

Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions

October - December 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.

Manti-La Sal National Forest

Fire

Ferron/Price

Joes Valley

Diane Cote (435) 636-3502 NEPA CE Cat 10 **Scoping** 06-06-2003 **Decision** 01-15-2004
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 need.

Counties Affected

Emery

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price

Cooperators

Fuels Planner

Ferron Summer Home Phase II

Diane Cote (435) 636-3502 NEPA CE Cat 10 **Scoping** 06-06-2003 **Decision** 02-15-2004
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 and adjacent to the summer homes.

Status

Analysis is on going to establish a purpose and need

Counties Affected

Sanpete

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price
Sanpete

Cooperators

Fire

Moab/Monticello

Moab Face Vegetation Treatment Project (EA/TBA)

Heather Musclow

(435) 259-7155 NEPA EA

Scoping 12-02-1998 **Decision** 08-30-2004

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 Affected

Ferron/Price

Cooperators

Forestry, Fire and State Lands

Pack Creek Ranch Fuels Reduction

Danny Kellogg

(435) 636-3369 NEPA CE Cat 10

Scoping 12-14-1998 **Decision** 10-30-2004

Location 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 sections 19, 20, 29 and 30.

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 shaded, open savanna fuelbreak.
- Prescribe burn 880 acres adjacent to the mechanically treated areas to further reduce the fuel loadings and provide for defensible space.

Counties Affected

San Juan

Districts Affected

Moab/Monticello

Cooperators

San Juan County

Fish/Wildlife

Moab/Monticello

Miscellaneous small projects including turkey food plots, ponds, and guzzlers Scoping 07-24-2003 Decision
06-29-2004

Heather Musclow (435) 259-7155 NEPA CE Cat 06 **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 watershed project area.

Description

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Status

Scoping in Progress

Counties Affected

San Juan
Grand

Districts Affected

Moab/Monticello

Cooperators

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Wild Turkey Federation
Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife

SO

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 Affected

Cooperators

LMP

SO

Forest Plan Revision - Manti-La Sal National Forest

Annette Delos-Santos, Forest

(435) 636-3512

Scoping
NEPA

04-01-2004 Decision 12-01-2005

Location The area to be covered by the proposed Forest Plan Revision is the Manti-La Sal and a portion of the Uinta National Forests, known as the Manti-La Sal National Forest. The Forest is an administrative unit of the Intermountain Region of the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture. Its 1,414,153 acres of National Forest System land are in Central and Southeastern Utah and Western Colorado.

Description

The Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resource Planning Act of 1974 (RPA), as amended, requires every Forest Plan be revised every 10-15 years. The Record of Decision for the Manti-La Sal Forest Plan was signed in 1986.

Status

A Final Analysis of Management Situation (AMS) is scheduled to be completed early in 2004. New planning regulations may be revised prior to the issuance of the Revised Forest Plan. Visit the project web site for more information:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/mantilasal/projects/>

Counties Affected

All

Districts Affected

Forest-wide
Ferron/Price
Moab/Monticello
Sanpete

Cooperators

Emery County
San Juan County
Carbon County
Sanpete County
Grand County

Minerals

Ferron/Price

Dudley Associates Oil and Gas Drilling

Tom Lloyd

(435) 636-3596 NEPA EIS

Scoping

01-27-2003 Decision 05-29-2003

Location

1st Water 2nd Water Canyon, 14.5 miles west of Price. Sect(s)24,25 T14s, §7E

Description

Project will assess the environmental consequences of drilling four oil and gas exploration holes.

Status

Project is in the implementation phase.

Counties Affected

Carbon

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price

Cooperators

Bureau of Land Management

EW/PacifiCorp 5 Hole Drilling 2003 Project

Tom Lloyd

(435) 636-3596 NEPA CE Cat 03

Scoping

02-01-2003 Decision 06-30-2003

Location

East Mountain, Mill Fork Canyon, Upper Joes Valley, Sect(s) 12,15 T.16S.,R6E and Sect(s)7,6, T16S, R7E

Description

This Project will assess the environmental consequences of drilling 5 helicopter assisted coal exploration holes.

