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Subject: Announcement of Manti-La Sal National Forest Plan Revision

To:

All Parties Interested in Uses of the Manti-La Sal National Forest:

The Manti-La Sal National Forest invites you to join in the process of revising its Forest Plan. The Forest Plan provides guidance for managing resources and activities such as recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, mining, vegetation, and timber production on the National Forest for the next 15 years. Written in 1986, the current Forest Plan is outdated and needs to be revised to reflect the current uses and needs of the Forest and its users. A lot has changed over the past 30 years, including significant scientific advances and changes in recreational uses.

The Forest will be following guidance in the 2012 Planning Rule, which provides direction to all National Forests for revising and implementing Forest Plans. The full revision process is expected to take four years with implementation of the new plan in the beginning of 2020. The Forest Plan Revision Process consists of three phases: Assessment, Planning, and Implementation/Monitoring.

The first phase of the revision process, the Assessment Phase, will begin in August, 2016 and will assess the ecological, physical, social, and economic trends and conditions of the Forest. The assessment report, expected to be completed in winter 2017, will be used to identify components of the current Forest Plan that need to change.

The second phase is the development of the new Draft Forest Plan. The Draft Plan will undergo National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis including production of an environmental impact statement (EIS). Once the new Forest Plan is completed, the final phase of implementation and monitoring will begin.

To learn more, join the Manti-La Sal National Forest at one of our open houses in July 2016. These events will be held in six communities that neighbor the Forest and are intended to provide an overview of the Plan Revision process and introduce the Plan Revision Team. The Forest Plan Revision Team will be on hand to answer questions. The public can drop by at any time during the two hour timeframe.

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- **July 11, 2016 in Price, Utah - Carbon County Event Center, 450 S. Fairgrounds Way**

- July 12, 2016 in Moab, Utah - Grand Center, 182 N 500 West
- July 13, 2016 in Monticello, Utah - Canyon Country Discovery Center, 1117 N Main St
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- July 19, 2016 in Castle Dale, Utah - Emery County Courthouse, 75 E Main (in the Swell Room)
- July 21, 2016 in Manti, Utah - Sanpete County Courthouse, 160 N Main in Room 101

Visit our website for more information on Forest Planning and the Manti-La Sal Forest Plan Revision:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/mantilasal/landmanagement/planning>

For questions about the Plan Revision, or to learn more about how you can get involved, please contact Manti-La Sal National Forest Partnership Coordinator, Blake Bassett, at [435-636-3508](tel:435-636-3508) or mlnfplanrevision@fs.fed.us.

If you want to add a contact to our email mailing list, please reply to this email with the email and/or mailing address you want added. If you no longer want to receive notices about the Manti-La Sal National Forest's Plan Revision, please respond to this email using "unsubscribe" in the title.

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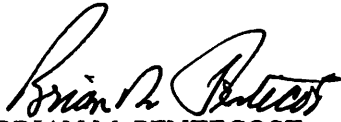


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Thank you,


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