

Dear ??????????:

The Heber- Kamas Ranger District, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, is initiating scoping and asking for public comment on a proposal to continue current grazing management on the Curry Cattle Allotment. This letter includes the following sections: How You Can Be Involved, Description of Proposed Action, Purpose and Need of Proposed Action, Location/Map, Background Information, Preliminary Issues, and Schedule for Completion of Analysis.

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED??

The Heber Ranger District is seeking comment on the following proposed action from Federal, State and local agencies, Native American Tribal Governments, and other individuals and organizations that may be interested in or affected by the proposed action. While your comments and concerns are welcome throughout the process, in order to be most useful in the development of alternatives to the proposed action, comments must be postmarked or received within 30 days beginning the day following the publication of these proposed actions in the Provo Daily Herald. Your comments need to be as specific as possible and contain the following:

- 1- Name, address, and telephone number;
- 2- Title of the proposed project you wish to comment on;
- 3- Specific facts and comments along with supporting reason of issues that the Responsible Official should consider in reaching a decision.

Your input will help direct and define the direction of this analysis which will provide for more informed decision making, and sound land management. To be most helpful comments should revolve around issues and concerns to the proposed action and all information, be specific, include reasoning and cite scientific studies where appropriate. Valid issues and concerns are not factored or weighed by numbers of people or organizations submitting them. This process and decision is not based on popular vote, but by the soundness of the analysis and the information that it incorporates.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Forest Service proposes to continue current grazing management on the Curry Cattle Allotment which consists 20 head of cows with calves from 06 July to 25 August. Grazing standards for the allotment are out lined in the Revised Forest Plan Wasatch-Cache.

PURPOSE AND NEED OF PROPOSED ACTION

The purpose and need is to continue to provide livestock forage to meet the objectives of the Revised Forest Plan Wasatch-Cache and U.S. Forest Service policy.

LOCATION/MAP

The Curry allotment (approximately 940 acres) is located in the Duchesne River drainage approximately 19 mile east of Kamas, Utah. Legal description consists of: Sections 12, 13, 14, 22, 23, 27, 34, Township 3 North, Range 9 West, Uintah Special Meridian.

BACKGROUND

Originally this allotment was part of a larger inter forest sheep. In 1957 the allotment was changed into a cattle allotment. In 1986 Decision Notice was signed to continue grazing and an Allotment Management Plan (AMP) was completed. The AMP established the allotment as one unit with the standard and guidelines outlined in the existing Forest Plan.

PRELIMINARY ISSUES

The preliminary issues for this project are:

- Water quality
- Heritage Resources
- TES and MIS
- Livestock operation
- Soil stability

SCHEDULE FOR COMPLETION OF ANALYSIS

It is expected that the environmental document for this project will be a Finding of No Significant Impact and should be completed by July 2009.

Sincerely,

John Campbell
Acting District Ranger