**RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Public Lands Policy Coordination

**August 3, 2017**

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Room 112**

**MINUTES**

 **Attendees:**

**Members**

Todd Stonely, DWRe, *Chair*

Jan Morse, DOGM

Barrett Anderson, UDAF for Melissa Ure

Laura Vernon for Laura Ault, FFSL

Greg McDonald for Tom Chidsey, UGS

Susan Zarekarizi, State Parks

Joel Karmazyn, DAQ

Carl Adams, DWQ

Hans Millican, DERR

Chris Merritt, SHPO

Allan Moore, WMRC

Brad Bartholomew, UDEM

**Guests Staff**

Susie Tracy, U.S. Forest Service Sindy Smith, PLPCO

Jeff Schramm, USFS Jake Garfield, PLPCO

Mark Pentecost, USFS David Halverson, PLPCO

Brad Westwood, SHPO

Chris Hansen, SHPO

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**Welcome**

Todd Stonely, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. After round table introductions, Todd welcomed everyone.

**Approval of Minutes**

The committee unanimously approved May 4, minutes.

**U. S. Forest Plan Revisions**

Mark Pentecost, Forest Supervisor for the Manti-LaSal National Forest, and Jeff Schramm, Forest Supervisor for the Ashley National Forest, provided an overview of the Forest Plan Revisions. Mark talked about the NEPA process and distributed copies of a *Plan Revision Flowchart*, *At a Glance Manti-La Sal National Forest Assessment Report*, and a *Forest Service Interdisciplinary Team Contact List*. Jeff spoke about Assessment Phase and the Wilderness and the Wild and Scenic Rivers evaluations and provided copies of the *Process Overview – Major Milestones* and the *Draft Assessment Report of Ecological, Social, and Economic Conditions on the Ashley National Forest.* Main discussion items included:

* The Forest Plan Revision consists of a broad range of interests dependent on the area. The Forest Service has hosted public meetings to explain the revision process and invited the public with opportunities to provide input.
* *The Assessment Phase*, *Phase One*, has been in progress for about a year. The Ashley and Manti-La Sal National Forests released their Draft Assessment Reports for public comment. The Forest Service staff is currently reviewing and responding to comments.
* The Preliminary Need to Change the Forest Plan document describes the process for moving forward into *Phase Two: Plan Revision*. The Need to Change document identifies specific components from the 1986 Forest Plan that ought to change based on the Assessment Reports.
* *Phase Two* involves of the wilderness evaluation process and field check. Mark and Jeff expect to see changes, especially recreation.

 Mark and Jeff responded to questions.

 **Agency Reports**

* Todd Stonely reported the following from the Division of Water Resources (DWRe):
	+ The Lake Powell Pipeline application submitted in May 2017 remains in the pre-NEPA phase.
	+ The dam safety upgrade at Millsite Reservoir is moving forward.
	+ With assistance from the state, the Ferron Canal & Reservoir Company has purchased a new dredge for its sediment removal project. Run-off this year has been positive. The company successfully dredged material from Millsite Reservoir over the spillway. Downstream monitoring is ongoing to determine sediment impacts.
	+ The Governor’s State Water Strategy Advisory Team released its Recommended State Water Strategy.
* Allan Moore reported the following from the Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control (WMRC):
	+ WMRC is reviewing a Promontory Point Landfill Permit Application, which changes the current Class I local municipal waste permit to a Class V commercial landfill permit.

**Agency Reports—Continued**

* Hans Millican reported the following from the Division of Environmental Response and Remediation (DERR):
	+ DERR manages the Military Munitions Response Program for the State. A munitions incident recently occurred on Carrington Island. Carrington Island was used as a target by the military during World War II. The island contains unexploded munitions. Hans warned if you go into areas associated with military operations, be extremely cautious of the potential hazards. DERR plans to investigate removal of the munitions on the island in the future.
* Laura Vernon for Laura Ault reported the following from the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands (FFSL):
	+ FFSL is wrapping up a public comment period for the first-ever Bear River Comprehensive Management Plan.
	+ FFSL will issue a Request for Proposal for the Green and Colorado Rivers Management Plans and a Mineral Leasing Plan for FFSL’s section of those rivers.
* Chris Merritt reported the following from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO):
	+ SHPO’s annual Utah State History Conference is October 10-11, 2017. The conference is free; for details go to SHPO’s website: <https://heritage.utah.gov/history/2017conference>
	+ SHPO will launch its electronic Consultation System in October. The electronic system should simplify SHPO’s consultation process making the procedure easier and quicker.
	+ SHPO and FFSL are in the process of establishing a Programmatic Agreement (PA). FFSL may likely have three agreements because of its unique programs. SHPO and UDAF entered into a Programmatic Agreement earlier this year. PAs improve communication and compliance efficiency by creating consistent expectations.
* Brad Westwood, Director, SHPO, offered his support for Programmatic Agreements and SHPO’s training:
	+ SHPO appreciates early collaboration and works conscientiously to be timely. Programmatic Agreements reduce review time and avoidance of constraints. SHPO makes available excellent training tailoring the compliance process to unique agency requirements. Agencies gain a better understanding of the thresholds and the issues.
* Carl Adams reported the following from the Division of Water Quality (DWQ):
	+ DEQ appointed Erica Gaddis as the new Director for the Division of Water Quality.
	+ DWQ has been involved with intense monitoring at Utah Lake due to the persistent toxic bloom. DWQ is also participating weekly with the Division of Emergency Management calls, and appreciates its involvement and leadership.
	+ DWQ has a new website that monitors, in real-time, data readings from buoys installed in Utah Lake and Deer Creek and Scofield Reservoirs. In Utah Lake three buoys are located on the north/south axis along the lake. Deer Creek and Scofield Reservoirs are critical drinking water sources for the communities, and have a history of algal blooms. To access the website, bypass the navigational

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structure of the Division’s webpage, use Google, and search, “*Utah Lake Data Live.*”

* + DWQ has reviewed applications and awarded funding for projects for the FY18 Nonpoint Source program. DWQ has expanded its focus beyond restoration efforts to include protection. This year’s funding went towards the Logan River Basin, which is in good shape. Next year DWQ will move into the Weber River Basin. A few projects are lined-up for the upper Chalk Creek Watershed in the south fork of Chalk Creek.
	+ DWQ’s Nonpoint Source Management Plan will be updated next year by the Water Quality Task Force. The Water Quality Task Force focus remains mostly with land management agency partners, such as the Forest Service, BLM, NPS, SITLA, and State Parks. The plan includes a number of Appendices. One Appendices, the Abandoned Mine Plan, needs attention to determine how DWQ prioritizes and addresses abandon mine issues. Snowbird’s Mary Ellen Gulch has abandon mine issues. Several mines discharge and release water. DWQ is working with permitting people to find solutions.
* Susy Tracy reported the following from the U.S. Forest Service (Forest Service):
	+ Lisa Northrup, acting deputy forester, will be ending her detail August 18. A new deputy forester, David Jenkins, will start August 19.
* Brad Bartholomew reported the following from the Division of Emergency Management (UDEM):
	+ UDEM is updating the State’s Hazard Mitigation Plan. Floods in Box Elder and Cache counties and Salt Lake City have kept the agency busy. UDEM just learned Salem, Utah, flooded.
	+ UDEM helps manage all sorts of emergency events throughout the State. UDEM has been charged to assist the Homeless Task Force.
* Barrett Anderson reported the following from the Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF):
	+ UDAF is at work on its grazing improvement projects.

**Other Business**

Next meeting: November 2, 2017

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:09 a.m.