Status

Project completed reclamation taking place

Counties Affected

Districts Affected

Cooperators

Minerals

Ferron/Price

SUFCO Coal Exploration Drilling: U-76195 & U-63214 Scoping 07-31-2003 Decision 09-05-2003

Brian McClelland (435) 636-3588 NEPA CE Cat 03 Location Muddy Creek / Pines Area
T21S, R5E, Secs 12, 17 and 24

Description

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

Status

Scoping completed. Analysis completed. Project is underway.

Counties Affected

Sevier

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price

Cooperators

Bureau of Land Management

Prima - East Clear Creek Fed NO 22-42

Karl Boyer (435) 637-2817 NEPA EIS

Scoping 05-07-2002 Decision 10-08-2003

Location T14S, R7E, section 22, Castle Valley Ridge

Description

Evaluating a proposed gas exploration well surface use plan of operation

Status

Draft EIS has been circulated for comment

Counties Affected

Emery
Carbon

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price

Cooperators

Bureau of Land Management

Chevron USA Inc, Natural Gas Exploration

Tom Lloyd (435) 384-2372 NEPA EIS

Scoping 04-04-2003 Decision 11-10-2003

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, FEIS

Counties Affected

Emery

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price

Cooperators

Bureau of Land Management

Ark Land Company - Coal Exploration License UTU 88041

Richard Poulson (435) 636-3521 NEPA CE Cat 03

Scoping 03-01-2002 Decision 01-31-2004

Location Flat Canyon Tract, Boulger Canyon area
T13S, R6E, Sections 28, 29, 33

Description

Coal Exploration License Drilling/Monitoring well

Status

Decision Memo is pending

Counties Affected

Sanpete

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price

Cooperators

Bureau of Land Management

Fortuna US Oil and Gas Exploration Drilling

Tom Lloyd (435) 636-3596 NEPA EIS

Scoping 02-01-2003 Decision 03-01-2004

Location Upper Joes Valley, Middle Mountain, Sect 32
T16S, R6E, and Sect 21 T15S, R6E.

Description

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

Status

Environmental Analysis in progress

Counties Affected

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price

Cooperators

Minerals

Ferron/Price

Cottonwood Coal Lease Tract (UTU-68012)

Dale Harber (435) 636-3548 NEPA EIS

Scoping 04-01-2000 **Decision** 07-01-2004
Location T21-22S, R6E

Western and northern portions of Trail

Mountain

Description

SITLA Coal tract Forest Service proposal is to develop stipulations to protect surface resources that would be incorporated in the SITLA lease, and later to approve the mine plan.

Status

Draft is being reviewed by other agencies, will be released before March 1, 2004.

Counties Affected

Emery

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price

Cooperators

Bureau of Land Management
Bureau of Reclamation

SO

Muddy Creek Coal Area

Dale Harber (435) 636-3548 NEPA EIS

Scoping 02-15-2004 **Decision** 02-01-2005

Location T. 20 S., R. 4 E., T. 20 S., R. 5 E., and T. 21 S., R. 5 E., SLM. Approximately 8 miles northwest of Emery, Utah.

Description

SITLA Coal tract Forest Service proposal is to develop stipulations to protect surface resources that would be incorporated in the SITLA lease, and later to approve the mine plan.

Status

NOI to be published in the Federal Register 2/2004.

Counties Affected

Emery
Sanpete
Sevier

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price

Cooperators

Office of Surface Mining

North Horn Coal Area

Dale Harber (435) 636-3548 NEPA EIS

Scoping 02-15-2004 **Decision** 02-01-2005

Location T. 18 S., R. 6 E., T. 18 S., R. 7 E., T. 19 S., R. 6 E., and T. 19 S., R. 7 E., SLM. Approximately 8 miles west of Castle Dale, Utah.

Description

SITLA Coal tract Forest Service proposal is to develop stipulations to protect surface resources that would be incorporated in the SITLA lease, and later to approve the mine plan.

Status

NOI to be published in the Federal Register 2/2004.

Counties Affected

Emery

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price

Cooperators

Bureau of Reclamation
Office of Surface Mining

Range

Ferron/Price

Upper Spoon Creek Division Fence

John Healy

NEPA CE Cat 09

Scoping 01-01-2004 **Decision** 05-01-2004
Location Upper Spoon Creek near the divide with Scad Valley.

