

UINTA NATIONAL FOREST General Information for Forest Plan Revision Open Houses

The Uinta National Forest began its Forest Plan revision process in 1999 with the release of the Preliminary Analysis of the Management Situation (AMS). Public issues were identified from comments generated through review of the AMS. These issues were used to help develop the six alternatives that have been analyzed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

What is a Forest Plan?

Forest plans provide the framework for making decisions regarding natural resource management activities and uses. They provide a road map that shows where we want the state of natural resources and the types and level of use to be in the future.

How To Comment

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When providing comments on this Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) or the Draft Forest Plan, please reference the document (DEIS or Draft Forest Plan), page number, and the section or paragraph to which your comment applies, if possible. The more specific your questions, concerns, and suggestions, the better able we will be to respond to your comments. Your specificity will also assist us in reviewing and analyzing your comments. **All comments received will be reproduced in their entirety in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).**

Comments must be received by Thursday, August 2, 2001.

To receive more information, or to be placed on the Uinta National Forest’s mailing list, please contact us using any of the methods listed above. The Uinta National Forest can also be reached on the Internet. Information about the Forest, as well as access to all Forest Plan Revision documents, including electronic version of this DEIS and the Draft Forest Plan, can be found on the Forest’s web page at www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta/forest_plan_toc.htm.

Wilderness Recommendations

Alternative	Existing Acres	Additional Acres Recommended
A	58,400	0
B	58,400	30,420
C	58,400	130,630
D	58,400	0
E	58,400	594,460
F	58,400	0

Motorized Uses

Alternative	Miles of Road Construction	Miles of Road Closed	Miles of Total Roads	Miles of Motorized Trail	Miles of New Trail: Motorized & Non-Motorized	Motorized ROS Acres
A	5-10	0	1,118	307	10-15	459,950
B	2-5	2	1,116	300	10-15	748,770
C	1-3	4	1,114	291	10-15	638,330
D	2-5	0	1,118	305	10-15	760,740
E	1-3	58	1,090	48	10-15	239,650
F	3-6	0	1,118	307	10-15	459,950

Grazing

Alternative	Acres in Cattle Allotments	Acres in Sheep Allotments	Total Allotment Acres
A	197,450	150,000	347,450
B	158,000	143,670	301,670
C	158,000	143,670	301,670
D	197,450	150,000	347,450
E	158,000	143,670	301,670
F	197,450	150,000	347,450

Timber

Alternative	Allowable Sale Quantity (ASQ) in CCF	Total Volume in CCF
A	3,450	5,110
B	640	2,290
C	440	2,030
D	640	2,350
E	440	1,930
F	2,070	2,280

Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) Acres

Alternative	Primitive	Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized	Semi-Primitive Motorized	Roaded Natural	Roaded Modified	Rural	Urban
A	34,390	403,050	212,600	171,160	0	75,060	1,140
B	89,320	59,290	503,990	160,110	66,810	17,860	0
C	189,450	69,470	460,000	115,680	47,570	15,080	0
D	58,490	78,140	512,270	160,110	70,510	17,860	0
E	653,020	4,580	85,990	109,050	32,490	12,130	0
F	34,690	403,050	212,600	171,160	0	75,060	1,140

SUMMARY

The Notice of Availability for the Forest Plan Revision was published in the Federal Register on May 4, 2001. The 90-day comment period will end on Thursday, August 2, 2001.

There are two preferred alternatives:

Alternative B

- Recommends 30,420 acres for wilderness designation
- Would result in closure of approximately two miles of road
- Closes the Strawberry Project lands and two allotments on the Pleasant Grove Ranger District on Mount Timpanogos to grazing
- Allowable Sale Quantity (ASQ) of 640 CCF
- Complies with the requirements of the Roadless Rule (i.e., no timber harvest and no road construction or reconstruction within inventoried roadless areas)
- **Does not** close any roads because of roadless areas
- **Does not** preclude motorized trail use in roadless areas
- Would result in a slight reduction in motorized trails (approximately seven miles – but no change in the anticipated new trail construction)

Alternative D

- No recommendation for additional wilderness designations
- Would NOT close the two allotments on the Pleasant Grove Ranger District or the Strawberry Project lands
- ASQ of 640 CCF
- Complies with the requirements of the Roadless Rule (i.e., no timber harvest and no road construction or reconstruction within inventoried roadless areas)
- **Does not** close any roads because of roadless areas
- **Does not** preclude motorized trail use in roadless areas
- Would not measurably change the miles of motorized trail

The revised Forest Plan is not a travel management plan; it sets broad guidelines, which will be used to develop a travel management plan at a later date.

Although the revised Forest Plan may identify areas recommended for wilderness designation, it is not a wilderness management plan. A wilderness management plan would be developed after congressional action designating a new wilderness area. Should areas be added to an existing wilderness area, the existing wilderness management plan for that area would need to be amended.

The game retrieval policy is still in effect and will be in effect for this year's hunting seasons.

The revised Forest Plan is currently in draft form. No decision has been made; therefore, the features of the Draft Forest Plan do not take effect yet. After completion of the comment period, the revised Forest Plan and Environmental Impact Statement will be finalized and a Record of Decision will be issued. If no appeal has been filed after 45 days, implementation would begin.

