indian Creek and other goes west across Indian Creek then north across Streeper Creek. T. 4 S., R. 12 W., sec. 25, 26, 35, and 36.

Description

Replace existing head boxes, fence the spring area, and pipe water further away from the riparian area.

Status

Scoping was initiated in January 2003. On February 6, a legal notice was published in The Daily Herald. Environmental analysis is expected to result in the project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo should be issued in December 2003, with implementation beginning in June 2004.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber

Cooperators

Recreation

Bench Creek Trail

Lisa Heiser

(435) 654-0470 NEPA CE

Scoping 11-29-2002 **Decision** 09-01-2003

Location Bench Creek drainage

Description

Relocate and construct a new segment of the Bench Creek Trail. Reconstruct and maintain the remainder of the trail in order to upgrade the current non-system trail and improve customer satisfaction. Add this section of trail to the classified trail system.

Status

Scoping was initiated in November 2002, with comments due by January 11, 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo should be issued in early September 2003. Implementation should begin in fall 2003.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber

Cooperators

Mill Hollow Water System

Lisa Heiser

(435) 654-0470 NEPA EA

Scoping 01-03-2003 **Decision** 09-30-2003

Location Mill Hollow Campground

Description

Reconstruct the water system in the Mill Hollow Campground to upgrade the current system and bring it into compliance with state regulations.

Status

Scoping was initiated in January 2003, with comments due on February 12, 2003. A pre-decisional EA should be released in August 2003. A decision notice should be issued by the end of September 2003.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber

Cooperators

Heber Ranger District

Vegetation

Silver Meadows Riparian Protection Fence

Jim Percy (435) 654-0470 NEPA CE

Scoping 02-05-2003 **Decision** 06-12-2003

Location East side of Silver Meadows; T. 1 N., R. 9 E., sec. 2

Description

Construct a buck and pole fence on the east side of Silver Meadows to keep ATVs out of the riparian area and protect dainty moonwort (*Botrychium crenulatum*), a Forest Service sensitive plant species.

Status

Scoping was initiated in February 2003. A legal notice was published in The Daily Herald on February 5, 2003. A decision memo was issued on June 12, 2003. Fence construction was completed by June 18, 2003.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber

Cooperators

Strawberry Watershed Fuels Reduction

Jim Gibson (435) 654-0470 NEPA EA

Scoping 02-12-2001 **Decision** 10-01-2003

Location Strawberry River watershed

Description

Conduct several fuels reduction treatments in the Strawberry River watershed. A recent landscape assessment completed for the Strawberry Valley area identified the lack of natural or prescribed fire use in the area, particularly in aspen, conifer, and sagebrush vegetation communities, resulting in a lack of diversity.

Status

Scoping was initiated in February 2001. A legal notice appeared in The Daily Herald on March 7, 2001. Environmental analysis is expected to result in the preparation of an EA. This project was deferred due to budget and personnel constraints, but has been reinitiated. A decision notice should be issued in fall 2003. The project is scheduled for implementation in 2004.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber

Cooperators

Pleasant Grove

Lands

American Fork Hydroelectric Project - FERC Project No. 696

Reese Pope (801) 342-5100 **NEPA** Unknown **Location** American Fork Canyon

Description

Initially, the proposed action was to relicense the American Fork Hydroelectric Project through the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). At this time, decommissioning and removal of the facilities are being pursued as an alternative to relicensing. The project consists of a diversion dam and intake structure, a steel flow line approximately 2.33 miles long, a riveted steel penstock, a powerhouse with one Pelton-type turbine/generator unit rated at 1,050 kw, and a 12.5 kv transmission line. The project currently diverts up to 26 cubic feet per second (cfs) from the stream for power generation.

Status

Since 1999, FERC and the project proponent have been acquiring additional information and determining how to proceed. The project proponent (PacifiCorp), Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Trout Unlimited, Utah Department of Transportation, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and others met and developed a proposal for decommissioning. In February 2003 the parties signed an agreement proposing to decommission the project; PacifiCorp submitted this agreement to FERC on February 13, 2003. The agreement asked FERC to adopt this plan as the preferred alternative in their NEPA document for relicensing or decommissioning, and asked FERC to issue an order to decommission the project. On March 19, FERC submitted a letter to PacifiCorp accepting their surrender application and requesting additional information prior to initiating NEPA. FERC will prepare an EA or EIS for relicensing or decommissioning. The Forest Service serves in an advisory role for the project.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

PacifiCorp
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
National Park Service
Trout Unlimited
Utah Department of Transportation
Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

Soil/Watershed

Hope Fuel Reduction Treatment

Chuck Wentlender (801) 342-5100 **NEPA** CE **Scoping** 01-01-2004 **Decision** 04-01-2004
Location Hope Campground area

Description

Treat approximately 4,100 acres of oakbrush to reduce the severity of potential wildfire to public and private lands, and lessen fire's long-term effects on water, soils, and the public.

