



October 30, 2012

Dear Interested Parties:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), in cooperation with Utah Department of Agriculture and Food as the project sponsor, are proposing to address flood damage on the Green River diversion structure in Green River, Utah. The proposed project is located approximately 6.6 miles north of the city of Green River on North Long Road. **You are invited to attend a public meeting** where a wide range of conceptual alternatives addressing damage rehabilitation to the Green River diversion structure will be presented and discussed at the meeting.



**When:** Thursday November 15, 2012  
**Time:** Formal Presentation: 6 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.  
Informal Open House: 6:45 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
**Where:** Green River City Hall  
460 East Main St  
Green River, Utah 84525



More project specific information is available by contacting Greg Allington (McMillen, LLC) with the project team by phone at 208-342-4214 or email at [greenriver@mcmillen-llc.com](mailto:greenriver@mcmillen-llc.com).

**Environmental Assessment Introduction**

The NRCS is proposing to partially fund, through the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program, a project to address and reduce flood damage to the existing Green River diversion structure. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality’s regulations at 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508 require an evaluation of potential environmental impacts associated with federal projects and actions. The project will require an environmental analysis and the environmental impacts will be documented in the form of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project.

**Project Purpose and Need**

In accordance with the rehabilitation provisions of the NRCS’s EWP program, the area is eligible for rehabilitation funding due to recent flood damage in late 2010 and early 2011. The purpose of the project is to rehabilitate the structure so it continues to function as originally intended.

**Public Participation**

The participation of the public is a vital component of the project so that those who are interested in or potentially affected by the proposed project have an opportunity to share their comments, ideas, and concerns regarding actions during the initial scoping stage of the NEPA process. You are encouraged to attend the public meeting and express your comments, ideas, and concerns. You may also submit your

comments via letter, email or fax anytime during the public comment period. For comments to be considered and to become part of the public record for the projects, **we need to receive them by close-of-business on November 30, 2012.**

Please mail your written comments to:

Green River Diversion Rehabilitation Project  
c/o McMillen, LLC – Greg Allington  
1401 Shoreline Drive  
Boise, ID 83702

You may also submit comments by email, phone or fax to McMillen:

**Email:** [greenriver@mcmillen-llc.com](mailto:greenriver@mcmillen-llc.com)

**Phone:** 208-342-4214

**Fax:** 208-342-4216

**After receiving comments by close-of-business on November 30, 2012**, the NRCS will begin reviewing the comments and reviewing conceptual alternatives for analysis in the EA. Preliminary resource concerns identified during this initial project scoping process will also be addressed in the EA.

You may also visit the project website at <http://www.ut.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/EWP/index.html> to check on the status of the project and download project related documents during the course of the NEPA analysis.

The project team values your feedback and encourages you to attend the open house on November 15, 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BS", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Bronson Smart  
NRCS State Engineer

cc: Norm Evenstad – NRCS  
Chris Christiansen – NRCS  
Thayne Mickelson – UDAF  
Roger Barton – UACD  
Dan Axness – McMillen, LLC  
Greg Allington – McMillen, LLC