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Re: Eastern Lake Mountains Target Shooting Plan Amendment

To Whom It May Concern:

Regarding the Eastern Lake Mountains Target Shooting Plan Amendment project, the Utah County Commission supports Alternative B: Making the current 893 acre temporary closure long term. Utah County also requests that the BLM take into account the following concerns expressed by the public regarding the Eastern Lake Mountains Target Shooting Plan Amendment:

1. Utah County is appreciative of the substantial contributions and efforts taken by the BLM in addressing the target shooting recreational interests of the citizens of Utah County. While we recognize that the new shooting range will help to address this public need, the shooting range is unlikely to satisfy current demand, particularly on the weekends. Utah County Sheriff Jim Tracy estimates that between 500-700 people participate in target shooting in the area on the weekends, a number which exceeds the capacity of the new shooting range. Utah County encourages the BLM to continue to explore options to provide enhanced opportunities for the public to safely utilize BLM properties for the public's target shooting interests.
2. Utah County recognizes that some members of the public have expressed a desire for long-distance target shooting opportunities. Closing off all target shooting in surrounding areas is problematic because the new shooting range is too short for long-distance target shooting. Utah County encourages the BLM to investigate potential opportunities to develop resources for long-distance target shooting enthusiasts.

Sincerely,


Commissioner Larry Ellertson
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