Status

Scoping will be initiated in January 2004. Environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo should be issued in spring 2004. The project will be implemented in summer 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Pleasant Grove

Special Uses

University of Utah Seismic Station

Nettie Sitting Up (801) 785-3563 NEPA N/A

Scoping

Location

Decision

Along Squaw Peak Road; T. 6 S., R. 3 E., sec. 21

Description

Re-issue a Special Use Permit to the University of Utah for a seismic monitoring station. Project involves digging a small trench 4 feet by 4 feet by 15 feet to study ground movement. Trench is closed after a monitoring study is completed. The permit for this station was first issued in 1984. No new ground disturbing activities are anticipated outside of the study area.

Status

Scoping was scheduled for initiation in summer 2003; however, the permit holder has not indicated a desire for renewal of the permit. Therefore, this project has been indefinitely postponed.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Provo City Electrical Transmission Cable

Nettie Sitting Up (801) 785-3563 NEPA CE

Scoping

01-23-2003

Decision

04-04-2003

Location

Provo Canyon; T. 6 S., R. 3 E., sec. 7

Description

Re-issue a Special Use Permit to Provo City for a 15kv buried electrical cable. The right-of-way for this line is about 8 feet wide and 6,500 feet long. The preceding permit for this electrical cable was issued in 1992. No new ground disturbing activities are anticipated to result from the reauthorization.

Status

Scoping was initiated in January 2003. One letter was received in response, though no issues were raised. Environmental analysis resulted in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo was issued on April 4, 2003.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Utah State Hospital Water Transmission Line

Nettie Sitting Up (801) 785-3563 NEPA CE

Scoping

01-23-2003

Decision

04-04-2003

Location

Slate Canyon; T. 7 S., R. 3 E., sec. 3, 8, 9, 10, and 11

Description

Re-issue a Special Use Permit to Utah State Hospital for a water transmission line. The right-of-way for this line is about 10 feet wide and 15,000 feet long. The permit for this water transmission line was first issued in 1937. No new ground disturbing activities are anticipated to result from the reauthorization.

Status

Scoping was initiated in January 2003. One letter was received in response, though no issues were raised. Environmental analysis resulted in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo was issued on April 4, 2003.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Fish/Wildlife

Wildlife Guzzlers

Nettie Sitting Up (801) 785-3563 NEPA CE

Scoping 01-27-2003 **Decision** 03-27-2003

Location Wasatch Front: Cascade Mountain and Spanish Fork Peak areas

Description

Install new guzzlers to replace old guzzlers that are no longer functioning and one guzzler that was destroyed in the Springville Fire. This project is proposed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and the Forest Service.

Status

Scoping was initiated in January 2003. Three comments were received. Environmental analysis resulted in these projects being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo was signed on March 27, 2003. The projects are scheduled for implementation in summer 2003.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

Fish Habitat Enhancement

Ron Smith (801) 342-5100 NEPA CE

Scoping 04-23-2003 **Decision** 07-31-2003

Location American Fork River

Description

Repair, relocate, replace, and/or place structures in the American Fork River to improve fish habitat. Initiate actions to improve streambank stability while ensuring public safety and access. This will be a multi-year project.

Status

Scoping was initiated in April 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. Environmental analysis is scheduled for completion in summer 2003. A decision memo should be issued in late July 2003. Project implementation should begin in August 2003.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Lands

Lands Transactions on the Pleasant Grove Ranger District

John Logan (801) 342-5100 NEPA N/A

Scoping

Decision

Location Two land title claims in the South Fork Provo River area, and land purchases for Dry Canyon, Grove Creek, and Mineral Basin

Description

These activities are categories of actions that, barring extraordinary circumstances, are categorically excluded from documentation, and a project file and decision memo are not required.

Status

Easements to address the land title claims were submitted to Utah County for filing in January 2003. The Dry Canyon land purchase was completed in March 2003. The Grove Creek land purchase is scheduled for completion in summer 2003. The Mineral Basin purchase is still in a preliminary stage.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Lands

Interagency Administrative/Visitor Center Facility Land Exchange

Pam Gardner

(801) 785-3563 NEPA EA

Scoping 04-16-2003 **Decision** 02-01-2004

Location Highland City, just west of the mouth of American Fork Canyon

Description

Conduct a land exchange to facilitate building a shared interagency facility for the Pleasant Grove Ranger District and Timpanogos Cave National Monument. The proposed exchange would provide for development of a state-of-the-art facility, allow sharing of administrative resources, build and strengthen partnerships between the two agencies and others, and enable both the Forest Service and the National Park Service to provide better customer and visitor service. The proposed exchange would be conducted with a private land owner who is willing to trade the Highland City property for six parcels of National Forest System land, which include existing administrative sites in Provo, Pleasant Grove, and Beaver, Utah. On December 6, 2002, Congress passed the Timpanogos Interagency Land Exchange Act authorizing this exchange. The exchange must conform to the "Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions."

