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Dear Friend of the Ashley National Forest:

The Duchesne Ranger District of the Ashley National Forest is soliciting public comments on our Iron King Project. This project is a proposal to conduct exploratory drilling for locatable minerals on the existing Iron King mining claims within the Farm Creek drainage of the Ashley National Forest. The proposal involves drilling up to 3 small exploratory drillholes, each up to 1,000 feet deep. A drill pad (about 20x30 feet) would be constructed for each drillhole. A temporary mud pit would also be constructed on site, to hold drilling fluids and cuttings while the drilling operations are being conducted. The proposal includes approximately 1.5 miles of cross-country travel, and construction of approximately 0.9 miles of temporary and low-quality road, to allow drilling equipment access to the proposed drilling area. The proposed project area is located within a small side-drainage of Farm Creek, largely within Section 29 of T3N R1W, Uinta Special Meridian.

We anticipate that this project will fall under a categorical exclusion (Forest Service Handbook 1909.13 Section 31.2, Category 8). Relevant information will be compiled in a project file and the final decision will be documented in a decision memo. The responsible official for this project is District Ranger J.R. Kirkaldie. Additional information on this proposal can be obtained from our Duchesne Office, at 85 West Main, Duchesne, Utah, or by calling David Herron at (435) 781-5218.

Comments should be received by our office on or before Friday, November 14, 2006. Comments should be sent to: J. R. Kirkaldie, District Ranger, 85 West Main, P.O. Box 981, Duchesne, Utah 84021. Comments may also be hand delivered to the above address during regular business hours, 8am to 4:30pm Monday – Friday, excluding holidays. You may also comment by phone at (435) 781-5203 or via e-mail. Electronic comments should be sent to [comments-intermtn-ashley@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-intermtn-ashley@fs.fed.us). Electronic comments must be submitted in a Microsoft Word (\*.doc) or rich text format (\*.rtf).

We thank you for your substantive comments on this proposal, and for your continued interest in the Ashley National Forest.

Sincerely,

/s/ J. R. KIRKALDIE

J. R. KIRKALDIE  
District Ranger

