

# Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions

April 01 - June 30 2003

Legend for NEPA Documents:

CE = Categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or

EA = Environmental Assessment

EIS = Environmental Impact Statement

Unknown = NEPA analysis not yet determined

*All future dates are approximate and represent only best estimates.*

## Manti-La Sal National Forest

### Fire

#### Ferron district office

##### Ferron Summer Home Phase II

Scott Steinberg (435) 636-3502 NEPA CE

**Scoping** 06-06-2003 **Decision** 10-31-2003

**Location** Ferron Reservoir - T. 19 S., R. 4 E., Sections 22 and 23

##### Description

Wildland Urban Interface Project to protect vegetation and property from wildfire. The project may include: Reduction of hazardous fuels, Prescribed fire; Removal of hazard trees; Salvage of dead and dying trees; Thinning of vegetation to reduce stocking and to remove ladder fuels in

##### Status

Analysis is on going to establish a purpose and need

##### **Counties Affected**

Sanpete

##### **Districts**

Ferron/Price

##### **Cooperator**

#### Ferron/Price

##### Joes Valley

Scott Steinberg (435) 636-3502 NEPA CE

**Scoping** 06-06-2003 **Decision** 10-31-2003

**Location** Joes Valley Reservoir - T. 17 S., R. 6 E., Sections 18, 19, and 32 - T. 18 S., R. 6 E., Section 7

##### Description

Wildland Urban Interface project to provide fuel breaks for the three communities located adjacent to Joes Valley Reservoir. The project would treat Pinyon Pine and Juniper on adjacent Forest Service lands.

##### Status

Analysis is on going to establish project boundaries and purpose and

##### **Counties Affected**

Emery

##### **Districts**

Ferron/Price

##### **Cooperator**

Fuels Planner

##### South Tent Prescribed Burn

Scott Steinberg NEPA Unknown

**Scoping** 05-19-2003 **Decision** 03-31-2004

**Location** North and South Tent Mountain including upper Spring City Canyon, Reeder Canyon and Littles Creek; T. 16 S., R. 5 E., T. 17 S., R. 5 E.

##### Description

Proposes to us prescribed fire to treat fuels and provide for vegetation diversity in the proposed treatment area.

##### Status

Starting the NEPA process

##### **Counties Affected**

Sanpete

##### **Districts**

Ferron/Price  
Sanpete

##### **Cooperator**

## Fire

### Moab/Monticello

**Milk Ranch Point Prescribed Burn (EA/DR)**  
Danny Kellogg (435) 259-7155 NEPA EA  
**Description**

**Scoping Location** T35N, R20S  
**Decision** 03-01-2000  
**Status**  
Analysis completed and implementation ongoing in fiscal year

**Counties Affected** San Juan  
**Districts** Moab/Monticello  
**Cooperator**

**Pack Creek Ranch Fuels Reduction**  
Danny Kellogg (435) 636-3369 NEPA CE

**Scoping Location** 12-14-1998  
**Decision** 06-20-2003  
Approximately 10 miles south of the City of Moab and 3 miles west of U.S. Highway 191, off the Moab Loop Road in the Pack Creek drainage adjacent to the Pack Creek Ranch and private homes. The legal description would include portions of T27S, R23E sections 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26 and T27S, R24E

**Description**  
A Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) exists where approximately 1764 acres of the Manti-La Sal National Forest surrounds the Pack Creek Ranch private land in-holdings. The Pack Creek Ranch is located at the base of the La Sal Mountains. Approximately 12 homes and a historic ranch with guest cabins are within the private land in-holdings.

**Status**  
Implementation is projected to begin in the fall of 2003.

Currently an encroaching pinion/juniper forest surrounds the ranch. Eventually, the sage and grasses will be taken over completely. The creek area is exceedingly overgrown with several invasive species such as Salt Cedar and Russian Olive that are slowly overtaking the riparian areas. The native Willows and Cottonwoods are struggling to survive. Combining these factors with the on-going years of drought, the potential for catastrophic wildfire to cause severe loss of private property and/or human life is eminent.

The purpose of the hazardous fuels reduction project within the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) zone is to reduce existing fuel loads and ladder fuels thereby:

- Provide within the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) zone, a limited, defensible, fuelbreak corridor around the immediate perimeter of the private land.
- Reduce the risk of a tree-stand replacing crown fire.
- Reduce the risk of damage to private property from wildfire.

The specific project actions that will occur within the 1764 acre WUI zone.

- Mechanical treat 882 acres adjacent to the private lands using a Hydro-Axe and or chainsaws to thin the existing pinion/juniper stand into a

**Counties Affected** San Juan  
**Districts** Moab/Monticello  
**Cooperator** San Juan County

## Fire

### Moab/Monticello

**Buckeye Reservoir Project (DM/DR)**      **Scoping** 07-31-2003      **Decision** 08-31-2003  
Shannon Skibeness      (435) 259-7155      NEPA EA      **Location** T48N, R20W

**Description**

Proposed action includes identifying camping sites to preserve some of the dispersed camping opportunities, boat launch, limiting roads, a developed campground.

**Status**

Analysis dependent on funding in fiscal year 2003.

**Counties Affected**

Montrose, CO

**Districts**

Moab/Monticello

**Cooperator**

**Moab Face Vegetation Treatment Project (EA/TBA)**      **Scoping** 12-02-1998      **Decision** 01-30-2004  
Heather Musclow      (435) 259-7155      NEPA EA      **Location** T25-28N, R23-24E and T35N R20E

**Description**

Landscape vegetation treatment - will use prescribed fire with some mechanical treatments (hydroax and chainsaws). The project area is approximately 14,000 acres implemented over the next 10 years.