Status

Scoping was initiated in April 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in documentation in an EA. A final EA and decision notice are scheduled for completion in fall 2003 or winter 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah
Beaver
Salt Lake

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Recreation

Squaw Peak 50-Mile Trail Run - 5-Year Permit

John Hendrix

(801) 785-3563 NEPA EA

Scoping

Decision

Location

Various trails in Utah County and across the Pleasant Grove Ranger District.

Description

Authorize a 5-year permit allowing an adventure race across various trails on the district.

Status

An environmental analysis has been initiated to analyze a proposed 5-year permit. Scoping was scheduled to begin in fall 2003; however, the analysis is currently on hold until the proponents finalize their race route.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Wasatch Adventure Race - 5-Year Permit

John Hendrix

(801) 785-3563 NEPA EA

Scoping

Decision

Location

Various trails in Utah County and across the Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Description

Authorize a 5-year permit allowing an adventure race across various trails on the district.

Status

An environmental analysis has been initiated to analyze a proposed 5-year permit. Scoping was scheduled to begin in fall 2003; however, the analysis is currently on hold until the proponents finalize their race route.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Recreation

Squaw Peak 50-Mile Trail Run - 2003 Race

John Hendrix (801) 785-3563 NEPA CE

Scoping 03-20-2003 **Decision** 04-30-2003

Location Provo Canyon area

Description

Authorize an adventure race starting and ending at Vivian Park in Provo Canyon. The run will use existing Provo City, Utah County, and Forest Service roads and trails. No ground disturbing activities are anticipated.

Status

Scoping was initiated on March 20, 2003. The race for 2003 was categorically excluded after the proponent modified the race route, reducing the portion occurring on National Forest System lands; environmental analysis then resulted in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo was issued on April 30, 2003. The adventure race occurred on June 7, 2003.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Wasatch Adventure Race - 2003 Race

John Hendrix (801) 785-3563 NEPA CE

Scoping 03-20-2003 **Decision** 04-30-2003

Location Various trails in Utah County and across the Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Description

Authorize an adventure race that would start at Utah Lake State Park and enter National Forest System lands at the Springville trailhead of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. The run would use existing Lindon City, Pleasant Grove City, Provo City, Springville City, Utah County, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and Forest Service roads and trails. No ground disturbing activities are anticipated.

Status

Scoping was initiated on March 20, 2003. The race for 2003 was categorically excluded after the proponent modified the race route, reducing the portion occurring on National Forest System lands; environmental analysis then resulted in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo was issued on April 30, 2003. The adventure race occurred May 23-25, 2003.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Rock Canyon Bridges

Renee Flanagan (801) 342-5100 NEPA CE

Scoping 11-01-2003 **Decision** 01-04-2004

Location Rock Canyon

Description

Install a new bridge for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail in the Rock Canyon drainage. Evaluate the need for additional bridges in Rock Canyon.

Status

Scoping will be initiated in November 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in the project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo should be completed during the winter of 2003/2004. Depending upon funding availability, this project may not be completely implemented until summer 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Recreation

Bonneville Shoreline Trail Maintenance and Reconstruction

John Hendrix (801) 785-3563 NEPA CE

Scoping 09-01-2003 **Decision** 02-01-2004

Location Bonneville Shoreline Trail in Lindon and Pleasant Grove

Description

Reconstruct a section of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST) to protect against erosion and illegal motorized vehicle access, and bring the trail to Forest Service standards. Due to the fragile soils of the area, erosion is occurring, creating "pot-holes" and areas of exposed cobble rock within the BST corridor. The section of the BST to be reconstructed will connect the Dry Canyon Trailhead with the Battle Creek Trailhead, and will follow an existing two-track trail.

Status

The land required for construction of the trail has been acquired. Scoping will be initiated in fall 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. Environmental analysis is expected to be completed in fall 2003, with a decision memo to be issued in winter 2003/2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Grove Creek Trailhead

John Hendrix (801) 785-3563 NEPA CE

Scoping 01-28-2003 **Decision** 02-01-2004

Location Mouth of Grove Creek

Description

Construct a new trailhead in the Grove Creek area adjacent to the city of Pleasant Grove. The trailhead will provide access to Grove Creek and the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, and will provide parking for non-motorized use of the area. Purchase of the remainder of the property is underway. State funding for the trailhead has been approved.

Status

Scoping was initiated on January 28, 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. Issues regarding property boundaries and access to the site have arisen and are being investigated. Acquisition of the Grove Creek property (see Lands Transactions project discussed previously) is expected to be completed summer/fall 2003 and will resolve access issues. The environmental analysis will be completed after the additional land purchase has been completed.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Soil/Watershed

Sundance/North Fork Shaded Fuel Break

Chuck Wentlender (801) 342-5100 NEPA CE

Scoping 05-15-2003 **Decision** 11-01-2003

Location Mount Timpanogos Campground area

Description

Thin 270 acres of mixed fuels in areas with high fuel loading on National Forest System and private lands near the Mount Timpanogos Campground and the North Fork Road to reduce the severity of potential wildfire in the area. A portion of the project area is in two roadless areas. The project is a continuation of the shaded fuel break begun on private lands adjacent to the North Fork Road and Sundance Ski Resort.

