



### **WHY submit comments:**

Many people living outside of rural Utah are unaware that two thirds of the land within the State of Utah are owned and managed by the Federal Government. The majority of those living outside the Wasatch Front are well aware who makes the decisions affecting this land. For many their livelihood and ability to exist in these remote areas is dependent on responsible management.

Federal land in Utah accounts for more than 34 million acres. How easy it can seem to shrug at the closing of a trail that we are not familiar with thinking that there is always another trail somewhere else. Maybe we can just keep shrugging over and over until the day that you lose a trail that you really love. Then what? Those 34 million acres suddenly got real small. Now what would you give to be able to go back and get involved?

Public land managers have an often difficult job compounded by the sheer volume of land that they are responsible for. We have had land managers tell us of the frustration that they feel because they know that their decisions will not please everyone. While land use decisions often seem to happen very quickly, more often than not they are the result of a long and extensive process.

Everyone who uses, appreciates or loves public land has a responsibility to be involved. If we are too busy to be involved with voicing our opinions then how can we expect the outcome that we want? Writing comments in a small way is like voting. Each person has the opportunity to make their feelings known. But so much more can be done with writing a comment than by simply casting a vote. The quality of your comment can make an incredible and lasting difference. Typically, when form letters are received, they are grouped together as one comment even though many may be sent in. One well written comment with pertinent information can have more of an impact than many form letters copied over and over from a single well written letter.

PLEAA urges you to find the time to get involved. No matter how you use public lands they deserve your commitments. Be a part of the process that can make a difference for generations to come.