**Status**

Developing Alternatives 10/02, decision expected 6/03.

**Counties Affected**

San Juan  
Grand

**Districts**

Ferron/Price

**Cooperator**

Forestry, Fire and State Lands

## Fish/Wildlife

### Lead Office not specified

**Forest Plan Amendment for MIS**      **Scoping** 03-01-2003      **Decision** 06-01-2003  
Heather Musclow      (435) 259-7155      NEPA EA      **Location** Forest-wide

**Description**

Remove blue grouse and replace with northern goshawk as a Management Indicator Species for the health of conifer/mixed conifer habitat in the Manti-La Sal National Forest Land and Management Plan.

**Status**

Beginning initial scoping and analysis.

**Counties Affected**

**Districts**

**Cooperator**

### Moab/Monticello

**Miscellaneous small projects including turkey food plots, ponds, and guzzlers**      **Scoping** 07-24-2003      **Decision** 08-29-2003

Heather Musclow      (435) 259-7155      NEPA CE

**Location** Pond locations are two in the Webb hollow drainage and one in Buck Hollow area (Moab District). Three in upper Allen Canyon above Causeway Road (Monticello District). Turkey food plots in each of the three 2002 burn areas: Hang Dog, Hammond, and Nizhoni. 5 guzzlers in the Monticello Face/Gold Queen watershed area of the M-B

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**Status**

Scoping in Progress

**Counties Affected**

San Juan  
Grand

**Districts**

Moab/Monticello

**Cooperator**

Forestry, Fire and State Lands

## LMP

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#### Communications Site Amendment:

Rusty Lee	(435) 587-2041	<u>NEPA</u> Unknown	<b>Scoping Location</b>	Forest-wide	<b>Decision</b>
<b>Description</b>				<b>Status</b>	
Proposed Forest Plan amendment would designate communications sites, provide management direction, allocate some sites to SLD Management Unit, and issue Special Use Permit to implement decision. (TBA/FS)				on hold	
<b>Counties Affected</b>	<b>Districts</b>	<b>Cooperator</b>			
	Forest-wide				

## Minerals

### Ferron/Price

#### Dudley Associates Oil and Gas Drilling

Tom Lloyd	(435) 636-3596	<u>NEPA</u> EIS	<b>Scoping Location</b>	01-27-2003	<b>Decision</b>	05-29-2003
<b>Description</b>				<b>Status</b>		
Project will assess the environmental consequences of drilling 4 oil and gas exploration holes.				Decision has been issued and awaiting the end of appeal period to implement		
<b>Counties Affected</b>	<b>Districts</b>	<b>Cooperator</b>				
Carbon	Ferron/Price	Bureau of Land Management				

## Minerals

### Ferron/Price

#### EW/PacifiCorp 5 Hole Drilling 2003 Project

Tom Lloyd	(435) 636-3596	<u>NEPA</u> CE	<b>Scoping Location</b>	02-01-2003	<b>Decision</b>	06-30-2003
<b>Description</b>				<b>Status</b>		
This Project will assess the environmental consequences of drilling 5 helicopter assisted coal exploration holes.				Project completed reclamation taking		
<b>Counties Affected</b>	<b>Districts</b>	<b>Cooperator</b>				

#### 2003 Ark Land/Canyon Fuel LLC Coal Exploration Plan Fed Lease UTU 67939 ( Winter Quarters Helicopter Drilling)

Brian McClelland	(435) 384-2372	<u>NEPA</u> CE	<b>Scoping Location</b>	06-30-2003	<b>Decision</b>	08-01-2003
<b>Description</b>				<b>Status</b>		
Helicopter Drilling for coal exploration				analysis in progress		
<b>Counties Affected</b>	<b>Districts</b>	<b>Cooperator</b>				
Carbon Sanpete	Ferron/Price	Bureau of Land Management				

**Ark Land Company - Coal Exploration License UTU 88041**      **Scoping** 03-01-2002      **Decision** 08-01-2003

Richard Poulson      (435) 636-3521      NEPA CE      **Location** Flat Canyon Tract, Boulger Canyon area

**Description**

Coal Exploration License Drilling/Monitoring well

**Status**

Decision Memo is pending

**Counties Affected**

Sanpete

**Districts**

Ferron/Price

**Cooperator**

Bureau of Land Management

**Chevron USA Inc, Natural Gas Exploration**      **Scoping** 04-04-2003      **Decision** 08-01-2003

Tom Lloyd      (435) 384-2372      NEPA EIS      **Location** Behind the Huntington Power Plant

**Description**

Lease numbers Federal 12-197, 12-198, 12-198D, 12-200D  
Building two drilling pads to facilitate 4 drill holes

**Status**

Record of Decision will be completed and provided to the public based on the Ferron Natural Gas Project 1999,

**Counties Affected**

Emery

**Districts**

Ferron/Price

**Cooperator**

Bureau of Land Management

**SUFCO Coal Exploration Drilling: U-76195 & U-63214**      **Scoping** 05-31-2003      **Decision** 08-30-2003

Brian McClelland      (435) 636-3588      NEPA CE      **Location** Muddy Creek / Pines Area  
T21S, R5E, Sec 12, 17 and 24