Status

Scoping was initiated in May 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo should be issued by fall 2003. Project work will occur in spring 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Soil/Watershed

Silver Lake Stabilization

Larry Velarde (801) 785-3563 NEPA EA

Scoping 02-28-2000 **Decision** 02-01-2004

Location Lone Peak Wilderness Area; T. 3 S., R. 2 E., sec. 36

Description

Stabilize the Silver Lake dam to reduce environmental and public safety hazards in the event of a dam failure. The proposed action includes drilling and blasting to lower the lake's spillway by 5-8 feet from the crest of the dam, and plugging the outlet works with concrete. Silver Lake is located within the Lone Peak Wilderness Area at an elevation of 8,900 feet.

Status

Scoping was first initiated in 1999; however, the proposed action was refined and scoping was re-initiated in February 2000. Environmental analysis is expected to result in an EA. A final EA should be released in January 2004. A decision notice should be issued in February 2004. As the project is within the Lone Peak Wilderness, a minimum management analysis will be prepared.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Provo Fuel Reduction Treatment

Chuck Wentlender (801) 342-5100 NEPA CE

Scoping 01-01-2004 **Decision** 04-01-2004

Location Cascade Mountain area

Description

Treat approximately 4,000 acres of oakbrush to reduce the severity of potential wildfire to public and private lands, and lessen fire's long-term effects on water, soils, and the public.

Status

Scoping will be initiated in January 2004. A decision memo is expected by spring 2004. The project should be implemented by summer 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Special Uses

Springville Burn Diversion Channel

John Hendrix (801) 785-3563 NEPA CE

Scoping 11-18-2002 **Decision** 02-11-2003

Location Springville Fire area; Buckley Draw

Description

Build a diversion channel below the location of the Springville Fire to divert flood water and debris away from the houses located directly below Buckley Draw. Construction has been proposed by the Natural Resource Conservation Service and Provo City. The section of the proposed channel located on National Forest System lands would be approximately 25-30 feet wide, and about 6 feet deep and 250 feet long.

Status

Scoping was initiated on November 18, 2002. One written comment was received. Environmental analysis resulted in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo was signed on February 11, 2003. The permit was issued in March 2003, and construction began in May 2003.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Natural Resource Conservation Service
Provo City

Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Special Uses

Utah Power Provo Canyon Electrical Transmission Line Scoping 01-23-2003 Decision 04-04-2003

Nettie Sitting Up (801) 785-3563 NEPA CE Location Provo Canyon; T. 5 S., R. 3 E., sec. 33

Description

Re-issue a Special Use Permit to PacifiCorp, doing business as Utah Power, for an above-ground 7.2 kv electrical line. The right-of-way for this line is approximately 50 feet wide and about 690 feet long. The original permit for this line was issued in 1963. No new ground disturbing activities are anticipated to result from the reauthorization.

Status

Scoping was initiated on January 23, 2003. One written response was received; no issues were raised. A decision memo authorizing the re-issue was issued on April 4, 2003.

Counties Affected

Districts Affected

Cooperators

Utah Power Ironton-Springville Electrical Transmission Line Scoping 01-23-2003 Decision 04-14-2003

Nettie Sitting Up (801) 785-3563 NEPA CE Location Provo Canyon; T. 6 S., R. 3 E., sec. 32, and T. 7 S., R. 3 E., sec. 16, 21, and 28

Description

Re-issue a Special Use Permit to PacifiCorp, doing business as Utah Power, for an above-ground 46 kv electrical line. The right-of-way for this line is approximately 40 feet wide and 8,000 feet long. The original permit for this line was issued in 1948. No new ground disturbing activities are anticipated to result from the reauthorization.

Status

Scoping was initiated on January 23, 2003. One written response was received; no issues were raised. A decision memo authorizing the re-issue was issued on April 14, 2003.

Counties Affected

Districts Affected

Cooperators

Utah

Pleasant Grove

Utah Power American Fork Canyon Electrical Transmission Line Scoping 01-23-2003 Decision 09-01-2003

Nettie Sitting Up (801) 785-3563 NEPA EA Location American Fork Canyon; T. 4 S., R. 2 E., and T. 4 S., R. 3 E.

Description

Re-issue a Special Use Permit to PacifiCorp, doing business as Utah Power, for an above-ground 7.2 kv electrical line. The right-of-way for this line is approximately 40 feet wide and 27,000 feet long. The original permit for this line was issued in 1957. No new ground disturbing activities are anticipated to result from the reauthorization.

Status

Scoping was initiated on January 23, 2003. One written response was received; no issues were raised. Environmental analysis is expected to result in preparation of an EA. A final EA should be completed by late summer 2003. A decision notice should be issued in September 2003.

