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Dave Whittekiend, Forest Supervisor Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest U.S. Forest Service 857 West South Jordan Parkway South Jordan, UT 84095

Subject: Spanish Fork District Range Improvement Project

RDCC Project No. 86073

Dear Supervisor Whittekiend:

The state of Utah ("State"), through the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office (PLPCO), has reviewed the Spanish Fork District Range Improvement Project Environmental Assessment ("EA"). The State supports the proposed action and submits the following comments for your consideration.

The State appreciates the U.S. Forest Service's ("USFS") efforts to complete range improvement projects in the Spanish Fork District Ranger's region. After reviewing the documents, the State finds that these projects will benefit the livestock producer, wildlife, recreation opportunities, and the rangeland. The proposed improvements to water resources will benefit both livestock and wildlife. Fencing around campgrounds and further into the allotment boundaries will prevent user conflicts. The State asks that the USFS review the State's State Resource Management Plan to ensure that all decisions made under this EA are consistent with State policies and procedures.

The State appreciates the USFS efforts to improve the range and the opportunity to provide comments. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Redge B. Johnson

Director