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Dear Friend of the Ashley:

You are invited to comment on a request from Cedar Springs Marina to reconfigure and upgrade the marina to better serve the public and respond to the current drought conditions. The marina is located on the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area in Dagget County, Utah, about one mile east of Highway 191. The proposed action is to resolve dry storage issues, provide suitable shop area with indoor storage, a convenience store by the parking lot, adequate boat slippage with security lighting and electrical hookups, boat sanitation facilities, and enlarge the footprint to accommodate these improvements and reissue the permit to reflect the changes.

Cedar Springs marina was part of the first complex developed on the reservoir and as a result the original design left out several critical needs. The present scope of services provided is boat storage, moorage, fuel, equipment rental, and repair services. Complimentary services provided are dry storage, housing for the permittee and employees, small shop and equipment storage. Drought related reservoir conditions have caused the loss of boat slippage, restricted the use of a percentage of the other slips, and is threatening the continued use of the sanitation facilities. Current dry storage encumbers public parking, which causes extreme congestion over weekends and holidays. These facilities including the marina cover a footprint of seventeen acres. The following are actions we propose to take to fulfill the purpose and need:

#### Proposed Actions

- 1) Extend power to Buckskin Cove, to power adequate boat security, dewatering, and general use facilities for the boats held in the Buckskin Cove slips This extension would be underground and approximately ¼ mile long.
- 2) Move 40 boat slips to the Buckskin Cove after the power line is established. If in the future the water levels continue to drop compromising additional boat slips then up to 40 additional slips could be moved to Buckskin Cove.
- 3) Provide a suitable shop building for boat maintenance and equipment and tool storage.
- 4) Provide an adequate dry storage area for boats.
- 5) Enlarge the footprint of the SUP to accommodate the improvements being made. This would be approximately 20 to 30 acres.
- 6) Re-issue the SUP for a 25-year period.
- 7) Provide a convenience store/restaurant near the parking lot.
- 8) As policy directs a master plan will be developed by the permittee in conjunction with this analysis.



Actual disturbance would include burying the power line to Buckskin Cove (one forth mile), installing transformer box and setting light pole, minor leveling and foundation construction for the shop building and convenience store, minor leveling for dry storage parking, and chain link fence installation around the dry storage and shop for security purposes. These improvements will provide adequate public service and respond to the guidance of the Forest Plan through the next decade.

Issues.

The preliminary list of issues are a product of the early analysis conducted on this project, they are included here for your consideration:

- (1.) Fluctuating water levels have reduced public service
- (2.) Extreme Parking congestion
- (3.) Antiquated facilities
- (4.) Compliance with NRA Management Plan
- (5.) Strong public demand for marina services

Thank you for your interest in the Ashley National Forest. We welcome your comments and ask that you send them to Jeff Schramm, District Ranger, at P.O. Box 269, Manila, UT 84046, or you can drop them off at the district office at the intersection of Hwy 43 and 44 in Manila. Electronic comments can be emailed to [bgoosman@fs.fed.us](mailto:bgoosman@fs.fed.us). You can also fax your comments to (435) 781-5295. If you have any questions about the proposal, please contact Bill Goosman at (435)-781-5282. To be most useful in our analysis, your comments are needed no later than 45 days after the legal notice seeking comment is published in the Vernal Express. The legal notice date will be post on our website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/projects/> after it is published in the paper. Please note that comments received become part of the public record and can be released to others upon request.

Sincerely,

/S/ GEORGE WELDON  
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