Counties Affected

Districts Affected

Cooperators

Utah

Pleasant Grove

Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Special Uses

Utah Power Pleasant Grove Electrical Transmission Line **Scoping** 01-23-2003 **Decision** 09-01-2003

Nettie Sitting Up (801) 785-3563 **NEPA EA** **Location** Northeast of Pleasant Grove; T. 5 S., R. 2 E., sec. 9, 15, 16, and 26

Description

Re-issue a Special Use Permit to PacifiCorp, doing business as Utah Power, for an above-ground 138 kv electrical line. The right-of-way for this line is approximately 80 feet wide and 6,680 feet long. The original permit for this line was issued in 1954. No new ground disturbing activities are anticipated to result from the reauthorization.

Status

Scoping was initiated on January 23, 2003. One written response was received; no issues were raised. Environmental analysis is expected to result in preparation of an EA. A final EA should be completed by late summer 2003. A decision notice should be issued in fall 2003.

<u>Counties Affected</u>	<u>Districts Affected</u>	<u>Cooperators</u>
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Utah	Pleasant Grove	
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Mutual Dell Facilities Modification Projects - Phase II **Scoping** 09-01-2003 **Decision** 02-01-2004

John Hendrix (801) 785-3563 **NEPA EA** **Location** American Fork Canyon

Description

The Mutual Dell Organization Camp is requesting permission to construct three new small family campsites adjacent to existing family campsites, install a new compost toilet near the "Forest Glade" family camp, develop a spring and install a tank and transmission lines for culinary water, and construct a shower building.

Status

Scoping will be initiated in fall 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in preparation of an EA. A final EA should be completed in February 2004. A decision notice should be issued in February 2004. This project may be combined with the Mutual Dell Organizational Camp project.

<u>Counties Affected</u>	<u>Districts Affected</u>	<u>Cooperators</u>
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Utah	Pleasant Grove	
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Mutual Dell Organizational Camp **Scoping** 09-01-2003 **Decision** 02-01-2004

John Hendrix (801) 785-3563 **NEPA EA** **Location** American Fork Canyon; T. 4 S., R. 3 E., sec 29 and 30

Description

Re-issue a Special Use Permit to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for Mutual Dell, an approximately 10-acre site to be maintained as a recreation camping facility. The permit covers a lodge, caretaker home, restrooms, family camping sites, group picnic sites, nature trail, amphitheater, culinary water system, irrigation water system, septic drain field, and playing field. This permit was first authorized in 1923.

Status

Scoping will be initiated in fall 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in preparation of an EA. A final EA should be completed in winter 2004. A decision notice should also be issued in winter 2004. This project may be combined with the Mutual Dell Facilities Modification Projects - Phase II.

<u>Counties Affected</u>	<u>Districts Affected</u>	<u>Cooperators</u>
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Utah	Pleasant Grove	
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Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Special Uses

Provo City Municipal Water Line

Nettie Sitting Up (801) 785-3563 NEPA CE

Scoping 08-01-2003 **Decision** 02-01-2004
Location Slate Canyon; T. 7 S., R. 3 E., sec. 8 and 9

Description

Rehabilitate an existing spring and install a new water line, tank, and other appurtenances. A 30-foot wide right-of-way will be needed for the transmission line.

Status

Provo City is exploring use of another existing right-of-way and existing easement. Once the right-of-way needs have been resolved, scoping will be initiated in summer 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. The project will be completed when legal documentation associated with the Hathen Brook Springs is provided by Provo City.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Provo City

Silver Lake Flat Reservoir

Nettie Sitting Up (801) 785-3563 NEPA EA

Scoping 01-23-2003 **Decision** 02-01-2004
Location North Fork American Fork Canyon; T. 4 S., R. 2 E., sec. 1 and T. 4 S., R. 3 E., sec. 6

Description

Re-issue a Special Use Permit to the Northern Utah Water Conservancy District for operating and maintaining Silver Lake Flat dam and associated facilities. The permit area covers approximately 50 acres. The permit was first issued in 1964. No new ground disturbing activities are anticipated to result from the reauthorization.

Status

Scoping was initiated in January 2003; one letter was received in response. An amendment was made to the permit to extend authorization for one year. Environmental analysis is expected to result in documentation of an EA. A final EA and decision notice are scheduled for completion in winter 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Tibble Fork Reservoir

Nettie Sitting Up (801) 785-3563 NEPA EA

Scoping 01-23-2003 **Decision** 02-01-2004
Location North Fork American Fork Canyon; T. 4 S., R. 2 E., and T. 4 S., R. 3 E.

Description

Re-issue a Special Use Permit to the Northern Water Conservancy District for operating and maintaining Tibble Fork dam and associated facilities. The permit area covers approximately 17 acres. The permit was first issued in 1963.

