

Capitol Reef National Park Pilot Orchard Rehabilitation in Fruita Historic Orchards

How to Participate

To facilitate your participation in this planning process, project information is available online at the Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/careorchardrehab>. The public will have the opportunity to submit formal comments on the project during the scoping period (February 5 – March 18, 2021). We will also be hosting a public scoping meeting on three separate occasions. Each meeting will cover the same information to further describe the project, the planning process timeline, and next steps.

- **February 25, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (mst): virtual public meeting via webinar**
- **February 26, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (mst): on-site public meeting**
- **March 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (mst): on-site public meeting**

The virtual public meeting will be open to all interested parties. To attend, please go to the project website, <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/careorchardrehab>, and go to the 'Meeting Notices' section. A meeting link will be posted two weeks prior to the meeting date.

To confirm your interest in attending either of the on-site public meetings please RSVP to Jim Roche by phone at 435-425-4140 or via e-mail at jim_roche@nps.gov by February 12, 2021.

All comments, questions, and suggestions related to the project are welcome. Consideration of the following questions would be particularly helpful:

- What do you value or find important about the Fruita orchards?
- What concerns do you have with the proposed replanting strategy at the Guy Smith and Cook orchards?
- What strategies could the NPS consider to maintain the historic integrity of the orchards?
- How important is the investment in traditional planting patterns and selection of fruit types?
- What actions could the NPS take to improve or facilitate recreational and traditional use of the orchards?

The National Park Service (NPS) encourages public participation through the planning process under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The NPS is also coordinating the public involvement requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) through the agency's procedures under NEPA in order to solicit public review and comment for this project. We are actively seeking interested groups and members of the public that possess historical ties and traditional associations

with the Fruita Rural Historic District and greater Capitol Reef landscape to participate in this planning effort at the park.

You can find additional information and guidance regarding public participation in the Section 106 review process, including opportunities to engage as a consulting party, at <https://www.achp.gov/digital-library-section-106-landing/citizens-guide-section-106-review>. If you would like to be considered for consulting party status under Section 106 please complete and submit the application available online at the Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/careorchardrehab>.

Please send your comments to:

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Orchard Replanting Project
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Or email to CARE_Superintendent@nps.gov.

All comments must be received by March 18, 2021.