**Description**

Evaluating the application for surface occupancy to permit 4 coal exploration drilling locations

**Status**

Analysis in progress

**Counties Affected**

Sevier

**Districts**

Ferron/Price

**Cooperator**

Bureau of Land Management

**Minerals**

***Ferron/Price***

**Prima - East Clear Creek Fed NO 22-42**      **Scoping** 05-07-2002      **Decision** 09-01-2003

Karl Boyer      (435) 637-2817      NEPA EIS      **Location** T14S, R7E, section 22, Castle Valley

**Description**

Evaluating a proposed gas exploration well surface use plan of operation

**Status**

Draft EIS has been circulated for

**Counties Affected**

Emery  
Carbon

**Districts**

Ferron/Price

**Cooperator**

Bureau of Land Management

**Cottonwood Coal Lease Tract (UTU-68012)**      **Scoping** 04-01-2000      **Decision** 12-01-2003

Dale Harber      (435) 636-3548      NEPA EIS      **Location** T21-22S, R6E

**Description**

SITLA Coal tract Forest Service proposal is to approve the mine plan.

**Status**

Draft is going through an internal review before being released for Public comment. NOA will be published through the EPA

**Counties Affected**

Emery  
Sevier

**Districts**

Ferron/Price

**Cooperator**

**Fortuna US Oil and Gas Exploration Drilling**      **Scoping** 02-01-2003      **Decision** 03-01-2004

Tom Lloyd      (435) 636-3596      NEPA EIS      **Location** Upper Joes Valley, Middle Mountain, Sect 32 T16S, R6E, and Sect 21 T15S,

**Description**

This project will assess the environmental consequences of directional drilling 2 oil and gas exploration holes

**Status**

Scoping scheduled to start in February 2003. Company proposes to start drilling in 2003

**Counties Affected**

**Range**

**Ferron/Price**

**Wasatch Plateau Sheep Grazing (EIS/FS)**

John Healy (435) 384-3585 NEPA EIS

**Description**

Analysis in progress. NOI in Federal Register 06/19/2001

**Counties Affected**

Sanpete

**Districts**

Sanpete  
Ferron/Price

**Cooperator**

**Scoping**

**Location**

Potters Ponds South

**Decision**

**Status**

Analysis in Progress 10/02

**Range**

**Moab/Monticello**

**Moab Range Allotments**

Donna Reed (435) 259-3368 NEPA EA

**Description**

Evaluation of Range conditions for the reference allotments

**Counties Affected**

Sanpete

**Districts**

Moab/Monticello

**Cooperator**

**Scoping**

**Location**

02-01-1998  
Brumley Ridge, South Paradox, Squaw Springs, Chicken Creek, Beaver, North Paradox, Deep Creek, La Sal Cattle/Horse Allotments

**Decision**

09-15-2003

**Status**

Decision Pending

**Gooseberry, Babylon, Camp Jackson, Twin Springs, West**

Jimmie Forrest (453) 587-2041 NEPA EA

**Description**

San Juan

**Districts**

Moab/Monticello

**Cooperator**

**Scoping**

**Location**

**Decision**

04-01-2004

**Status**

Analysis dependent on funding in

**Mtn., & Cottonwood Cattle/Horse Allotments**

Jimmie Forrest (453) 259-2041 NEPA EA

**Description**

San Juan

**Districts**

Moab/Monticello

**Cooperator**

**Scoping**

**Location**

West of Abajo Mountain

**Decision**

04-01-2004

**Status**

Analysis dependent on funding in

**Sanpete**

**Birch Creek-Bear Canyon Sheep/Goat AMP**

Ed Schoppe (435) 283-3305 NEPA EA

**Description**

Sanpete

**Districts**

Sanpete

**Cooperator**

**Scoping**

**Location**

T14S, R5E;10/01/02

**Decision**

**Status**

Decision Pending

**Recreation**

**Ferron/Price**

**Fish Creek Trail Re-route**

Bill Broadbear

NEPA CE**Scoping** 01-16-2003 **Decision** 03-17-2003  
**Location** T12S, R6E, Section 6, in the bottom of Fish Creek drainage near the confluence of C Canyon with Fish Creek**Description**

Re-route approximately 1/2 mile of the trail to avoid three existing stream crossings that are poorly located and unnecessarily impacting riparian

**Status**Scoping completed and a Decision Memo issued 3-17-2003.  
Implementation planned for August,**Counties Affected**Carbon  
Sanpete  
Utah**Districts**

Ferron/Price

**Cooperator****Duck Fork Forest Road Conversion**

Bill Broadbear

NEPA CE**Scoping** 01-24-2003 **Decision** 05-01-2003  
**Location** T19S, R4E, Sections 2, 3, 10 and 11, near Duck Fork Reservoir**Description**

Conversion of approximately 1.1 miles of Forest Road 50049 to a motorized and non-motorized trail.

**Status**

Scoping has been completed, a decision is pending

**Counties Affected**

Sanpete

**Districts**

Ferron/Price

**Cooperator****Ferron Creek Trail Bridge**

Bill Broadbear

NEPA CE**Scoping** 01-16-2003 **Decision** 05-01-2003  
**Location** T19S, R6E, Section 32, near the Ferron Canyon Picnic Site**Description**

Construct a trail bridge across Ferron Creek to provide motorized and non-motorized trail access to the Black Dragon Trail (Forest trail #035), and to reduce sedimentation into Ferron Creek.

