

# Scoping Document Request for Comments

## Copper Creek Restoration Project

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### PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose and need for this project is to restore riparian vegetation and habitats on Copper Creek. There is also a need to stabilize stream banks and restore riparian function on the stream and associated meadows.

### LOCATION

The Copper Creek Restoration Project Area includes National Forest System lands located southwest of the Ellison Guard Station in the White Pine Range; T13N, R59E, Sections 7 and 18. The project area is approximately 30 miles southwest of Ely, Nevada as shown on the enclosed map.

### PROPOSED ACTION

This project will stabilize roughly 200 feet of incised stream channel by sloping banks and partially filling the channel with native rock and vegetation. The project will also stabilize headcuts with structures built with rock and vegetation. The project will utilize a track mounted excavator or backhoe to slope the banks and place the rock and vegetation. Rock will be utilized from a local rock source which is free of noxious weeds. Rock will be hauled to the site using a dumptruck. Willow cuttings may be planted and disturbed areas may be seeded with a native seed mix.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public involvement in the NEPA process is essential. Scoping is performed as one of the first steps to receive input from interested individuals, organizations and government agencies including federal, state, and local agencies. We invite you to submit written comments stating your concerns and issues that are relevant to the proposed project. We will use the comments we receive from you to analyze the potential effects of implementing this project.

To encourage public participation, the Forest Service will mail information to interested parties. Comments are requested by **August 23, 2010**. Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection. You must submit written comments or contact us if you want to ensure that you remain on the mailing list for this project.

### **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU ...**

If you would like more information or to comment on this proposal, write or call:

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