Description

Install approximately 1.5 miles of fence to contain cattle from the Trail Mountain Allotment.

Status

Initial public contact has started.

Counties Affected **Districts Affected** **Cooperators**

Wasatch Plateau Sheep Grazing (EIS/FS)

John Healy

(435) 384-3585 NEPA EIS

Scoping 06-19-2001 **Decision** 10-31-2004
Location Potters Ponds South

Description

Analysis of 25 grazing allotments.

Status

Issues and alternatives are being developed from scoping
Analysis in progress. NOI in Federal

Register

06/19/2001

Counties Affected **Districts Affected** **Cooperators**

Sanpete

Sanpete
Ferron/Price

Moab/Monticello

Gooseberry, Babylon, Camp Jackson, Twin Springs, West

04-01-2004

Scoping **Decision**

Jimmie Forrest

(453) 587-2041 NEPA EA

Location

Description

Status

Analysis dependent on funding in 2003.

Counties Affected **Districts Affected** **Cooperators**

San Juan

Moab/Monticello

Mtn., & Cottonwood Cattle/Horse Allotments (EA/DR)

Jimmie Forrest

(453) 259-2041 NEPA EA

Scoping **Decision** 04-01-2004
Location West of Abajo Mountain

Description

Status

Analysis dependent on funding in 2003.

Counties Affected **Districts Affected** **Cooperators**

Moab/Monticello

Moab Range Allotments

Jose Pino

(435) 587-2041 NEPA EA

Scoping 02-01-1998 **Decision** 09-15-2004
Location Brumley Ridge, South Paradox, Squaw Springs, Chicken Creek, Beaver, North Paradox, Deep Creek, La Sal Cattle/Horse Allotments

Description

Evaluation of Range conditions for the reference allotments

Status

Decision Pending

Counties Affected **Districts Affected** **Cooperators**

Moab/Monticello

Recreation

Ferron/Price

Fish Creek Trail Re-route

Bill Broadbear

NEPA CE Cat 01

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 vegetation.

Status

Scoping completed and a Decision Memo issued 3-17-2003. Project completed September, 2003

Counties Affected

Carbon
Sanpete
Utah

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price

Cooperators

George's Fork Road Conversion

Bill Broadbear
Duck

NEPA CE Cat 02

Scoping 01-24-2003 **Decision** 06-16-2003
Location T19S, R4E, Sections 2, 3, 10 and 11, near

Fork Reservoir

Description

Conversion of approximately 1.1 miles of Forest Road 50049 to a motorized and non-motorized trail. This project was formerly named the Duck Fork Road Conversion.

Status

Scoping has been completed, a decision has been made. Implementation has occurred.

Counties Affected

Sanpete

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price

Cooperators

Ferron Creek Trail Bridge

Bill Broadbear
Canyon

NEPA CE Cat 01

Scoping 01-16-2003 **Decision** 07-07-2003
Location T19S, R6E, Section 32, near the Ferron

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

Decision made on 07-7-2003. Implementation planned for spring 2004.

Counties Affected

Emery

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price

Cooperators

Ferron City

Joes Valley Low-water Boat Ramp

Bill Broadbear

NEPA CE Cat 03

Scoping 01-23-2003 **Decision** 02-01-2004
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 Affected

Ferron/Price

Cooperators

Emery County

Recreation

Ferron/Price

Indian Creek Campground Renovation

Bill Broadbear (435) 637-2817 NEPA N/A

Scoping 12-09-2003 **Decision** 03-01-2004
Location Indian Creek Campground is located in Upper Joes Valley adjacent to Forest Road 017, in T16S, R6E, Section 10 in Emery County, Utah

Description

Aging features in this campground are scheduled for either decommissioning or replacement as part of this project. The water system servicing this CG will be repaired and service connections reduced. Some picnic tables will be salvaged and others replaced. Tables will be grouped and group parking and cooking facilities established. Old toilet facilities will be replaced. Fence repairs will also be made. Work is scheduled to begin after Labor Day weekend, 2004 (September 7, 2004) to minimize displacement of campers.

Status

Final design work for this project is being completed. This project falls under category 31.1b(5), repair and maintenance of recreation sites and facilities. A project or case file and decision memo are not required but may be prepared at the discretion of the responsible official.