Status

Scoping was initiated on January 23, 2003; one letter and several verbal responses were received. An amendment was made to the permit to extend authorization for one year. Environmental analysis is expected to result in documentation of an EA. A final EA and decision notice are scheduled for completion in winter 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Special Uses

Various Applicants Commercial Filming

Nettie Sitting Up (801) 785-3563 NEPA EA

Scoping 09-01-2003 **Decision** 02-01-2004

Location Selected sites in American Fork and Provo Canyons

Description

Issue or re-issue Special Use Permits to film companies that desire to use selected sites for commercial filming purposes. Sites used as filming locations are also open to the general public. Locations to be studied are: Silver Lake Flat Reservoir Trailhead, Dutchman Flat, Holman Flat, Tibble Fork Reservoir Trailhead, Granite Flat Horse Transfer Trailhead, Pine Hollow Trailhead, Timpooneke Trailhead and Campground, Salamander Flat Camp Site, Summit Trailhead, South Fork Little Deer Creek Narrow Camp Site, Cascade Springs Overlook, Mill Canyon Spring Camp Site, Mount Timpanogos Trailhead, Theater-in-the-Pines Camp Site, Squaw Peak Road and Utah Valley Overlook, and Big Springs Hollow Road. Film companies set up a staging area and film at one of the locations listed here on a "call when needed" basis. Most operations are less than 5 days in length, and weekend use is avoided to limit conflicts with other Forest uses. An average of 4 permits have been issued each year since 1971.

Status

Scoping will be initiated in fall 2003. A final EA and decision notice are expected in winter 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Spanish Fork Ranger District

Fish/Wildlife

Nebo Creek Rehabilitation

Ron Smith (801) 342-5100 NEPA CE

Scoping

Decision

Location Nebo Creek

Description

Revegetate riparian areas and place additional straw wattles to prevent further erosion and/or sedimentation from entering Nebo Creek. Nebo Creek contains potential habitat for Bonneville cutthroat trout, a Forest Service sensitive species. The creek needs rehabilitation in areas affected by the Nebo Creek Fire of 2001.

Status

Scoping was initially scheduled to begin in winter 2003; however, this project has been deferred due to lack of funding.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Payson Lakes Lake Shore Habitat Improvement

Ron Smith (801) 342-5100 NEPA CE

Scoping

Decision

Location Payson Lakes

Description

Enhance fish and/or amphibian habitat within a 1-acre site in the Payson Lakes area.

Status

Scoping was initially scheduled to begin in spring 2003; however, this project has been deferred due to lack of funding.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Spanish Fork Ranger District

Fish/Wildlife

Salt Creek Stream Channel Stabilization & Fish Habitat Enhancement

Ron Smith (801) 342-5100 NEPA CE

Scoping

Decision

Location Salt Creek

Description

Facilitate flood plain restoration and increase channel complexity, bank/channel stability, and fish habitat in Salt Creek.

Status

Scoping was initially scheduled to begin in winter 2003; however, this project has been deferred due to lack of funding.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Fifth Water Habitat Improvement

Karen Hartman (801) 798-3571 NEPA CE

Scoping 02-10-2003 **Decision** 05-08-2003

Location Fifth Water Creek, Diamond Fork drainage

Description

Install a buck and pole fence and a corral to keep vehicles and cattle out of the riparian area along approximately 0.75 miles of Fifth Water Creek just east of Rays Valley Road. Fencing off the stream will allow the disturbed areas to recover. An existing road accessing a corral parallels this reach of stream. Recreationists using the road for dispersed access are beating out the riparian areas between the road and stream.

Status

Scoping was initiated in February 2003. Environmental analysis resulted in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo was issued on May 8, 2003. Project work has begun, and should be completed by August 31, 2003.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Vernon Pinyon-Juniper Treatments

Karen Hartman (801) 798-3571 NEPA CE

Scoping 11-03-2003 **Decision** 02-02-2004

Location Vernon Unit

Description

Thin 30-50 acres of sagebrush/pinyon-juniper habitat to encourage the growth of sagebrush species to improve habitat for sage grouse. Specific treatment sites will be identified in cooperation with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources during summer 2003.

Status

This project has been postponed until November 2003 due to lack of funding, at which time scoping will be initiated. Environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo is scheduled for issuance in February 2004. Project work is expected to occur in 2004.

Counties Affected

Tooele

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Spanish Fork Ranger District

Fish/Wildlife

Holman Creek Stream Channel Stabilization and Fish Habitat Enhancement

Scoping	03-28-2003	Decision	03-01-2004
Person	Ron Smith	Phone	(801) 342-5100
NEPA	CE	Location	Holman Creek
Description		Status	
Facilitate flood plain restoration and increase channel complexity, bank/channel stability, and fish habitat in Holman Creek.		Scoping began in March 2003. A legal notice regarding the project appeared on April 7, 2003. The environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. However, due to funding constraints, this project has been deferred. A decision memo is expected to be signed in March 2004, with implementation in summer 2004.	

