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Dear Interested Party,

The USDA Forest Service, Manti-La Sal National Forest, and the County of Emery, Utah, propose to exchange parcels of land on a value for value basis. If the values are unequal, it is understood the exchange will occur on an equal value basis, and the County of Emery will donate any additional non-Federal land to the U.S. The proposed exchange will be completed under the authority of the General Exchange Act of March 20, 1922 (16 U.S.C. 485). The exchange is also pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716; as amended); and the Federal Land Exchange Facilitation Act of August 20, 1988 (43 U.S.C. 1716 (note)). Proposed parcels of land to be exchanged are:

Federal (National Forest System land to be conveyed to the County of Emery, Utah)

Township 16 South, Range 7 East, Salt Lake Meridian

Section 6, a portion of Lot 7.

Consisting of 2.5 acres, more or less, located near the Crandall Canyon Mine approximately 16 miles northwest of Huntington, Utah. Shown on the enclosed map as "FS Land."

Non-Federal (land to be conveyed to the USDA Forest Service)

Township 16 South, Range 7 East, Salt Lake Meridian

Section 15, more particularly described as the NW1/4NW1/4 lying westerly of State Route 31.

Consisting of 7.5 acres, more or less, located approximately 13 miles northwest of Huntington, Utah. Shown on the enclosed map as "Emery County."

This exchange would allow the Forest Service to acquire approximately 1,025 feet of streamside property along Huntington Creek while exchanging lands that contain 350 feet along Crandall Canyon Creek. Neither parcel contains areas of wetlands, floodplains or flood-prone areas. This land exchange would be in compliance with Executive Orders 11988 and 11990. The exchange will also enhance management efficiencies for the Forest Service while consolidating Emery County ownership of the Crandall Canyon Miners Memorial adjacent to the County's trailhead parking and trail for the Memorial.





The Forest Service will formally evaluate this exchange proposal through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) procedures, which includes public involvement. A decision to complete the exchange will need to be based on overall public benefits. If a decision is made to consummate the exchange, the involved Federal and Non-Federal lands will be conveyed based on equal value, which will be determined by appraisals, which meet Federal standards and that have been reviewed and approved by the Forest Service.

The Federal land has been segregated from appropriation under the public land and mineral laws for a period not to exceed three years from the date of April 11, 2011.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this proposal, please send written comments to Pam Brown, Forest Supervisor, 599 W. Price River Drive, Price, Utah 84501, or email at comments-intermtn-manti-lasal@fs.fed.us. Comments must be received no later than July 15, 2011.

Sincerely,

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Forest Supervisor