Counties Affected Emery
Districts Affected Ferron/Price
Cooperators Emery County

Lake Canyon Trail System

Bill Broadbear NEPA EA

Scoping 01-15-2003 **Decision** 04-01-2004
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

30-day pre-decisional period ended May 1, 2003. Currently preparing decision.

Counties Affected Emery, Sanpete
Districts Affected Ferron/Price
Cooperators

Moab/Monticello

Moonlight Meadows- Allocation of guided/non-guided use & prospectus issuance

Jennifer Jones (435) 259-7155 NEPA CE Cat 03

Scoping 04-30-2004 **Decision**
Location Moonlight Meadows non-motorized trail, La Sal mountains

Description

NEPA analysis of what the allocation should be between guided and non-guided use, based on the Moonlight Meadows 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

Scoping

Counties Affected
Districts Affected
Cooperators

Toilet installation and replacement

Paul Buck (435) 587-2041 NEPA N/A

Scoping 01-22-2004 **Decision**
Location various developed and dispersed recreation sites.

Description

Replace old toilets and install new toilets where needed.

Status

Scoping.

Counties Affected
Districts Affected
Cooperators

Recreation

Moab/Monticello

Willow Basin Trail Right-of-Way & Trail Reconstruction

12-30-2003

Scoping 08-15-2003 Decision

(DM/DR)

Silas Rappe (435) 259-7155 NEPA CE Location T25S, R24E, Section 34

Description

Acquiring land easement from private land owner. Developing trailhead. Possible re-alignment of sections of trail.

Status

Unable to come to agreement with land owner. Trail Mix is now willing to get involved.

Counties Affected Districts Affected Cooperators
Moab/Monticello

Outfitter and Guide Annual Permits (TBA)

Shannon Skibenness (435) 259-7155 NEPA CE Cat 03 Scoping 03-15-2004 Decision 04-15-2004

Location District-wide

Description

Applications for new permits are due March 1st, 2004. CE without decision memo. 2003 finished. 2004 ongoing.

Status

Counties Affected Districts Affected Cooperators
Moab/Monticello

Dark Canyon Wilderness- Allocation of guided/non-guided use and prospectus issuance

Scoping 10-31-2003 Decision 04-30-2004

Jennifer Jones (435) 259-7155 NEPA CE Cat 03 Location 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

Scoping.

Counties Affected Districts Affected Cooperators

Hazard County Trail

Paul Buck (435) 587-2041 NEPA CE Cat 01 Scoping 03-01-2004 Decision 06-01-2004

Location T 26 S R24 E Sections 18, 20,21

Description

Considering adding a new non-motorized trail to the forest trail system.

Status

Scoping.

Counties Affected Districts Affected Cooperators
Grand Moab/Monticello
Grand

Outfitter and Guide Term Permits (DM/DR)

Shannon Skibenness (435) 259-7155 NEPA CE Cat 03 Scoping 03-07-2003 Decision 06-04-2004

Location District-wide

Description

Five Year Permits For:

Status

On going. Generating list of outfitter / Guide companies that can apply for five year permits.

Counties Affected Districts Affected Cooperators
Moab/Monticello

Recreation

Moab/Monticello

Buckeye Reservoir Project (DM/DR)

Shannon Skibeness (435) 259-7155 NEPA EA

Scoping 07-31-2003 **Decision** 08-31-2004
Location T48N, R20W

Description

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

Status

Analysis dependent on funding in fiscal year 2004.

Counties Affected

Montrose, CO

Districts Affected

Moab/Monticello

Cooperators

Recapture Trail

Paul Buck (435) 587-2041 NEPA Unknown

Scoping 07-31-2003 **Decision** 10-01-2004
Location T 34 S R23E Sec 23

Description

New ATV trail construction

Status

Scoping.

Counties Affected

Districts Affected

Cooperators

Wagon Wheel Trail #168

Paul Buck (435) 587-2041 NEPA CE Cat 01

Scoping 11-01-2002 **Decision** 12-01-2004
Location T34S R23E Sec 19 and 30

Description

Realignment and Reconstruction of a Portion of the Wagon Wheel Trail #168

Status

Scoping.

