



December 31, 2012

Dear Interested Parties:

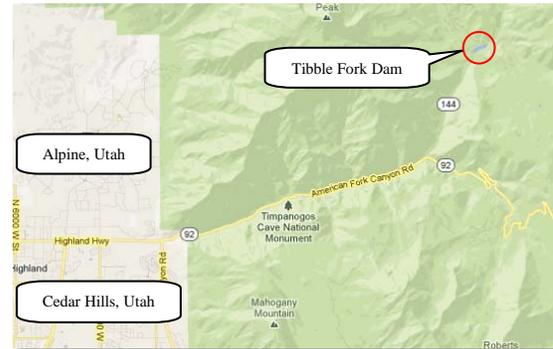
The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is proposing to fund rehabilitation of the Tibble Fork Dam in the American Fork Canyon of northern Utah County, Utah. The proposed project is located approximately 10 miles north east of the city of Alpine, UT. **You are invited to attend a public scoping meeting** where a wide range of conceptual alternatives addressing dam rehabilitation will be presented and discussed during the meeting.

When: Thursday January 17, 2013

Time: Formal Presentation: 6 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
Informal Open House: 6:45 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Where: Alpine City Hall
20 North Main St
Alpine, Utah 84004

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 tibbleforkdam@mcmillen-llc.com.



Environmental Assessment Introduction

The North Utah County Water Conservation District has requested financial and technical assistance for the proposed rehabilitation of Tibble Fork Dam. NRCS is partially funding the project through the Small Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments (PL 106-472) which authorizes funding and technical assistance to rehabilitate aging flood control dams built under the Small Watershed Program (PL83-566). NRCS, as the lead federal agency, is initiating NEPA analysis in the form of a Supplemental Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA) to analyze impacts to the natural and human environment from this project. The Environmental Assessment will comply with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations at 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508 which require an evaluation of potential environmental impacts associated with federal projects and actions. This project is located within the boundary of the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest and the United States Forest Service is a cooperating agency.

Project Purpose and Need

The dam was planned and built for the primary purpose of sediment retention but also has additional recreational benefits. In accordance with the rehabilitation provisions of NRCS's Small Watersheds Program, Tibble Fork dam is eligible for rehabilitation funding due to its high hazard class (Class "C" potential loss-of-life) and outdated infrastructure. The purpose of this project is to rehabilitate the Tibble Fork Dam to meet current dam safety regulations, engineering standards, and stabilize the existing dam structures. The life expectancy of the dam will be extended for 50 to 100 years once rehabilitated.

Public Participation

The participation of the public is a vital component of the project so that those who are interested in or are 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 project, **we need to receive them by close-of-business on January 31, 2013.**

Please mail your written comments to:

Tibble Fork Dam 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: tibbleforkdam@mcmillen-llc.com
Phone: 208-342-4214
Fax: 208-342-4216

After receiving comments by close-of-business on January 31, 2013, the NRCS will begin reviewing the comments and preparing conceptual alternatives for analysis in the Plan-EA. Preliminary resource concerns identified during this initial project scoping process will also be addressed in the Plan-EA.

To check on the status of the project and download project related documents during the course of the NEPA process please visit: <http://www.ut.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/pl566.html>.

The project team values your feedback and encourages you to attend the open house on January 17, 2013.

Sincerely,



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NRCS State Engineer

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