**Status****Counties Affected**

Emery

**Districts**

Ferron/Price

**Cooperator**

Ferron City

**Lake Canyon Trail System**

Bill Broadbear

NEPA EA**Scoping** 01-15-2003 **Decision** 06-01-2003  
**Location** T14S, R6E, Sections 20, 21, 27, 28, 33, 34 south of Utah Highway 31 near the Miller Flat Road junction.**Description**

Construct 9.5 miles of new trail, close and rehabilitate 7.3 miles of user created trail, construct barrier areas, and widen the Miller Flat Road for nearly 1/2 mile to provide a standard double lane road.

**Status**

Developing alternatives, EA expected to go out for 30-day pre-decisional period in April, 2003.

**Counties Affected**Emery  
Sanpete**Districts**

Ferron/Price

**Cooperator****Recreation****Ferron/Price****Little's Creek Forest Road Conversion and Closure**

Bill Broadbear

NEPA CE**Scoping** 01-24-2003 **Decision** 06-01-2003  
**Location** T17S, R5E, Sections 9, 10, 15, 16, 22, west of Joes Valley Reservoir**Description**

Close 1.7 miles of Forest Road 50280 to all motorized uses and rehabilitate. Convert approximately 5.3 miles of Forest Road 50055 to a trail open to motorized and non-motorized uses.

**Status**

Scoping completed, decision pending

**Counties Affected**

Sanpete

**Districts**

Ferron/Price

**Cooperator**

**Joes Valley Low-water Boat Ramp**

Bill Broadbear

NEPA CE**Scoping** 01-23-2003 **Decision** 08-01-2003  
**Location** T17S, R6E, Section 32, on the east side of Joes Valley Reservoir**Description**

Construct a low water boat ramp on the east side of Joes Valley reservoir to facilitate boat launching especially during periods of low water level.

**Status**

Scoping completed, decision pending

**Counties Affected**

Emery

**Districts**

Ferron/Price

**Cooperator**

Emery County

**Moab/Monticello****Outfitter and Guide Term Permits (DM/DR)**

Shannon Skibenness

(435) 259-7155 NEPA CE**Scoping** 03-07-2003 **Decision** 06-04-2003  
**Location** District-wide**Description**

Five Year Permits For:

Colvig Silver Camp

Cottonwood Gulch

Deer Hill Expeditions

International Adventure Tours

Kent Mountain

National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS)

Outward Bound West (Formally Colorado Outward Bound)

Rim Tours

San Juan Huts

Western Spirit

**Status**

Completed

**Counties Affected****Districts**

Moab/Monticello

**Cooperator****Wagon Wheel Trail #168**

Paul Buck

(435) 587-2041 NEPA CE**Scoping** 11-01-2002 **Decision** 07-31-2003  
**Location** T34S R23E Sec 19 and 30**Description**

Realignment and Reconstruction of a Portion

**Status**

Scoping completed. Decision expected in 07/03.

**Counties Affected****Districts****Cooperator****Recreation****Moab/Monticello****San Juan ATV Safari (DM/DR)**

Shannon Skibenness

(435) 259-7155 NEPA CE**Scoping** 07-09-2003 **Decision** 08-04-2003  
**Location** All routes that would be approved are on the Moab/Monticello Travel Map. Requested routes include:

- North Long Point Route (FS Trail #425, 427, 444, and FS Road #095, 091, 088)
- Elk Ridge Route (FS Road #088, 095, 092)
- Woodenshoe Route (FS Road #088, 181)
- Shay Ridge Route (FS Trail #162, 016, 168, 167, and FS Road #049, 104, 354, 079, 084, 087)
- Monticello to Bulldog Route (FS Road

**Description**

The San Juan ATV Safari and City of Monticello have applied for a recreation event special use permit on both National Forest System and BLM lands. Six routes are on National Forest System lands. The dated of their proposed event is September 25-27, 2003. The proposed event would have a maximum of 350 participants. Maximum group size would be 15 riders plus a minimum of two guides per group. Each trail would be limited to two groups each day. Preliminary staging would be organized within the city limits of Monticello and Blanding. No new surface disturbance is requested. No cross country travel (off road travel is

**Status**

The BLM issued an Environmental Assessment (EA) on June 9, 2003 with a comment deadline of July 9, 2003. The scoping done in preparation of this document and during the comment period on the EA will be considered as part of the decision made by the U.S. Forest Service.

<b>Counties Affected</b>	<b>Districts</b>	<b>Cooperator</b>	<b>Scoping</b> 07-24-2003	<b>Decision</b> 09-24-2003
<b>Toilet Install / Replacement</b>			<b>Location</b> Devils Canyon CG / Foy Lake / Mason Draw CG	
Paul Buck	(435) 587-2041	<u>NEPA</u> CE		

**Description**

Replace four toilets at Devils Canyon CG and install one new toilet. Install one new toilet at Foy Lake. Replace one toilet at Mason Draw CG.

**Status**

On going.

<b>Counties Affected</b>	<b>Districts</b>	<b>Cooperator</b>
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<b>Recapture Trail</b>			<b>Scoping</b> 07-31-2003	<b>Decision</b> 10-01-2003
Paul Buck	(435) 587-2041	<u>NEPA</u> Unknown	<b>Location</b> T 34 S R23E Sec 23	

**Description**

New ATV trail construction

**Status**

Scoping completed. Decision expected in 10/03.