Counties Affected

Districts Affected

Cooperators

Sanpete

Spring City ATV Trail Loop

Bill Broadbear / 435 637 2817 NEPA EA
City

Scoping 07-01-2003 **Decision** 05-01-2004
Location Spring City Canyon near the town of Spring

Utah in Sanpete County, T16S, R5E.

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 open to all vehicles.

Utilizing 3 miles of existing ATV trail in Spring City Canyon to complete the loop.

The local ATV club has indicated a willingness to maintain this trail system. Letters of support for the project have been received from representatives from Sanpete County and Spring City Council as well as the local ATV club.

Counties Affected

Districts Affected

Cooperators

Roads/Access

Ferron/Price

SOB Hill, North Horn Mountain, Road Realignment

Mesia Nyman

(435) 636-3580 NEPA EA

Scoping 04-01-2003 **Decision** 06-30-2003
Location North Horn Mountain near Bull Hollow,
Section 9, T18S, R5E

Description

Project will assess the environmental consequences of minor relocation of 0.55 mile length of road FSD road #50019 for safer travel.

Status

Analyzing data and writing the NEPA documentation

Counties Affected

Emery

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price

Cooperators

Fairview Lakes Private Land Access Road

Leland Matheson

(435) 637-2817 NEPA CE Cat 03

Scoping 05-01-2003 **Decision** 09-30-2003
Location Existing access road (Forest Road 173 and 50187) between State Highway 31 near

Benches

Pond to Private Land including Fairview Lakes. T 13S R6E Section 30 and 31.

Description

Issue Special Use Permit to Fairview Lakes Homeowners Association to provide access and permit operation and maintenance of the access road to private inholdings. Includes all of road 50187 and a portion of Forest Road 173.

Status

Preparing Decision 9/2003

Counties Affected

Districts Affected

Cooperators

Soil/Watershed

Ferron/Price

Ferron Watershed Erosion Control Structures

John Healy

NEPA CE Cat 09

Scoping 01-01-2004 **Decision** 05-01-2004
Location Ferron watershed in Stevens Creek, Dairy Creek, Wrigley Creek, Black Dragon drainages

Description

Install 20 drop structures to stop upward advancement of headcuts. These would be made of rock and/or logs and range in size for 4 to 8 feet wide and 4 to 6 feet deep. The objective is to reduce sediments that are reducing the life expectancy of Millsite Reservoir.

Status

Initial public notification

Counties Affected

Sanpete
Emery

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price

Cooperators

Emery County Water Conservancy District
Ferron Reservoir and Canal Company
Ferron City Sediment Committee

Special Uses

Ferron/Price

Deseret Generation and Transmission

Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE Cat 03

Scoping 12-01-2002 **Decision** 02-01-2003
Location T10S R4E Sec 19

Description

Renewal of a powerline Special Use Permit (Permit issued by the Uinta NF)

Status

Project Complete 12/2003

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price

Cooperators

North Emery Water Users Association

Joel Nowak/Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817

Scoping 12-01-2002 **Decision** 02-01-2003
NEPA CE Cat 03 **Location** 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 decision.

Counties Affected

Districts Affected

Cooperators

Summer Home Permit Renewals

Joel Nowak/Leland Matheson (435) 283-4151
Dams Summer Home Areas

Scoping 12-01-2002 **Decision** 02-28-2003
NEPA CE Cat 03 **Location** Ferron and Beaver

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 Affected

Ferron/Price

Cooperators

Mary's Lake Dam

Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE Cat 03

Scoping 01-01-2003 **Decision** 04-01-2003
Location T18S R5E Sec 14

Description

Issue Special Use Permit for the operation and maintenance of the Mary's Lake dam and the reservoir.

Status

Scoping completed, some questions on viability of the project.

Counties Affected

Sanpete

Districts Affected

Sanpete

Cooperators

Stream Monitoring Devices

Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE Cat 03

Scoping 10-01-2002 **Decision** 05-01-2003
Location T13S R6E Sec 34
T14S R6E Sec 27
T14S R6E Sec 36

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.

Status

Decision completed. Cleveland device and Candland mountain data link installed. Others are awaiting installation.

