

AGENDA ITEM # X.

STEERING COMMITTEE

REVIEWS

**AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS
FOR PLANNING DISTRICT V**

NOTIFICATIONS - Supportive

August 13, 2014

**1. Title: BLAWN MOUNTAIN - MULTIPLE LARGE PITS & ASSOC.
LOW-GRADE ORE STOCKPILES/WASTE DUMPS**

**Applicant: Department of Natural Resources/Division of Oil, Gas
and Mining**

**Description: Ore will be mined from benched open pits in two mining areas
at a reported rate of 4.7 million cubic yards annually and then
crushed, milled, and roasted. Calcined and roasted ore will
then be leached with hot water to produce brine from which
sulfate of potash (SOP) will be produced through crystallization
and dewatering processes. Sulfuric acid will also be produced
for sale as a byproduct of the calcination and roasting process.
Four large low grade ore piles are planned from which material
is anticipated to be processed after open pit mining operations
have concluded. Waste road removed during mining will be
placed in a designated waste rock dump area and backfilled
into open pits.**

Funding:	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>SAI #</u>
	N/A	N/A	44962

Received 7/10/2014

**Comments: The Utah Department of Natural Resources/Division
of Oil, Gas and Mining has issued a “Notice of Tentative
Approval to Commence Large Mining Operations” at the Blawn
Mountain Mine. The mineral to be mined will be Alunite, which
is used for the production of sulfate of potash (SOP) and sulfuric
acid. Approximately 2,306 acres will be disturbed. The land
currently undisturbed is being used for livestock grazing and
wildlife habitat. After the mining operations are completed, the
land will be rehabilitated and re-vegetated in accordance with an
approved reclamation plan.**

**Beaver County was contacted. They indicate that the County
does not have concerns with the application for the Blawn
Mountain project. (Gary Zabriskie)**

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APPLICATIONS - Conditional

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2. Title: SULA - SALT WASH CABIN LEASE

Applicant: Trust Lands Administration

Description: SITLA has received a residential lease application for 20 acres of Trust Lands in the West Desert in Beaver County. The property is located near Salt Wash in an area that has been recently re-seeded by the agency. The applicant proposes to build a new cabin on the property, which will be used for a second home and for recreational purposes.

Funding:	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>SAI #</u>
	N/A	N/A	45040
			Received 07/17/2014

Comments: SITLA has received an application for a residential lease of 20 acres of Trust Lands in the West Desert of Beaver County. The property is near Salt Wash in an area that has recently been re-seeded by SITLA. The applicant proposes to build a cabin on the property which will be used as a secondary home and for recreational purposes. There will be some ground disturbance and construction noise during the building phase.

Beaver County indicated that as long as all applicable state and local building, health and zoning requirements are adhered to, they did not have concerns with this project. (Gary Zabriskie)

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3. Title: LOWE CATTLE ALLOTMENT PIPELINE - RANGE
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (RIP) #566

Applicant: Trust Lands Administration

Description: SITLA grazing permittee proposes to install a two mile long pipeline for livestock water purposes. The pipeline crosses trust lands, BLM managed lands, and Iron County owned property. A water right change application has been submitted to the Utah Division of Water Rights. The BLM will complete the cultural resource survey.

Funding:	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>SAI #</u>
	N/A	N/A	45343
			Received 08/05/14

Comments: A pipeline will be installed to transfer water from a nearby well on SITLA property to an existing livestock watering facility on an adjacent SITLA property in northwestern Iron County. The pipeline is being proposed by the BLM to better manage grazing on the associated grazing permit. The proposed pipeline would be within the existing two track roadway that accesses BLM, SITLA, and the Easement Property.

Iron County is in agreement with the proposed project because it would reduce the amount of vehicle traffic on the road (currently, the grazing permittee hauls water daily to the livestock from the water source and crosses the Easement Property, as allowed by the terms of the grazing permit). Placement of another water trough on adjacent BLM lands west of the Easement property would also reduce the frequency of livestock crossing back and forth to water.

Iron County has property they purchased from SITLA a few years ago that is adjacent to the SITLA property, and has an conservation easement on it for Utah Prairie Dog mitigation. Since the pipeline will be crossing the county property, the County has written a request to the easement holder (DWR) to approve the project. The portion of pipeline that crosses the County easement property would be approximately 3,880 feet in length and buried. (Gary Zabriskie)