<b>Counties Affected</b>	<b>Districts</b>	<b>Cooperator</b>
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**Recreation**

***Moab/Monticello***

<b>Allocation of guided/non-guided use for Dark Canyon Wilderness</b>			<b>Scoping</b> 10-31-2003	<b>Decision</b> 11-30-2003
Jennifer Jones	(435) 259-7155	<u>NEPA</u> CE	<b>Location</b> Dark Canyon Wilderness	

**Description**

NEPA analysis of what the allocation should be between guided and non-guided use, based on the Dark Canyon Wilderness Carrying Capacity. The decision to be made would be what the percentage allocation should be for guided and nonguided use and whether to issue a prospectus.

**Status**

Starting

<b>Counties Affected</b>	<b>Districts</b>	<b>Cooperator</b>
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<b>Outfitter and Guide Annual Permits (TBA)</b>			<b>Scoping</b> 03-15-2004	<b>Decision</b> 04-15-2004
Shannon Skibeness	(435) 259-7155	<u>NEPA</u> CE	<b>Location</b> District-wide	

**Description**

Applications for new permits are due March 1st, 2004. CE without

**Status**

2003 finished. 2004 beginning.

<b>Counties Affected</b>	<b>Districts</b>	<b>Cooperator</b>
	Moab/Monticello	

***Sanpete***

<b>Spring City ATV Trail Loop</b>			<b>Scoping</b> 07-01-2003	<b>Decision</b> 05-01-2004
Bill Broadbear / 435 637		<u>NEPA</u> EA	<b>Location</b> Spring City Canyon near the town of Spring City Utah in Sanpete County,	

**Description**

The Sanpete Ranger District is seeking public comment on a proposed ATV trail loop in Spring City Canyon. This project would consist of the following:

**Status**

Public Scoping July of 2003.

1mile of new trail construction in Sec. 5, T16S, R5E.

Utilizing 1 1/2 miles of user created trail in Sec's 7 and 8, T16S, R5E. This section of trail follows the old canyon road alignment and gets ATV's away from the main traffic in the canyon.

Closing 1mile of user created trail in Sec. 9, t16S, R5E that is causing problems.

Utilizing 6 miles of existing road in Spring City Canyon that is currently



## Special Uses

### Ferron/Price

**Boulger Ditch Telemetry (DM/FS)** Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE **Scoping Location** T13S, R6E, Section 31 **Decision** 12-01-2002

**Description**

Installation of stream flow measuring device in Boulger Creek at the upper end of electric lake.

**Status**

decision signed. Installation in the spring/summer of 2003

**Counties Affected**

Sanpete

**Districts**

Ferron/Price

**Cooperator**

**Data Transmission Relay for Pacificorp. (DM.FS)** Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE **Scoping Location** T14S, R7E, Section 30 on top of Candland Mountain **Decision** 12-01-2002

**Description**

Installation of a data telemetry station to transmit data from stream measuring devices to the Huntington Power plant.

**Status**

decision signed December 2002, installation will take place in may or June 2003.

**Counties Affected**

Emery

**Districts**

Ferron/Price

**Cooperator**

**Deseret Generation and Transmission** Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE **Scoping Location** 12-01-2002 **Decision** 02-01-2003 T10S R4E Sec 19

**Description**

Renewal of a power line Special Use Permit (Permit issued by the Uinta

**Status**

Scoping/Analysis in Progress

**Counties Affected**

Utah

**Districts**

Ferron/Price

**Cooperator**

**North Emery Water Users Association** Joel Nowak/Leland (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE **Scoping Location** 12-01-2002 **Decision** 02-01-2003 Rilda Canyon

**Description**

Renewal of a continued use of an existing water source for domestic and stock use including a fence and gate.

**Status**

Scoping completed. Preparing the

**Counties Affected**

Utah

**Districts**

Ferron/Price

**Cooperator**

**Summer Home Permit Renewals** Joel Nowak/Leland (435) 283-4151 NEPA CE **Scoping Location** 12-01-2002 **Decision** 02-28-2003 Ferron and Beaver Dams Summer Home Areas

**Description**

Renewal of 4 Summer Home Permits. Two at Ferron Reservoir summer home site and 2 at Benches Pond Summer home site.

**Status**

Implementation

**Counties Affected**

Emery

Carbon

**Districts**

Ferron/Price

**Cooperator**

## Special Uses

### Ferron/Price

**James Canyon** Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE **Scoping Location** 12-01-2002 **Decision** 03-01-2003 T13S R6E Sec. 35 SW1/4

**Description**

To allow Pacificore to reopen an old road and extend powerline approximately 600 feet in the lower end of James Canyon on Trough

**Status**

Analysis in progress

**Counties Affected**

Emery

**Districts**

Ferron/Price

**Cooperator**

**Mary's Lake Dam**  
 Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE  
**Description**  
 Issue Special Use Permit for the operation and maintenance of the Mary's Lake dam and reservoir.  
**Counties Affected** Sanpete      **Districts** Sanpete      **Cooperator**

**Scoping** 01-01-2003      **Decision** 04-01-2003  
**Location** T18S R5E Sec 14  
**Status**  
 Scoping completed, some questions on the viability of the project.