Counties Affected

Districts Affected

Cooperators

Special Uses

Ferron/Price

Ferron City Arapeen ATV Jamboree

Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE Cat 03

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

Description

ATV trail ride jamboree in August 2003 during the county fair activities. Use would be on existing trails.

Status

Project completed 8/2003

Counties Affected

Emery

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price

Cooperators

Access to SITLA Lands on East Mountain

Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA EIS

Scoping 12-01-2002 **Decision** 08-01-2003
Location T15-T16S R6E

Description

Land Access to private SITLA inholdings, access road to a Prima Gas well, and access to a Fortuna Gas well on East Mountain

Status

Draft EIS should be published in late January or early February 2004

Counties Affected

Emery

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price
Ferron/Price

Cooperators

Cunningham Special Use Road Application

Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE Cat 03

Scoping 01-01-2003 **Decision** 10-01-2003
Location T14S R6E

Description

Special Use Road Application. 2nd access road to private land

Status

Developing Proposed Action

Counties Affected

Emery

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price

Cooperators

Outfitting and Guiding

Joel Nowak/Leland Matheson NEPA CE Cat 03

Scoping 01-01-2004 **Decision** 03-01-2004
Location North Zone of the Manti-La Sal National Forest

Description

To issue a variety of O&G Special Use permits for day use only.

Status

Scoping

Counties Affected

Carbon
Emery
Juab
Sanpete
Sevier
Utah

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price
Sanpete

Cooperators

Spring Cr. Water Measuring Device for Huntington-Cleveland Irrigation Co.

Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE Cat 03

Scoping 12-15-2002 **Decision** 03-30-2004
Location T14S, R6E, Section 28

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..

Status

Scoping in progress

Counties Affected

Sanpete

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price

Cooperators

Special Uses

Ferron/Price

Spring Creek Water Monitoring Device

Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE Cat 03

Scoping 04-01-2003 **Decision** 04-01-2004
Location In Spring Creek between the outlet of Huntington Reservoir and the Lake Creek - Spring Creek diversion. (near the old Lake Guard Station site) and two device in streams above Huntington Reservoir.

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.

Status

Have received an application for the outlet device.

Counties Affected **Districts Affected** **Cooperators**

Spring Development for Craig Johansen (DM/FS)

Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA CE Cat 03

Scoping 10-01-2002 **Decision** 04-15-2004
Location T16S, R6E, sections 16, 21, and 22

Description

Development of a spring for water for a cabin on private land in upper Joes Valley spring on Ferron Mountain and one next to the upper Joes valley road.

Status

Scoping completed in 2002. Project on hold.

Counties Affected **Districts Affected** **Cooperators**

Emery

Ferron/Price

Trough Springs Ridge/Valentines Gulch Land Access

Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817 NEPA EA

Scoping 12-01-2002 **Decision** 07-01-2004
Location T14S R6E S 1/2

Description

Private Land Access on the east side of Electric Lake Reservoir

Status

Developing Proposed Action

Counties Affected **Districts Affected** **Cooperators**

Emery

Ferron/Price

Sanpete

Hart, Paul

Joel Nowak/Leland Matheson (435) 283-4151

Scoping 01-01-2003 **Decision** 03-01-2003
NEPA CE Cat 03 **Location** T15S R2E Sec. 26 – an existing road leaving Wales Canyon road and heading North to Section 23.

Description

Special Use Permit to maintain and improve existing road for about 1/4 mile to private land.

Status

Scoping completed. Forest engineers working on plan.

Counties Affected **Districts Affected** **Cooperators**

Sanpete

Sanpete

Joel Nowak

Renewal of Special Use Permit for Town of Mayfield

Joel Nowak/Leland Matheson (435) 283-4151

Scoping 12-01-2002 **Decision** 03-01-2003
NEPA CE Cat 03 **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

Preparing permit 10/03

Counties Affected **Districts Affected** **Cooperators**

Sanpete

Sanpete

Special Uses

Sanpete

Birch Creek - Emergency Fire Exit Route

Joel Nowak/Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817
East 1/2

Scoping 12-01-2002
NEPA CE Cat 03

Decision 04-01-2003
Location T14S R5E Sec 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

Decision Complete. RO reviewing easement.

