

August 26, 2013

Dear Interested Parties:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), with the North Utah County Water Conservancy District (NUCWCD) as the project sponsor, has prepared a Draft Supplemental Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA) describing the proposed rehabilitation of Silver Lake Flat Dam. The project is being funded by the Watershed Rehabilitation Program (Public Law 83-566) and the Draft Plan-EA has been prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The project is located in the United States Forest Service (USFS) Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest and they are a cooperating agency on the project. **You are invited to comment on the Draft Plan-EA and attend a public meeting** which will describe the alternatives analyzed, potential impacts to the environment and the Preferred Alternative for the project.



Draft Plan-EA Public Comment Period

Open: Monday, August 26, 2013

Close: Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Draft Plan-EA Public Meeting

When: Monday, September 9, 2013

Time: Formal Presentation: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (MDT)
 Informal Q&A: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (MDT)

Where: Alpine City Hall
 20 North Main, Alpine, UT

Note: Light refreshments and snacks will be provided



An electronic copy of the Draft Plan-EA is available for review on the following website:

- NRCS: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ut/programs/planning/wr/>
 - Or perform an internet search for “NRCS Utah Watershed Rehabilitation”

Hard copies of the Draft Plan-EA are available for viewing at the following locations:

- Alpine City Hall (20 North Main, Alpine, UT)
- USFS Pleasant Grove Ranger District Office (390 North 100 East, Pleasant Grove, UT)
- Highland City Library (5400 West Civic Center Drive, Suite 2, Highland, UT)

Silver Lake Flat Dam Rehabilitation

In accordance with the provisions of the Watershed Rehabilitation Program, the rehabilitation of Silver Lake Flat Dam is eligible for funding due to its high hazard class and outdated infrastructure.

The purpose of this project is to rehabilitate the Silver Lake Flat Dam to meet current NRCS and Utah State Dam Safety regulations and current engineering standards. The need for the project is to extend the life of the dam for 71 years starting in 2017 to continue to provide economic benefit through the primary use of water storage with incidental benefits to flood damage reduction, sediment retention and recreation.

The following alternatives were analyzed in detail in the Silver Lake Flat Dam Rehabilitation EA:

- No Action
- Dam Decommissioning
- Rehabilitate Dam – Replace Spillway
- Rehabilitate Dam – Left Abutment Closed Spillway

The Preferred Alternative for this project is the Rehabilitate Dam – Replace Spillway alternative.

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 review the alternatives analysis and the Preferred Alternative in the draft form before a final decision is made by NRCS. For comments to be considered and to become part of the public record for the project, **we need to receive them by Wednesday, September 25, 2013**. After the Draft Plan-EA Public Comment Period closes, the NRCS will begin reviewing comments and preparing the Final Plan-EA.

Please submit comments and questions via mail, email, fax or verbally express your formal comments to:

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Formal comments received will be made part of the project record and will be available for the general public to review. The project team values your feedback and encourages you to attend the open house on September 9, 2013.

Sincerely,



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cc: Jay Franson – NUCWCD
Nelson Gonzalez-Sullow – USFS
Jon Stansfield – USFS
Greg Allington – McMillen, LLC