



Uinta National Forest

Land and Resource Management Plan Revision

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Message from the Forest Supervisor

Dear Uinta National Forest Stakeholders:

Thank you for your interest in the revision of the Uinta National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, also referred to as the Forest Plan. The draft documents containing descriptions and analyses of the six Forest Plan alternatives were released in May 2001. Based on some early comments we have received and from other communication, I need to clarify how the alternatives were formulated and analyzed.

To clarify our proposals and process we are providing you the following information. Each alternative was developed in response to needs for change identified in the Analysis of the management Situation Report and from public input. The alternatives, therefore, vary in accordance with the comments and opinions of our stakeholders and the ability of the resource to sustain various activities. For example, while some alternatives maintain the current acreage of designated wilderness, other alternatives propose varying acreages of additional land for wilderness recommendation. Some alternatives maintain the current levels of motorized use, while others would reduce those opportunities. As I mentioned before, all alternatives respond to comments and issues identified throughout the revision process, which began September 30, 1999. This fact emphasizes the importance of your involvement in this process. I encourage you to review the alternatives and submit your comments, including as much detailed information as possible to enable us to make a well-informed decision. If you would like further information or have any questions on the Forest Plan revision process, please contact Marlene DePietro, Forest Plan Revision Team Leader, at 801-342-5100. Thank you for your involvement.

Sincerely,

PETER W. KARP
Forest Supervisor

Comment Period Extended

In response to additional requests, the comment period for the Draft Forest Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is being extended once again. **The comment period now ends on Monday, September 17, 2001.**

How to Comment

Comments on the Draft Forest Plan and/or DEIS may be submitted via U.S. Mail to:

Forest Supervisor, Uinta National Forest
P.O. Box 1428
Provo UT 84603-1428

Comments may also be submitted via email to abauer01@fs.fed.us.

Additional Open House Scheduled

An additional open house on the Draft Forest Plan is scheduled for Thursday, August 30, 2001, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Wasatch County Administrative Office, 25 North Main, Heber City, Utah, 84032.

Forest Plan Amendments Completed

Two amendments have been completed for the following projects/activities: 1) The Questar/Williams/Kern River Pipelines amendment, approved in June 2001, relocates approximately 2000 feet of the Payson Utility Corridor across the Nebo Unit. 2) The Utah Fire Amendment, approved in May 2001, provides direction addressing suppression of unwanted wildland fires in areas with important social and economic values, and reduction of hazardous fuels as well as identifies where prescribed fire and wildland fire use are authorized. The Fire Amendment was incorporated into the Draft Forest Plan and DEIS, the Pipeline Amendment will be incorporated into the Final Forest Plan and FEIS.



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Obtaining Copies of the Draft Forest Plan Documents

The Draft Forest Plan documents are available on the Uinta National Forest website at www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta/forest_plan_toc.htm; by contacting Andi Bauer at 801-342-5162 or via email at abauer01@fs.fed.us; or by visiting any of the following locations:

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88 West 100 North
Provo, Utah 84601

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Heber, Utah 84032

Pleasant Grove Ranger District
390 North 100 East
Pleasant Grove, Utah 84062

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