Counties Affected

Sanpete

Districts Affected

Sanpete

Cooperators

John R. North Fork Cabin Foundation, LLC

Joel Nowak/Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817
R4E Manti Canyon

Scoping 12-01-2002
NEPA Unknown

Decision 04-01-2003
Location NW 1/4 Sec 8 T18S

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

Sanpete

Districts Affected

Sanpete

Cooperators

Manti City Municipal Springs

Joel Nowak/Leland Matheson (435) 283-4151

Scoping
NEPA

Decision 08-02-2003

CE Location T18S, R3&4E

Description

Redevelop Dry and Hougaard Springs

Status

Project Completed 08/02. Have problems with new spring developments. Will replace parts of collection system in spring 2004.

Counties Affected

Sanpete

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price

Cooperators

Outfitter/Guide permit renewals

Joel Nowak/Leland Matheson (435) 637-2817
Manti-La Sal NF

Scoping 10-01-2003
NEPA CE Cat 03

Decision 12-01-2003
Location Manti portion of

Description

Renew O & G permits for one year.

Status

Scoping/ongoing

Counties Affected

Carbon
Emery
Sanpete
Utah
Juab

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price
Sanpete

Cooperators

Special Uses

Sanpete

Renewal of Special Use Permits

Joel Nowak/Leland Matheson

NEPA EA

Scoping 10-03-2003 **Decision** 12-01-2003

Location North Zone of the Manti-La Sal

Description

To include renewals for water pipelines, parking lot, reservoirs, fences, monuments, seismic stations, and power lines. All are expired or will expire this year. These are existing permits and the use will not change with the renewal of the permits. No new uses will be authorized.

Status

Implementation.

Counties Affected

Juab
Carbon
Emery
Sanpete

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price
Sanpete

Cooperators

Renewal of Miscellaneous Outfitter & Guides

Joel Nowak/Leland Matheson
Districts

(435) 283-4151

Scoping 12-01-2003 **Decision** 01-01-2004

NEPA CE **Location** Sanpete and Ferron/Price

Description

Renewal of outfitter and guide permits that were issued in 2003.

Status

Implementing project.

Counties Affected

Juab
Carbon
Emery
Sanpete
Sevier
Utah

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price
Sanpete

Cooperators

Navajo Trails - Rock Climbing

Joel Nowak/Leland Matheson

NEPA CE

Scoping 12-01-2003 **Decision** 01-30-2004

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

Implementation.

Counties Affected

Sanpete

Districts Affected

Sanpete

Cooperators

Joel Nowak

Skyline Drive Access Roads

Joel Nowak/Leland Matheson

(435) 283-4151

Scoping 12-01-2002 **Decision** 03-01-2004

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

Sanpete

Districts Affected

Sanpete

Cooperators

Vegetation

Ferron/Price

South Manti Timber Salvage:

Doug Jones (435) 636-3544 NEPA EIS

Scoping 10-03-2003 **Decision** 03-01-2004
Location T19-21S, R4E

Description

Revised NOI published in the federal register was published October 3, 2003. Salvage harvest of dead and dying spruce trees using ground-based and helicopter yarding systems. Comment period ends January 16, 2004.

Status

Accepting additional comments per legal notice published December 2, 2003. Reviewing the existing FEIS for the purpose of publishing a new decision

Counties Affected

Sanpete
Sevier

Districts Affected

Ferron/Price
Sanpete

Cooperators

Moab/Monticello

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

Moab/Monticello

Districts Affected

Moab/Monticello

Cooperators

Hang Dog Fire Salvage

Greg Montgomery (435) 587-2041 NEPA CE Cat 13

Scoping 02-01-2004 **Decision** 04-01-2004
Location T28S, R26E, Sections 5, 6, 8, & 18. Hang Dog Fire area that burned in 2002. Two-Mile Creek and Lion Canyon-La Sal Creek (Huc 6) drainages of the Upper Dolores (Huc 4) Watershed

Description

Proposed salvage of dead and damaged ponderosa pine from within 250 acres of the Hang Dog Fire. Objectives: Recover the economic value of saw timber size trees burned and damaged during the Hang Dog Fire. Facilitate the reestablishment of Ponderosa pine in the areas impacted by the fire in Timber Emphasis Units identified in the Forest Plan.

Status

Project is still in planning stage. Scoping will be initiated in September 2003.