**Stream Monitoring Devices**  
 Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE  
**Description**  
 Installation of stream monitoring devices in Boulger Creek Upper Huntington Creek (Electric Lake), Cleveland Reservoir Outlet, and installation of an electronic data link transmitter at Candle Mountain.  
**Counties Affected**      **Districts**      **Cooperator**

**Scoping** 10-01-2002      **Decision** 05-01-2003  
**Location** T13S R6E Sec 34  
 T14S R6E Sec 27  
 T14S R6E Sec 36  
**Status**  
 Decision completed. Implementation will take place in June/July 2003

**Spring Cr. Water Measuring Device for Huntington-Cleveland Irrigation Co.**  
 Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE  
**Description**  
 Install stream flow measuring device in spring creek below Huntington Reservoir to measure flows from Huntington Reservoir and Lake Creek near the old Lake Guard station location..  
**Counties Affected** Sanpete      **Districts** Ferron/Price      **Cooperator**

**Scoping** 12-15-2002      **Decision** 06-30-2003  
**Location** T14S, R6E, Section 28  
**Status**  
 Scoping in progress

**Spring Creek Water Monitoring Device**  
 Leland Matheson NEPA CE  
**Description**  
 Install a water monitoring device (potentially a Parshall flume) along with telemetry equipment to relay the data to the Huntington Cleveland Irrigation Company Offices. It would measure release flows from Huntington Reservoir and flows in Lake Creek.  
**Counties Affected**      **Districts**      **Cooperator**

**Scoping** 04-01-2003      **Decision** 06-30-2003  
**Location** In Spring Creek between the outlet of Huntington Reservoir and the Lake Creek - Spring Creek diversion. (near the old Lake Guard Station site).  
**Status**  
 Have received an Application.

**Special Uses**

**Ferron/Price**

**Ferron City Arapeen ATV Jamboree**  
 Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE  
**Description**  
 ATV trail ride jamboree in August 2003 during the county fair activities. Use would be on existing trails.  
**Counties Affected** Emery      **Districts** Ferron/Price      **Cooperator**

**Scoping** 12-15-2002      **Decision** 07-10-2003  
**Location** Ferron and Muddy Creek Drainages  
**Status**  
 Pending Implementation

**Access to SITLA Lands on East Mountain**  
 Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA EIS  
**Description**  
 Land Access to private SITLA inholdings, access road to a Prima Gas well, and access to a Fortuna Gas well on East Mountain  
**Counties Affected** Emery      **Districts** Ferron/Price  
 Ferron/Price      **Cooperator**

**Scoping** 12-01-2002      **Decision** 12-01-2003  
**Location** T15-T16S R6E  
**Status**  
 Compiling of data and writing of DEIS



**Renewal of Special Use Permit for Town of Mayfield**      **Scoping** 12-01-2002      **Decision** 03-01-2003  
 Joel Nowak/Leland      (435) 283-4151      NEPA CE      **Location** N 1/2 NW 1/2 NE 1/4 SW 1/4  
 Section 29, T20S R3E SLM

**Description**

Providing , maintaining, and operating two (2) Government-owned buildings for use by the general public and all structures, buildings, appurtenant facilities and other improvements.

**Status**

Scoping/Analysis in Progress

**Counties Affected**      **Districts**      **Cooperator**  
 Sanpete      Sanpete

**Special Uses**

**Sanpete**

**Birch Creek - Emergency Fire Exit Route**      **Scoping** 12-01-2002      **Decision** 04-01-2003  
 Joel Nowak/Leland      (435) 637-2817      NEPA CE      **Location** T14S R5E Sec 2 East 1/2

**Description**

To provide a fire escape route for a community in Birch Creek east of Fairview, Utah. Approximately 1000 feet on National Forest Lands.

**Status**

Scoping/Analysis in Progress

**Counties Affected**      **Districts**      **Cooperator**  
 Sanpete      Sanpete

**John R. North Fork Cabin Foundation, LLC**      **Scoping** 12-01-2002      **Decision** 04-01-2003  
 Joel Nowak/Leland      (435) 637-2817      NEPA Unknown      **Location** NW 1/4 Sec 8 T18S R4E Manti

**Description**

Issue a Special Use Permit to a corporation that will make the cabin, formerly known as the Nielson Cabin, available to the public.

**Status**

Scoping and collecting additional information from the applicant. Analysis beginning.

**Counties Affected**      **Districts**      **Cooperator**  
 Sanpete      Sanpete

**Navajo Trails - Rock Climbing**      **Scoping** 03-20-2003      **Decision** 04-30-2003  
 Joel Nowak/Leland      NEPA CE      **Location** T.14S, R.2E, Sec 34 - Maple Canyon,  
 San Pitch Mtn.

**Description**

Rock climbing/camping in groups of approximately 10 people for a period of 2-4 days during the months of June - August.

**Status**

Scoping/Analysis in progress

**Counties Affected**      **Districts**      **Cooperator**  
 Sanpete      Sanpete      Joel Nowak

**Rapid LLC Film**      **Scoping** 03-27-2003      **Decision** 05-30-2003  
 Joel Nowak/Leland      (435) 384-2372      NEPA CE      **Location** T.12S, R.5E, Sec. 7 & 8

**Description**

Partial Filming of a movie with 10 or less people and equipment. Minimum impact with all trash removed from forest.

**Status**

Scoping/Analysis in progress

**Counties Affected**      **Districts**      **Cooperator**  
 Sanpete      Sanpete      Joel Nowak

**Skyline Drive Access Roads**      **Scoping** 12-01-2002      **Decision** 06-01-2003  
 Joel Nowak/Leland      (435) 283-4151      NEPA EA      **Location** T12S R5E Sec 23, 26, & 35

**Description**

Six access roads to private inholdings in the upper San Pitch Drainage at Skyline Drive.

