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Mr. F. David Searle, Presiding Officer
Environmental Quality Council
Herschler Building East, Room 1714
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Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary
Environmental Quality Council

Docket No. 09-11-3

Dear Mr. Searle,

Given the upcoming field trip and the combination of short notice and the potential for inclement weather, I would like to offer some potential options for a field trip that would allow incorporation of some of the other non-party recommendations for stops that were submitted, all while staying on roads suitable to SUVs & Trucks.

One route would be to proceed to Dugout Gulch botanical area south, from the I-90 Beulah exit for an initial stop. From this stop, proceed north back up to the intersection of the Homestake Rd (104°4'57.048"W 44°31'29.804"N). Proceed east here to the intersection of the Boundary Gulch Rd (104°3'31.246"W 44°31'7.145"N This would also allow us the opportunity to stop at areas along the Boundary Gulch Road (104°4'3.714"W 44°26'16.702"N) which is just outside the petition area, yet inside the Boundary fire footprint and shows ample amounts of bur oak as along with notable populations of birch and aspen . One of our stops would include the intersection of FR 865 and FR 8634 (104°5'11.56"W 44°25'11.594"N), just in the petition area and on the outskirts of the Inventoried Roadless Area. We could then return back to Sundance via the Boundary Gulch Rd.

Another option would be to proceed into the petition area, south from the Beulah exit on Sand Creek Rd and stop at the Dugout Gulch Botanical area. Then continue south on Sand Creek Road Rd. One of our stops would be at the intersection of Sand Creek Road and Idol Gulch Road (104°9'2.802"W 44°25'36.894"N). This is essentially where the start of the Grand Canyon is and continues south on Sand Creek Road for another 5+ miles. We would be able to proceed down Idol Gulch Rd if necessary, and when done, return to Sundance on CR 141. (Turn Right off Sand Creek Rd).

I would offer caution in attempting to navigate some of the roads in the southern end of the petition given the past and predicted weather conditions. It is probably able to be done with 4x4, but nothing less.

I understand the short notice given on offering these tourpoints, however with no recommendations received by members claiming party status and in an effort to have a constructive tour tomorrow, I would offer up the following routes.

Sincerely,


Carson Engelskirger