

September 5, 2013

Dear Interested Parties:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), in cooperation with the North Utah Water Conservancy District as the project sponsor, is proposing to address rehabilitating the Battle Creek and Dry Creek Debris Basins in Utah County, Utah, due to the need to upgrade the structures to meet current dam safety and engineering performance criteria as well as being rated as high hazard class dams. The primary purposes of the structures are flood control and sediment retention. The proposed projects are located within the city of Pleasant Grove, Utah. **You are invited to attend a public meeting** where a wide range of conceptual alternatives addressing damage rehabilitation and resource issues pertaining to Battle Creek and Dry Creek Debris Basins will be presented and discussed.



Battle Creek Debris Basin

Scoping Period

Open: Thursday, September 5, 2013

Close: Friday, October 4, 2013

Scoping Meeting

When: Thursday, September 19, 2013

Time: Formal Presentation: 6 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
Informal Open House: 6:45 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Where: Pleasant Grove Public Works
323 West 700 South
Pleasant Grove, Utah 84062



Vicinity Map

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 battlecreek@mcmillen-llc.com or grovecreek@mcmillen-llc.com

Environmental Assessment Introduction

The NRCS is proposing to partially fund two projects, through the Small Watershed Program (PL83-566), to address rehabilitation of the Battle Creek and Grove Creek Debris Basins, which will increase public safety downstream from the dam and improve overall functionality of the facilities. 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 a Supplemental Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA) for each separate project.

Project Purpose and Need

In accordance with the rehabilitation provisions of the NRCS’s Small Watershed Program, the area is eligible for rehabilitation funding due to the need to ensure public safety downstream from the dam. The purpose of the projects is to rehabilitate the dams to meet current NRCS and Utah State Dam Safety regulations and current engineering standards.

The need for the projects is to extend the life of the dams to continue to provide economic benefits through the reduction of flood damage potential and sediment accumulation.

Public Participation

The participation of the public is a vital component of the projects providing those who are interested in or potentially affected by the proposed projects 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. To be considered and become part of the public record for the projects, **comments must be received by close-of-business on October 4, 2013.**

Please mail your written comments to:

Battle Creek Debris Basin Rehabilitation Project or Grove Creek Debris Basin 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 LLC –Attention: Greg Allington

Email: battlecreek@mcmillen-llc.com or grovecreek@mcmillen-llc.com

Phone: 208-342-4214

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After receiving comments by close-of-business on October 4, 2013, the NRCS will begin reviewing the comments and developing 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 analysis, you may visit the project website at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ut/programs/planning/wr/> or search for NRCS Utah Small Watershed Program and select the appropriate project.

The project team values your feedback and encourages you to attend the public meeting on September 19, 2013.

Sincerely,



Bronson Smart
NRCS State Engineer

cc: Norm Evenstad – NRCS
Lynn Walker – City of Pleasant Grove, Utah
Dan Axness – McMillen, LLC
Greg Allington – McMillen, LLC