

AGENDA ITEM # IX.

STEERING COMMITTEE

REVIEWS

AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS
FOR PLANNING DISTRICT V

NOTIFICATIONS - Supportive

August 14, 2013

1. Title: SPECIAL USE LEASE APPLICATION # 1778 (SULA 1778)

Applicant: Trust Lands Administration

Description: The State of Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration received a lease application for 2.69 acres of Trust Lands east of Beaver City on the Beaver Mountain in Beaver County. It was noted that the actual surface disturbance will be 0.69 acres even though the lease will be for 2.69 acres.

Funding:	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>SAI #</u>
	N/A	N/A	39480
			Received 7/22/2013

Comments: The Utah State School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) proposes to lease 2.69 acres of land located east of Beaver City on the Beaver Mountain in Beaver County. It is noted that only 0.69 acre will have surface disturbance. SITLA has indicated that this commercial lease is currently subject to a non-disclosure agreement. Regional policies support SITLA development proposals as long as appropriate local land use approvals, when required, are pursued and obtained. According to SITLA, Beaver County has also been separately notified of this proposed lease. (Gary Zabriskie)

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2. Title: SPIKE HOLLOW VEGETATION TREATMENT - RANGE
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (RIP) # 530

Applicant: Trust Lands Administration

Description: SITLA, in cooperation with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR), propose to remove pinyon and juniper trees followed by seeding on approximately 1,000 acres of trust lands. The P/J tree removal would be accomplished with a two-way chaining. The treated area would be aerial seeded. It is anticipated that without treatment the encroachment of the pinyon/juniper will continue until the sagebrush steppe community is lost completely. Encroachment that has already occurred has decreased the quantity and quality of habitat for Mule Deer, Elk, and other sagebrush obligate species. There has also been a decrease in vegetative diversity. The purpose of the project is to improve watershed health, wildlife habitat, and increase forage for livestock.

Funding:	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>SAI #</u>
	N/A	N/A	39544
			Received 7/26/2013

Comments: The State of Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA), in cooperation with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR), proposes a project to chain and seed approximately 1,000 acres in western Beaver County which is expected to improve watershed health, wildlife habitat, and increased forage for livestock. Regional policies support efforts to improve rangeland health. Beaver County has also been separately notified of this proposed joint project. (Gary Zabriskie)

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NOTIFICATIONS - Conditional

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3. Title: EAST CIRCLEVILLE VEGETATION ENHANCEMENT
RANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (RIP) # 531

Applicant: Trust Lands Administration

Description: SITLA, in cooperation with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR), propose to remove pinyon and juniper trees followed by seeding on approximately 460 acres of trust lands. The pinyon/juniper removal would be accomplished with a two-way chaining. The treated area would be aerial seeded. It is anticipated that without treatment the encroachment of the pinyon/juniper will continue into historic shrub steppe habitat and is at risk for a catastrophic wildfire. Wildlife habitat has also degraded with a loss of vegetative diversity. The purpose of the project is to increase vegetative diversity, seeing an increase in grasses, forbes, and shrubs in both occurrence and vigor. The project is also intended to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire through a decrease in the continuous pinyon/juniper canopy.

Funding:	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>SAI #</u>
	N/A	N/A	39545

Received 7/26/2013

Comments: The State of Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA), in cooperation with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR), proposes a project to chain and seed approximately 460 acres in along the southern boundary of Piute County adjacent to Garfield County. The project is expected to increase vegetative diversity, seeing an increase in grasses, forbs, and shrubs in both occurrence and vigor. The project also is intended to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire through a decrease in the continuous pinyon/juniper canopy. Garfield County is generally supportive of this action with one provision. Garfield County places great priority on grazing. The description of the action states that grazing will be "rested from grazing for at least two season." If the intent of the action is to reduce grazing over a period longer than two or three years, Garfield County would oppose the action. (Gary Zabriskie)