

AGENDA # II.

STEERING COMMITTEE

REVIEWS

**AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS
FOR PLANNING DISTRICT V**

NOTIFICATIONS - Supportive

July 15, 2010

1. Title: GRAVEYARD HOLLOW FENCE

Applicant: Trust Lands Administration

Description: SITLA grazing permittee, Joe Decker, proposes to fence four sides of a trust land section to control cattle grazing within the trust lands section 16. He plans to privately fund and construct the fence.

Funding:	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>SAI #</u>
	N/A	N/A	Received 6-17-2010

Comments: The Utah State Trust Lands Administration proposes to authorize the installation of a fence enclosing a trust land section in Graveyard Hollow south of Panguitch in Garfield County. The fence is required in order to prevent livestock trespass on adjacent BLM lands. Regional policies support efforts to utilize rangelands effectively. (Ken Sizemore)

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2. Title: RANGE IMPROVEMENT #389 - BARRACK'S RANCH SEEDING

Applicant: Trust Lands Administration

Description: SITLA grazing permit subleasee, Jeff Cox, in cooperation with the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food Grazing Improvement Program (GIP), propose to disk and seed approximately 105 acres of trust lands and private lands. The cultural resource survey of the project area will be completed by SITLA. The purpose of the project is to provide more forage for livestock and to improve the watershed conditions.

Funding:	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>SAI #</u>
	N/A	N/A	Received 6/17/2010

Comments: The Utah State Trust Lands Administration proposes to authorize a rangeland improvement project on 105 acres known as Barrack's Ranch in western Kane County. The project will allow disking and seeding that will improve forage and watershed conditions. Regional policies support efforts to improve rangeland capacity and function. (Ken Sizemore)

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3. Title: RANGE IMPROVEMENT #388 - CHOKECHERRY
SEEDING AND HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS

Applicant: Trust Lands Administration

Description: SITLA grazing permittee, Mike Flinspach, in cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NCRS), has proposed to treat the vegetation on approximately 545 acres of trust land to improve habitat for sage grouse. The vegetation treatment consists of pulling an "Ely" chain with two dozers to remove pinyon and juniper trees, arial seed, and then back chain to plant the seed. A fence will be constructed on the north side of the trust land section to protect the seeding and provide for future livestock management on the grazing allotment. A cultural resource survey will be completed by the NRCS on the project area.

Funding:	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>SAI #</u>
	N/A	N/A	Received 6/17/2010

Comments: The Utah State Trust Lands Administration proposes to authorize a rangeland improvement project on 640 acres located in western Iron County. The chokecherry project will improve forage conditions for both sage grouse and livestock by removing encroaching pinyon/juniper trees and planting a seed mixture. Regional policies support efforts to improve rangeland capacity and function. (Ken Sizemore)

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4. Title: RANGE IMPROVEMENT #390 - BUMBLEBEE SPRING REDEVELOPMENT, PIPELINE & TROUGH

Applicant: Trust Lands Administration

Description: Bumblebee Spring was first developed over 40 years ago and has now deteriorated. The spring headbox needs to be cleaned out, a new pipeline installed to a new water trough below the spring. If there is adequate water, a pipeline will eventually be extended into the grazing allotment making more forage available for livestock during the winter. A water right #69-105 has been secured for this improvement.

Funding:	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>SAI #</u>
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Comments: The Utah State Trust Lands Administration proposes to authorize the redevelopment of a spring and pipeline system on trust lands in south-central Beaver County known as Bumblebee Spring. Improvements will allow continued use of the facility for livestock watering. Regional policies support efforts to improve rangeland capacity and function. (Ken Sizemore)

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5. Title: POWER TRANSMISSION LINE - EASEMENT NO. 1572

Applicant: Trust Lands Administration

Description: Raser Technologies has submitted an easement for a power transmission line located in Beaver County southwest of Milford. The applicant is in the process of developing a series of geothermal electric generation plants in the area. They currently have one plant in operation and plan to develop an additional 7 to 10 plants over the next 10 years. The power transmission line is necessary to provide sufficient infrastructure to transmit the electricity into the electrical grid. The proposed transmission line will be 138 kV and will be approximately 30 miles long. The portion of the line to be located on Trust Lands is 12,153.4 feet (2.3 miles) long. The proposed easement corridor is 100 feet wide and contains 27.77 acres. It is anticipated that the easement will be issued for a 30 year term.

Funding:	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>SAI #</u>
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Comments: The Utah State Trust Lands Administration proposes to authorize a power line easement to Raser Technologies in Beaver County for the installation and operation of a 138 kV line intended to connect between 7 to 10 additional geothermal generation plants anticipated in the coming decade. The 30 mile line will connect the plants to the existing electrical grid in the area. Regional policies strongly support efforts the prudent development of additional renewable energy resources. (Ken Sizemore)

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6. Title: EASEMENT NO. 1338, AMENDMENT NO. 3 - GARKANE ENERGY COOPERATIVE, INC.

Applicant: Trust Lands Administration

Description: Garkane Energy Cooperative, Inc. Has submitted an application to amend Easement No. 1338 to allow for the construction of an access road within T37S, R5W, Section 30 and T37S, R6W, Section 25 in Garfield County. Easement No. 1338 was granted effective July 1, 2008 for an overhead power transmission line known as the Hatch to Long Valley Junction line. This new access road is needed to access one of the proposed tower structures. This structure is located in an area which, due to topography, cannot be accessed by using the power line easement corridor and there are no existing roads within the vicinity of the structure. This new road will be used both for the construction of the tower structure and for ongoing maintenance of the structure. The proposed road corridor is 5,305 feet long and 30 feet wide, containing 3.65 acres. The term of the easement would remain 30 years with an expiration date of June 30, 2028.

Funding:	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>SAI #</u>
	N/A	N/A	Received 6/28/2010

Comments: The Utah State Trust Lands Administration proposes to authorize an amended easement to Garkane Energy for the purpose of accessing a proposed tower structure on the Hatch to Long Valley line under design. Previous reviews were supportive of the original easement. Increased capacity provided by the line is vital for the area serviced. (Ken Sizemore)