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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 2008 Vantage Drilling Project. This project consists of a proposal, from Vantage Energy, to drill up to 8 oil and gas wells within the South Unit of the Ashley National Forest. These wells are in addition to 7 other wells, soon to be drilled or already being drilled by Vantage Energy, which were previously approved for drilling by other companies and subsequently acquired by Vantage. The drilling areas range from Gilsonite Ridge on the east to Wild Horse Ridge on the west.

We anticipate that environmental analysis for this project will be documented in an environmental assessment (EA). The responsible official for this proposal 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. Electronic comments must be submitted in a Microsoft Word (*.doc) or rich text format (*.rtf). Those using electronic means may submit a scanned signature. Otherwise, another means of verifying the identity of the individual or organizational representative may be necessary for electronically submitted comments or comments received by phone. This is pursuant to 36 CFR 215.6(a) (3) (B). The opportunity to comment ends 30 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in the newspaper of record which is the Uinta Basin Standard. Only those who submit timely comments will be accepted as appellants. Comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for this project.

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

