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# News Release

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## The Ashley National Forest Seeks Public Comments on Updated February 2017 Draft Potential Wilderness Inventory Map

The Ashley National Forest has updated the August 2016 Draft Potential Wilderness Inventory maps and they are now available for review and corrections. The updated map has been prepared considering comments received during the August 2016 comment period.

The Wilderness Evaluation is a four step process, and the second review of the draft Potential Wilderness Inventory is still part of the first step in the process. The entire process takes a couple of years to complete.

Public participation in this process is imperative in making the best informed decision. There will be opportunities to get involved during each phase of this process. To be of most use, comments should be timed according to each phase, and be specific.

More information on the process is available at:

[http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fseprd509883.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd509883.pdf)

The inventory step is intended to be broad and inclusive. The maps offered for review display an updated inventory where additional areas and locations have been identified and determined not to meet the criteria for the inventory. These areas have been removed from further consideration. Additional information concerning the areas excluded since the August 2016 draft inventory can be found on the [Ashley National Forest Potential Wilderness Evaluation web application](#) and on the [Ashley National Forest webpage](#). These areas excluded from inventory are important land features that we hope you will review for site correctness. You can send correction in one of three ways.

**You can review and submit corrections three ways: using the inventory tabs on the website, by email or in writing.**

**To be most useful please submit any CORRECTIONS by close of business February 28, 2017.**

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1. Website [Preferred Method]

<http://usfs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=c7b621df5c7b4c53976296c6f06bc659>

**OR**

2. Email with your name and contact information to: [AshleyForestPlan@fs.fed.us](mailto:AshleyForestPlan@fs.fed.us)

**OR**

3. Written (must include name and contact information) corrections can be sent to; Ashley National Forest, Forest Plan Revision, 355 North Vernal Ave., Vernal, UT 84078.  
*Hardcopies of the maps will be available to view (during their office hours) at the Ashley National Forest-Supervisors Office in Vernal, Utah and the County Commission Offices of Daggett, Uintah and, Duchesne Utah and in Wyoming at the Sweetwater County Commission office in Green River, WY. Correction forms will also be there or you can submit through the website or email after you look at the hardcopy maps. Please send correction responses by Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>.*