<u>Counties Affected</u>	<u>Districts Affected</u>	<u>Cooperators</u>
Utah	Spanish Fork	

Lands

Diamond Fork Canyon Structural Improvements

Scoping	11-26-2002	Decision	04-09-2003
Person	Renae Bragonje	Phone	(801) 798-3571
NEPA	CE	Location	Diamond Fork Canyon
Description		Status	
Construct a fence between donated lands (Childs property) and the adjacent National Forest System lands. This construction is part of the interim management the Forest Service is currently providing on lands acquired by the Department of Interior as mitigation for the Diamond Fork System portion of the Central Utah Project.		Scoping was initiated in November 2002. Environmental analysis resulted in the project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo was issued in April 2003. The Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission should begin building the fence in September 2003.	

<u>Counties Affected</u>	<u>Districts Affected</u>	<u>Cooperators</u>
Utah	Spanish Fork	Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission

Mapleton City Spring Development

Scoping	05-01-2003	Decision	11-03-2003
Person	Duane Resare	Phone	(435) 623-2735
NEPA	EA	Location	Maple Canyon
Description		Status	
Mapleton City is proposing to add spring developments to their existing Special Use Permit in Maple Canyon.		Scoping was initiated in May 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in documentation in an EA. A final EA is expected in November 2003. A decision notice should be issued in November 2003 as well.	

<u>Counties Affected</u>	<u>Districts Affected</u>	<u>Cooperators</u>
Utah	Spanish Fork	

Spanish Fork Ranger District

Range

District-wide Structural Range Improvements

Renaë Bragonje (801) 798-3571 NEPA CE

Scoping 07-31-2003 **Decision** 08-29-2003

Location Grove Hollow, Harker Canyon, Little Valley, Rays Valley, and Loop Springs

Description

Construct fences and install water improvements and cattle guards. Specific projects are the Grove Hollow water development, Harker Canyon pipeline extension, Harker Canyon trough, Harker Canyon riparian fence, Little Valley corrals, Rays Valley pasture fence reconstruction, and Loop Springs water development. The purpose of these projects is to improve livestock management and thereby facilitate attainment of the desired vegetative conditions set forth in the Forest Plan.

Status

Scoping will be initiated by the end of July 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in these projects being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo should be issued in August 2003. The projects are scheduled for implementation in summer 2003.

Counties Affected

Tooele
Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Recreation

Middle Fork White River Trail Reroute

Duane Resare (435) 623-2735 NEPA Unknown

Scoping

Decision

Location White River drainage

Description

Reroute about one-half mile of the Middle Fork White River trail where it crosses private land. The reroute would take the trail around the existing private land, where the current landowner has blocked the trail.

Status

This project is currently on hold due to a court order issued by Wasatch County to the landowner to open the gate that is blocking access. Depending on the resolution of the court order, the reroute may prove unnecessary. No scoping has occurred for the project.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Spanish Fork Ranger District

Recreation

Monks Hollow Motorized Trail

Duane Resare (435) 623-2735 NEPA EA

Scoping 12-01-1999 **Decision** 04-24-2003
Location Diamond Fork drainage; Sec 32, T. 8 S., R. 5 E.

Description

Reconstruct the existing motorized trail system above the current trailhead location in the Diamond Fork drainage, and construct a new 2-mile section of motorized trail from the Teat Mountain trail system to the Monks Hollow trail system. The project would utilize a trail cat to build this trail. Information signing and trail marking would be placed throughout the area.

Status

Scoping was initiated in December 1999, and environmental analysis began in January 2000. A pre-decisional EA was issued in October 2000. Public comments were evaluated and a final EA was issued on January 12, 2001. A decision notice was signed on March 2, 2001. The decision was appealed and subsequently withdrawn for additional review on May 11, 2001.

Additional analysis was completed and a revised pre-decisional EA was issued for public comment on April 25, 2002. A final EA and decision notice were issued on August 15, 2002. This decision was appealed in September 2002. The decision was reversed by the Appeal Deciding Officer on November 12, 2002.

Another revised pre-decisional EA was issued on January 21, 2003. A final EA and decision notice were issued on April 24, 2003. In June the decision was appealed. The project is currently under appeal awaiting a decision.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Diamond Fork Group Sites Facility

Duane Resare (435) 623-2735 NEPA EA

Scoping 01-03-2000 **Decision** 08-29-2003
Location Diamond Fork Canyon

Description

Develop a group site facility in lower Diamond Fork Canyon to address recreation demand and associated resource impacts. The Forest Service and the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission have proposed construction of a 475 people-at-one-time (PAOT) group site facility approximately 1.5 miles above the junction of Highway 89. The facility would have three 50 PAOT sites, three 75 PAOT sites, and one 100 PAOT site; five 4-unit vault toilets; paved access road and spurs; shade shelters; a water system; a trail system; established vegetation; a host site; volleyball courts; and an information/fee station. The facility would be constructed in an old agricultural field between the new road and the stream.

Status

Scoping was initiated in January 2000. Site inventories have been completed, and specific issues that need to be addressed have been identified. Environmental analysis resulted in documentation in an EA. A pre-decisional EA was released in April 2003. The decision should be signed by the end of August 2003.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission

Spanish Fork Ranger District

Recreation

Maple Bench Campground Reconstruction

Duane Resare (435) 623-2735 NEPA CE

Scoping 03-01-2003 **Decision** 08-29-2003

Location Payson Canyon

Description

Reconstruct the existing campsites at the Maple Bench Campground in Payson Canyon. A primary consideration in the redesign of these sites will be the need to protect natural resources (e.g., soil, water, riparian areas, and wetlands) immediately adjacent to and accessed by these sites.

