

### Kents Lake Campground

Fishlake National Forest Beaver County, Utah





### Project Descriptio n

Improve several campground roads and spurs in this 33-site destination campground.



### Why?

- Very popular campground in the high-use Kents Lake Corridor. This campground attracts visitors from in- and out-of-state, including from the Las Vegas metro area. This is the highest-occupancy campground on the Beaver Ranger District.
- Fix several campground roads and camping spurs that are in disrepair.
- Accommodate more visitors by upgrading several sites from single to double sites.

## Project Planning & Timeline

### **What's Been Done**

- The Forest Service is currently investing \$1.2 million of Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) funding to update site furnishings, replace an existing toilet, improve campground roads and drainage, and install fencing around the campground perimeter. This work will be performed in 2024.
- A cultural inventory of the campground has been conducted.
- The Forest Service and partners have improved access to the campground by graveling and paving the adjacent Kents Lake Road.

### What Still Needs to Be Completed

- Consultation with SHPO needs to be completed this winter.
- Some road and site upgrade work is still needed. If funding is secured, <u>this work can be completed as early as 2024</u> by amending an existing construction contract.

# Community Input & Stakeholder Contributions

### **Community Input**

• Supporters of the Kents Lake Corridor project include Beaver County, the Hi-Lo Homeowners Association and High Country Recreation (campground concessionaire).

### **Stakeholder Contributions**

- The Forest Service, Utah Forestry Fire & State Lands, and numerous additional partners have invested over \$8 million in recent years through Shared Stewardship to improve forest conditions and reduce wildfire risk in the surrounding Beaver Canyon area, with an additional \$4-6 million planned.
- The Forest Service is investing a total of \$2.36 million of GAOA funding to improve access and recreational opportunities in the Kents Lake Corridor.
- Beaver County has provided approximately \$70,000 of in-kind contributions to support the Kents Lake Corridor project in 2022 and 2023.
- High Country Recreation will contribute to the cost of upgrading and replacing existing site furnishings and kiosks (approximate value of \$30,000).

### Requested Support

This proposal requests **\$500,000** in funding to augment Forest Service funding for a construction contract to improve the campground. The Forest Service will provide contract administration and oversight.