

## Ashley Forest Plan

### Amendment Number 21

Effective with the Decision for the Wild and Scenic River Suitability Study for National Forest System Lands in Utah, 2008.

**Previous wording found in Forest Plan, Chapter II, Page II-18** for Wild and Scenic Rivers is:

Wild and Scenic Rivers: The Green River has have been recommended for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System: The Green River Study was completed in 1978, with the Draft Environmental Statement completed in June 1979, and Final Environmental Statement in 1980; the Green River from Flaming Gorge Dam to the southern boundary of Dinosaur National Monument is eligible and has been recommended as a component of the NW&SRS.

**Amended wording** for Wild and Scenic Rivers is:

Wild and Scenic Rivers: A portion of the Green River has been recommended for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System: The Green River Study was completed in 1978, with the Draft Environmental Statement completed in June 1979, and Final Environmental Statement in 1980; the Green River from Flaming Gorge Dam to the southern boundary of Dinosaur National Monument is eligible and has been recommended as a component of the NW&SRS. In 2008, all eligible river segments were reviewed and it was determined, through the Wild and Scenic River Suitability Study for National Forest System Lands in Utah FEIS and ROD, that a 13 mile section of the Green River and a 40 mile section of the Upper Uinta River, including Gilbert Creek, Center Fork, and Painter Draw are suitable to be recommended for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System.

Suitable river segments will be protected consistent with the management guidelines in FSH 1909.12, Chapter 80, Section 82.5. For river segments that were determined eligible but are not determined suitable for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, these river segments are no longer afforded agency protection as potential wild and scenic rivers.

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**Previous wording found in** Forest Plan Amendment #07, Dated October 23, 1989 for Forest Plan Amendment #07 is:

It is my decision to amend the Ashley National Forest Plan of October 1986. This amendment in no way changes the desired future condition as presented in the Plan but rather brings the Plan current with the agreement made on Wild and Scenic Rivers.

Proposed Amendment: The following streams are made part of the Ashley National Forest Wild and Scenic Eligibility Summary.

1. North Fork of the Duchesne River. The entire river from the headwaters to the Forest boundary is ineligible.
2. Rock Creek. The river segment within the High Uintas Wilderness is eligible. The river segment below the Wilderness boundary is ineligible.
3. Lake Fork River. The river segment within the High Uintas Wilderness is eligible. The river segment below the Wilderness boundary is ineligible.
4. Yellowstone River. The river segment within the High Uintas Wilderness boundary is ineligible.
5. Uinta River. The river segments within the High Uintas Wilderness and from the Wilderness Boundary to the U-Bar Ranch are eligible. The river segment from the U-Bar to the Forest boundary is ineligible.
6. Whiterocks River. The river segment from the headwaters to the Forest boundary is eligible.

The determination of the suitability for eligible rivers will be deferred until the Forest Plan is revised. This is reasonable since most of the river segments are within the High Uintas Wilderness which helps preserve the rivers' status. Segments of the Uinta River outside the wilderness and the Whiterocks River have no Forest Plan prescriptions for development. If any proposals are made to change this status, the proposals will be preceded by suitability studies including appropriate NEPA and public involvement procedures. Additionally, the proposals may be modified so there is no impact on the potential suitability of the rivers for inclusion into the Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

**Amended wording** for Forest Plan Amendment #07 is:

This Forest Plan Amendment #21 supersedes Forest Plan Amendment #07.