Counties Affected

San Juan

Districts Affected

Moab/Monticello

Cooperators

Vegetation

Moab/Monticello

Monticello & Blanding Municipal Watershed Improvement Projects

Greg Montgomery (435) 587-2041 NEPA EIS

Scoping 03-29-2001 **Decision** 04-15-2004

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 has been published and comment period has ended. Notice of Availability was published in March 2003.

Counties Affected

San Juan

Districts Affected

Moab/Monticello

Cooperators

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 CE Cat 13

Scoping 04-03-2003 **Decision** 12-15-2004

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 Blanding.

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 measures in order to reduce the impacts of salvage harvesting and its associated activities.

Status

Project is in the analysis process. Currently being considered for Categorical Exclusion under new regulations. Visit the project web site for more information:
http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/mantilasal/planning/Nizhoni_Fire_Salvage/page2.html

Counties Affected

San Juan

Districts Affected

Moab/Monticello

Cooperators

Sanpete

Ephraim Roadside Salvage

Alan Lucas (435) 283-3328 NEPA CE Cat 13

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

Status

Planning is starting and in the information gathering stage.

Counties Affected

Sanpete

Districts Affected

Sanpete

Cooperators

Steve cote

Vegetation

Sanpete

Manti Summer Home Phase II

Diane Cote (435) 636-3502 NEPA CE Cat 10

Scoping 08-15-2003 **Decision** 01-15-2004
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 Affected Sanpete
Cooperators

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

The EIS will assess the environmental consequences of vegetative treatments to be accomplished by a commercial timber sale in the project area.

Status

Preparing Draft EIS

Counties Affected Sanpete
Districts Affected Sanpete
Ferron/Price
Cooperators

Whispering Pines Fuels Treatment

Diane Cote (435) 636-3502 NEPA EA

Scoping 10-31-2003 **Decision** 02-15-2004
Location North of Spring City Canyon, T.16 S., R.4E., 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 Affected Sanpete
Cooperators

Miscellaneous Special Forest Products

Alan Lucas (435) 636-3328 NEPA CE Cat 12

Scoping 11-30-2003 **Decision** 04-01-2004
Location

Description

Locate areas in the North Forest Zone where various special forest products can be made available to the public for non-commercial use.

Status

Planning is starting and in the information gathering stage

Counties Affected
Districts Affected
Cooperators

Ephraim Salvage

Alan Lucas (435) 636-3328 NEPA CE Cat 13

Scoping 11-28-2003 **Decision** 05-31-2004
Location Upper Ephraim Canyon, T.17 S., R. 4 E., Sections 22, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, and 35

Description

Salvage harvest of dead spruce trees

Status

Planning is starting and in the information gathering stage

Counties Affected Sanpete
Districts Affected Sanpete
Cooperators Steve cote

Vegetation

Sanpete

Upper Manti Salvage

Alan Lucas (435) 636-3328 NEPA CE Cat 13

Scoping 11-30-2003 **Decision** 05-31-2004
Location Upper Manti Canyon, T. 18 S., R. 4 E., Section 16, 17, 19, 20, 29, and 30

Description

Salvage harvest of dead spruce trees

Status

Planning is starting and in the information gathering stage

Counties Affected
Sanpete

Districts Affected
Sanpete

Cooperators

Cone Thinning

Diane Cote (435) 636-3320 NEPA CE Cat 12

Scoping 02-01-2004 **Decision** 07-15-2004
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), improved stand vigor and seed collection.

Status

planning is starting and in the information gathering stage

Counties Affected
Carbon
Emery

Districts Affected
Ferron/Price

Cooperators

Spinners/Link

Alan Lucas (435) 636-3328 NEPA CE Cat 13

Scoping 07-31-2003 **Decision** 10-31-2004
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

Status

Planning is starting and in the information gathering stage

Counties Affected
Sanpete

Districts Affected
Ferron/Price
Sanpete

Cooperators

Spring City Roadside Salvage

Alan Lucas (435) 636-3328 NEPA CE Cat 13

Scoping 07-31-2003 **Decision** 10-31-2004
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)

Status

Planning is starting and in the information gathering stage

Counties Affected
Sanpete

Districts Affected
Sanpete

Cooperators

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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