**Status**

Scoping/Analysis in Progress

**Counties Affected**      **Districts**      **Cooperator**  
 Sanpete      Sanpete

**Special Uses**

**Sanpete**

**Rehabilitate Twin Lakes Dam**  
 Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA EA  
**Scoping** **Decision** 08-02-2003  
**Location** T19S, R3E Section 32  
**Description**  
 Reconstruct Twin Lakes dam.  
**Status**  
 Project Cancelled. Dam will be breached in 08/03. Waiting on  
**Counties Affected** **Districts** **Cooperator**  
 Sanpete

**Vegetation**

**Ferron/Price**

**South Manti Timber Salvage:**  
 Doug Jones (435) 636-3544 NEPA EIS  
**Scoping** 02-01-1998 **Decision** 12-01-2003  
**Location** T19-21S, R4E  
**Description**  
 Salvage harvest of dead and dying spruce trees using ground-based and helicopter yarding systems.  
**Status**  
 Reviewing the existing FEIS for the purpose of publishing a new decision  
**Counties Affected** **Districts** **Cooperator**  
 Sanpete Ferron/Price  
 Sevier

**Moab/Monticello**

**Kigalia Point Reclamation**  
 Richard Poulson (435) 636-3521 NEPA CE  
**Scoping** **Decision** 05-01-2003  
**Location** T35S, R19E, Sec 28  
 30 miles west of Blanding Utah.  
 Site is near the Dark Canyon Wilderness  
**Description**  
 Native re-vegetation site in an area of abandoned uranium mines.  
**Status**  
 Analysis in progress. Implementation dependent on funding  
**Counties Affected** **Districts** **Cooperator**  
 Moab/Monticello

**Vegetation**

**Moab/Monticello**

**Monticello & Blanding Municipal Watershed Improvement Projects**  
 Greg Montgomery (435) 587-2041 NEPA EIS  
**Scoping** 03-29-2001 **Decision** 07-31-2003  
**Location** The project area covers approx 20,400 acres in portions of North Creek, Indian Creek, and Johnson Creek drainages  
**Description**  
 Management of the project area is part of the Manti-La Sal National Forest's attempt to fulfill the Forest Service commitment of "caring for the land and serving people". The agenda focuses on four key emphasis: watershed health and restoration, sustainable forest ecosystem management, improved management of the National Forest road system, and improved recreation opportunities and experiences.  
**Status**  
 Draft EIS is will be published and available for comment. Notice of Availability was published in March  
**Counties Affected** **Districts** **Cooperator**  
 San Juan Moab/Monticello  
 City of Monticello  
 City of Blanding  
 San Juan County  
 USDI Bureau of Reclamation  
 USDA Natural Resources and Conservation Service

**Vegetation**

**Moab/Monticello**

## Nizhoni Fire Salvage Project

Greg Montgomery

(435) 587-2041 NEPA EA

**Scoping** 04-03-2003 **Decision** 10-31-2003

**Location** The project area is located on National Forest System lands administered as the Monticello Ranger District, Manti-La Sal National Forest. The Nizhoni Fire project area is located approximately 9 air miles from Blanding, Utah in the Abajo Mountains. It is located within the Johnson Creek drainage. This area is one of the drainages that supply water to Recapture Reservoir, which is a source of culinary water for the City of

### Description

The Monticello Ranger District on the Manti-La Sal National Forest proposes the following actions:

1. Salvage harvesting of approximately 2-3 MMBF of fire killed, damaged, or dying Ponderosa pine across approximately 800 acres. Removal of included timber would be through ground-based systems (i.e. tractors, mechanized harvesters, forwarders). Commercial saw log material would be removed prior to July of 2004. Firewood harvesting could continue through 2005.
2. Approximately 3.5 miles of temporary roads would be constructed and reclaimed after management activities (firewood) have been completed.
3. Plant approximately 800 acres of Ponderosa pine, gopher control for reforestation may take place on 350 acres, and 3 miles of fence would be constructed.
4. Treat harvest generated and existing fuels through the following methods: lop and scatter an estimated 800 acres; and machine pile and burn landing areas on an estimated 6 acres.
5. Design features would be incorporated in addition to the Forest Plan standards and guidelines, best management practices, and monitoring

### **Counties Affected**

San Juan

### **Districts**

Moab/Monticello

### **Cooperator**

### Status

Project is in the scoping process.

Visit the project web site for more information:

[http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/mantilasal/planning/Nizhoni\\_Fire\\_Salvage/page2.h](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/mantilasal/planning/Nizhoni_Fire_Salvage/page2.h)

## Dead Goose Vegetation Treatment

Don Carpenter

(435) 587-2041 NEPA EA

**Scoping** 01-01-1998 **Decision** 12-15-2003

**Location** T33-34S, R20-21E, T34S, R19-20E

### Description

Decision on road closures and upgrades.

### Status

Decision was appealed and remanded to the Forest - Additional data is being accumulated and a new decision is expected this fall.

