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PUBLIC NOTICE Opportunity to Comment

U.S. Forest Service – Ashley National Forest Roosevelt/Duchesne Ranger District, Duchesne County, Utah **Pole Mountain Post-Fire Timber Salvage**

The Neola North Fire, which burned approximately 20,377 acres on the Ashley National Forest in June and July of 2007, resulted in a number of areas with high concentrations of fire-caused tree mortality. We are currently proposing a salvage timber harvest of fire-killed and dying trees (mostly lodgepole pine, with some interspersed subalpine fir and Engelmann spruce) from a 225-acre area that burned on Pole Mountain. The area where harvest is proposed is relatively flat, and no road construction is proposed at this time. However, up to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of temporary road construction could be authorized if needed.

Comments on the proposed work activities may be made to the District Ranger at the Roosevelt/Duchesne Ranger District offices, either at 85 West Main, Duchesne, Utah 84021 (phone 435-738-2482) or at 650 West Highway 40, Roosevelt, Utah 84066 (phone 435-722-5018). The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are 8:00 to 4:30, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic comments may be submitted in Word (.doc), Portable Document Format (.pdf), or Rich Text Format (.rtf), with *Pole Mountain Post-Fire Salvage* in the subject line, to https://www.ltullis@fs.fed.us. Comments must be post-marked or received within 30 days from the date of this notice. To obtain additional information regarding the proposal, please contact Jim McRae at 435-781-5123 or John R. Kirkaldie at 435-781-5203.