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The NCCJ has organized the Interfaith Service since its inception. A different religious group hosts the Service each year. Dr. Joan Smith, Executive Director of the NCCJ of Utah commented, "The Interfaith Service is an opportunity for the entire community to offer prayers and wishes of thanks in a setting of mutual respect for different faith traditions." The Thanksgiving Interfaith Service is free of charge and the public is welcome. Seating is limited. Visitors are also invited to bring nonperishable food items to the Service.

Lands Council Discusses Issues

By PATSY STODDARD
Editor

The Emery County Public Lands Council met in their regularly scheduled meeting on Nov. 12 at 10 a.m. in the commission chambers. Those present were chairman Dennis Worwood, Dickson Huntington, Craig Johansen, Joe Fielder, Kirk Johansen, Vernell Rowley and Commissioners Drew Sitterud and Ira Hatch. Also present was the new public lands director, Ray Petersen who is replacing Val Payne who took a job with the state earlier this year.

The first item on the agenda was to approve two sets of minutes from prior meetings. The next item of business was a report from Kathleen Truman on the status of the cowboy poetry book. She said they have the final blue line copy which is the final editing stage before the book is printed. They hope to have the book available before Christmas and copies will be available for purchase at the Museum of the San Rafael. She also presented the council with brochures from the Bear River Heritage Area, she said they haven't yet introduced a bill to Congress. She also mentioned several other areas in the state including the Uintah Basin who are working on heritage areas at this time. The interpretive kiosks for the I-70 corridor are almost to the last proof, Truman reported. The windows for the Pioneer Museum are also on order and will need to be painted when they arrive.

Commissioner Sitterud mentioned that the Bureau of Land Management's fly over video of the San Rafael will also be available at the museum in a couple of weeks for those interested in

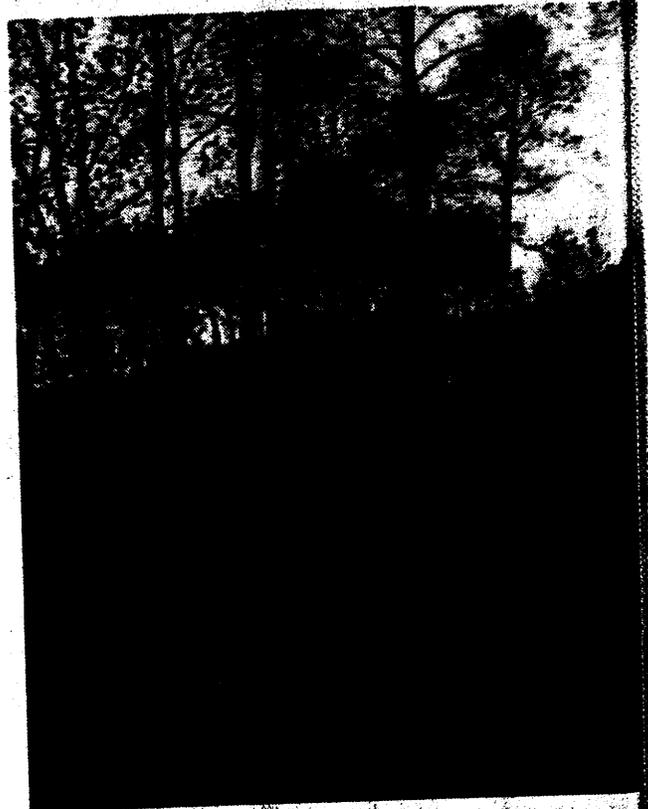
Looking at rangeland and roads

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The forest is the scene for some important issues being addressed at this time. These issues will effect how the forest is managed now and in the future. District Ranger Mesia Nyman from the Ferron Ranger Station was on hand on Nov. 12 to address the Emery County Public Lands Council. She described how the wild and scenic river designations work on the forest land. She described the three designations as being wild, scenic and recreation and their order of development. A wild designation is almost like a wilderness. Each nomination will be looked at for its characteristics. A river would move from eligible, to suitable, to being nominated and then designated. In the eligibility process all of the characteristics are addressed. The forest service has asked the county to be involved as well and to go

over each of the river deemed eligible. The currently at this time the county has given Most of the rivers drop out and a few suitable considerations important stage where economic uses are as well as the water. More input from the be asked for at this stated that she would more than one or two this stage. Those suitable as suitable would go NEPA process. This public hearings and an appeal period.

The federal land been required by law and scenic rivers. This has been threatened they did not begin scenic designations mately a year for this and then those rivers would be submitted designation. Nyma where she worked



Roads are among the issues the forest service