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Dear Stakeholder:

The Forest Service has conducted an environmental analysis to evaluate the suitability of 86 eligible river segments (840 miles) on the National Forests in Utah for recommendation for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. The area affected by the proposal includes National Forest System lands on the Ashley, Dixie, Fishlake, Manti-La Sal, and Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forests in Utah. Portions of those National Forests extend into Colorado and Wyoming, and those areas have been included in this study. The Forest Service evaluation also considered the cumulative impacts of designation of eligible and suitable river segments managed by other agencies, such as the Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service. It is the determination of the Forest Service that 10 river segments totaling approximately 108 miles (74 miles classified as Wild, 22 miles classified as Scenic, and 12 miles classified as Recreational) of National Forest System lands in Utah administered by the Forest Service are suitable to be designated by Congress as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. At this time the remaining non-suitable 76 river segments (732 miles) in Utah located on National Forest System lands are no longer afforded agency interim protection under the Wild and Scenic River Act, and continue to be managed under direction from each respective Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.

The recommended suitable river segments, mileage, and classification are as follows:

Recommended Alternative 7 – River Segments	Miles	Classification
Ashley National Forest		
Green River	13	Scenic
Upper Uinta River, including Gilbert Creek, Center Fork, and Painter Draw	40	Wild
Dixie National Forest		
Death Hollow Creek	10	Wild
Mamie Creek	2	Wild
North Fork Virgin River	1	Scenic
Pine Creek	8	Wild
Fishlake National Forest		
Fish Creek	15	Wild - Upper (4.3 mi.); Recreational - Lower (10.5 mi.)
Manti-La Sal National Forest		
No segments.	0	N/A
Uinta National Forest		
Little Provo Deer Creek: Cascade Springs	1	Recreational
Wasatch-Cache National Forest		
Ostler Fork: Source to Mouth	4	Wild
Stillwater Fork: Source to Mouth	14	Wild within Wilderness (6 mi.); Scenic below Wilderness (8 mi.)
Total	108 miles	7 Wild classifications (74.3 miles)
		3 Scenic classifications (22 miles)
		2 Recreational classifications (11.5 miles)



A Draft EIS for this project was sent out in November 2007 and over 2500 letters were received from the public and government agencies on that document. The FEIS analyzes and discloses potential environmental effects and also considers comments on the Draft EIS and other information.

The rationale for this decision is provided in the Record of Decision (ROD). This decision is subject to administrative review (appeal) pursuant to 36 CFR 217.3 as described in the ROD. The FEIS and ROD can be accessed on the following Web site: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/rivers/> or a copy is available at most local libraries (see library list on Web site).

Thank you for your interest in this suitability study. Any questions on the FEIS and ROD should be directed to Cathy Kahlow, Team Leader at (801) 733-2675.

Sincerely,

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