Status

Scoping was initiated in May 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. The environmental analysis is scheduled for completion in early summer 2003, with a decision memo expected at the end of August 2003. Implementation is scheduled for 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Cottonwood Dispersed Camping Toilet Replacement

Duane Resare (435) 623-2735 NEPA CE

Scoping 08-15-2003 **Decision** 09-01-2003

Location Bear Canyon

Description

Replace the toilet in the Cottonwood dispersed camping area in Bear Canyon. The primary consideration in the replacement of the toilet is to protect natural resources (e.g., soil, water, riparian areas, and wetlands) immediately adjacent to and accessed by campers.

Status

Scoping will be initiated in mid-August 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. Environmental analysis is scheduled for completion by the end of August 2003. A decision memo should be issued by the beginning of September 2003. Implementation will occur in fall 2003.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Roads/Access

Payson Canyon Gate Relocation

Duane Resare (435) 623-2735 NEPA CE

Scoping 05-01-2003 **Decision** 07-31-2003

Location Payson Canyon

Description

Relocate the existing gate on Forest Road #396 from the Forest boundary south to the Nebo Loop National Scenic Byway in Payson Canyon. The total length of this road is about one-half mile. The road leads to private property and access will be granted to the landowner.

Status

Scoping was initiated in May 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. The environmental analysis is scheduled for completion in July 2003. A decision memo should be issued at the end of July 2003. Implementation would begin in August 2003.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Spanish Fork Ranger District

Soil/Watershed

Diamond Fork Streambank Stabilization and Restoration

Renaë Bragonje (801) 798-3571 NEPA EA

Scoping 03-03-2003 **Decision**

Location Diamond Fork Creek

Description

Stabilize 500 feet of Diamond Fork streambank that is experiencing lateral migration and active erosion on Bureau of Reclamation Land (Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Committee lands) and National Forest System lands.

Status

Scoping was initiated in spring 2003; however, the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Committee has suspended work on this project until irrigation flows in Diamond Fork have been diverted into the Central Utah Project pipeline.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission

Mollie Forest Boundary Fence

Duane Resare (435) 623-2735 NEPA CE

Scoping 03-03-2003 **Decision** 06-25-2003

Location Near Santaquin City

Description

Re-survey the Forest property boundary and reconstruct the Forest boundary fence along the surveyed alignment. The Mollie Fire of September 2001 destroyed the old Forest boundary fence near the city of Santaquin. Reconstructing the fence will protect the disturbed watersheds from inappropriate all-terrain vehicle (ATV) use, grazing, and future encroachment.

Status

Scoping was initiated in March 2003. Environmental analysis resulted in the project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. The boundary has been re-surveyed. A decision memo was signed June 25, 2003. Fence reconstruction should begin on July 28, 2003, and last for 60 days.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Upper Diamond Fork Fencing

Renaë Bragonje (801) 798-3571 NEPA CE

Scoping 07-31-2003 **Decision** 08-29-2003

Location Upper Diamond Fork

Description

Fence off approximately one-fourth mile of upper Diamond Fork to protect the stream and streambanks from livestock impacts from the Diamond Fork and Hobbie Creek allotments.

Status

Scoping will be initiated by the end of July 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in these projects being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo should be issued in August 2003. Implementation should begin in summer 2003.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Supervisor's Office

LMP

Uinta National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan Revision

Scoping 09-30-1999 **Decision** 04-07-2003

Marlene DePietro (801) 342-5100 **NEPA** EIS

Location Uinta National Forest

Description

Revise the Uinta National Forest's 1984 Forest Plan. The National Forest Management Act requires forest plans be revised every 10-15 years.

Status

Scoping was initiated with the publication of a notice of intent to prepare an EIS on September 30, 1999. A draft EIS and Draft Revised Forest Plan were released for public review and comment on May 5, 2001. The Record of Decision was signed by the Regional Forester on April 7, 2003. The legal notice announcing availability of the final EIS and 2003 Forest Plan was published on May 2, 2003. The appeal period ends July 31, 2003.

Counties Affected

Juab
Sanpete
Tooele
Utah
Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber
Pleasant Grove
Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Minerals

Oil and Gas Leasing Decision

Scoping 10-01-2003 **Decision** 11-01-2004

Kim Martin (801) 342-5100 **NEPA** EIS

Location Uinta National Forest

Description

Make leasing decisions for the low potential areas of the Forest for oil and gas exploration, development, and production.

Status

Scoping will be initiated in fall 2003. A record of decision should be issued in November 2004.

Counties Affected

Juab
Sanpete
Tooele
Utah
Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber
Pleasant Grove
Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Bureau of Land Management