### **Counties Affected**

### **Districts**

Moab/Monticello

### **Cooperator**

## Vegetation

### *Sanpete*

## Cone Thinning

Diane Cote

(435) 636-3320 NEPA CE

**Scoping** 06-15-2003 **Decision** 10-15-2003

**Location** North of Electric Lake, T. 18 S., R. 6 E., Sections 10, 14 and 36

### Description

To provide areas for spruce seed collection by removing excess trees, fertilizing, pruning and spraying the selected seed collection trees. The forest has an ongoing spruce beetle epidemic that has killed spruce trees over half of the Manti division of the Manti-LaSal National Forest limiting seed collection. The proposed project would commercially thin the spruce stands areas to allow for protection from spruce beetle (pesticide spray),

### Status

planning is starting and in the information gathering stage

### **Counties Affected**

### **Districts**

### **Cooperator**

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Carbon  
Emery

Ferron/Price

**Ephraim Roadside Salvage**

Alan Lucas (435) 283-3328 NEPA CE

**Scoping** 07-31-2003 **Decision** 10-31-2003  
**Location** Ephraim Canyon, T. 17 S., R. 4 E.,  
Sections 27 and 34

**Description**

Removal of hazard trees along road the Ephraim Canyon road and road 51111 using the road maintenance exclusion.

**Status**

Planning is starting and in the information gathering stage.

**Counties Affected**

Sanpete

**Districts**

Sanpete

**Cooperator**

Steve cote

**Manti Summer Home Phase II**

Scott Steinberg (435) 636-3502 NEPA CE

**Scoping** 06-06-2003 **Decision** 10-31-2003  
**Location** Manti Canyon; T. 18S., R. 3 E., Sec. 7  
and 8; R. 4 E., Sec. 7 and 8

**Description**

Wildland Urban Interface project to protect vegetation and property from fire. Project may include: improved access, reduction of hazardous fuels, Salvage of dead and dying trees, thinning of vegetation to reduce stocking.

**Status**

Analysis is on going to establish boundaries, purpose and need and a proposed action.

**Counties Affected**

Sanpete

**Districts**

Sanpete

**Cooperator**

**Spinners/Link**

Alan Lucas (435) 636-3328 NEPA CE

**Scoping** 07-31-2003 **Decision** 10-31-2003  
**Location** Manti Salvage Planning Area, T. 19 S.,  
R. 4 E., Sections 32 and 33, T. 20 S.,  
Sections 3, 4, 5, 9, 15, 16, and 19

**Description**

Hazard tree removal of dead trees along roads 50043, 50044, 50013 under the road maintenance exclusion.

**Status**

Planning is starting and in the information gathering stage

**Counties Affected**

Sanpete

**Districts**

Ferron/Price  
Sanpete

**Cooperator**

**Vegetation**

**Sanpete**

**Spring City Roadside Salvage**

Alan Lucas (435) 636-3328 NEPA CE

**Scoping** 07-31-2003 **Decision** 10-31-2003  
**Location** Spring City Canyon, T. 16 S., R. 5 E.,  
Sections 16, 17, and 18

**Description**

Hazard tree removal of dead trees along the 50036 road (Spring City Canyon) under the road maintenance exclusion.

**Status**

Planning is starting and in the information gathering stage

**Counties Affected**

Sanpete

**Districts**

Sanpete

**Cooperator**

**Whispering Pines Fuels Treatment**

Scott Steinberg (435) 636-3502 NEPA CE

**Scoping** 06-06-2003 **Decision** 10-31-2003  
**Location** North of Spring City Canyon, T.16 s., R.  
4 E., Sec. 1; R. 5 E., Sec 5 and 6

**Description**

The project is a Wildfire Urban Interface hazardous fuels reduction project. The purpose is to protect the Whispering Pines subdivision with a fuel break along the Forest service boundary.

**Status**

Analysis is in progress

**Counties Affected**

Sanpete

**Districts**

Sanpete

**Cooperator**

**Lake Project**

Alan Lucas (435) 283-4151 NEPA EIS

**Scoping** 01-14-2003 **Decision** 01-31-2004  
**Location** T. 14 N. R. 5-6 E.

**Description**

Formerly know as the Tent Mountain Recovery Project  
The EIS will assess the environmental consequences of vegetative treatments to be accomplished by a commercial timber sale in the project

**Status**

Developing Proposed Action  
Scoping, alternative development and analysis

<b>Counties Affected</b> Sanpete	<b>Districts</b> Sanpete Ferron/Price	<b>Cooperator</b>	
<b>Ephraim Salvage</b> Alan Lucas	(435) 636-3328 <b>NEPA</b> CE	<b>Scoping Location</b>	11-28-2003 <b>Decision</b> 05-31-2004 Upper Ephraim Canyon, T.17 S., R. 4 E., Sections 22, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, and 35
<b>Description</b> Salvage harvest of dead spruce trees		<b>Status</b>	Planning is starting and in the information gathering stage
<b>Counties Affected</b> Sanpete	<b>Districts</b> Sanpete	<b>Cooperator</b> Steve Cote	
<b>Upper Manti Salvage</b> Alan Lucas	(435) 636-3328 <b>NEPA</b> CE	<b>Scoping Location</b>	11-30-2003 <b>Decision</b> 05-31-2004 Upper Manti Canyon, T. 18 S., R. 4 E., Section 16, 17, 19, 20, 29, and 30
<b>Description</b> Salvage harvest of dead spruce trees		<b>Status</b>	Planning is starting and in the information gathering stage
<b>Counties Affected</b> Sanpete	<b>Districts</b> Sanpete	<b>Cooperator</b>	

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You may contact any of the offices referenced in this report. Each project identifies a specific contact person and his/her phone number. Send mail to the attention of the contact person.

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**For San Pete Ranger District projects**

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