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Dear Interested Party:

The Forest Service will be evaluating a proposal by Canyon Fuels Company, Skyline Mine to undermine and subside perennial portions of James Creek. The proposed subsidence would take place in section 35 of Township 13 South, Range 6 East and section 2 of Township 14 South, Range 6 East, Salt Lake Baseline and Meridian. The attached map shows the project location.

Approximately 1 mile of James Creek is located within the Skyline Mine approved permit boundary, and is part of Federal Coal Lease U-044076. A stipulation applied to the coal lease currently prohibits mining that would subside perennial drainages except at specifically approved locations. The Forest Service must decide whether or not to apply an exception to this stipulation and specifically approve subsidence of James Creek. An environmental analysis is being conducted.

James Creek is located immediately south of Burnout Creek, a location where subsidence of a perennial drainage has been allowed with acceptable environmental effects. The Forest Service and Canyon Fuel Company cooperated in an intensive 5-year study to monitor the effects of subsidence on the drainage. To date, no measureable effects on stream flows or fish habitat have occurred.

The agency is inviting public input through the scoping (public participation) process[1]. If you have any comments or concerns you would like addressed in the environmental analysis, or have any questions regarding the project, please forward them to Jeff DeFreest at the above address by **November 30, 1998**. If you do not wish to comment at this time, but would like to remain on the mailing list, you need to send us notification or call us indicating your preference.

Sincerely,

CHARLES J. JANKIEWICZ

Ferron-Price District Ranger

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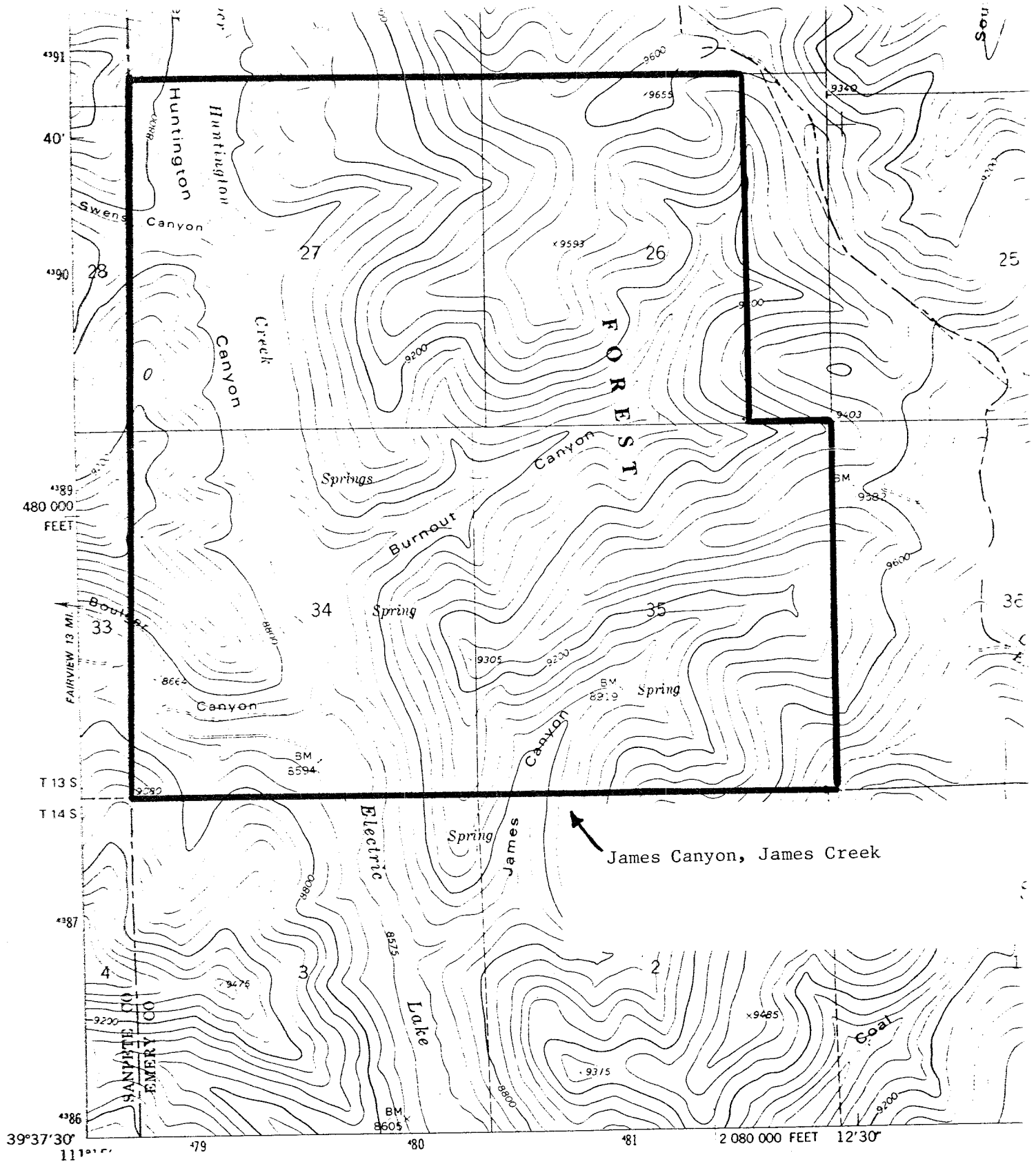
[1] Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses, will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit such comments will not have standing under 36 CFR 215. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request that a submission be withheld from the public record by showing how the Freedom Of Information Act permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that such confidentiality is granted in only very limited circumstances. The Forest will inform the requester of its decision regarding a request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the Forest will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address.



Federal Lease U-044076

Scofield 7-1/2' Quad

1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 12, shown in blue. 1927 North American datum

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence lines

There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of the National or State reservations shown on this map

GN MN 0°07' 2 MILS 15° 267 MILS

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