

September 6, 2013

Dear Interested Parties:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), in cooperation with the North Utah County Water Conservancy District as the project sponsor, are proposing to address rehabilitating the Dry Creek Debris Basin in Utah County, Utah, due to the need to upgrade the structure to meet current dam safety and engineering performance criteria as well as the dam's high hazard class rating. The structure's primary purposes are flood control and sediment retention. The proposed project is located within the cities of Lehi and Highland, Utah. **You are invited to attend a public meeting** where a wide range of resource concerns and conceptual alternatives addressing damage rehabilitation to the Dry Creek Debris Basin will be presented and discussed.



Dry Creek Debris Basin Map

Scoping Period

Open: Monday, September 9, 2013

Close: Tuesday, October 8, 2013

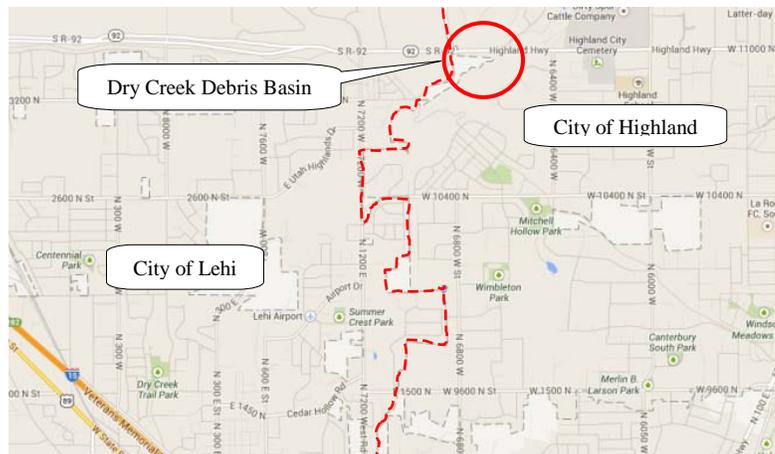
Scoping Meeting

When: Monday, September 23, 2013

Time: Formal Presentation: 6 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Informal Open House: 6:45 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Where: 5400 W. Civic Center Drive
Highland, UT 84003



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 drycreek@mcmillen-llc.com

Environmental Assessment Introduction

The NRCS is proposing to partially fund, through the Small Watershed Program (PL83-566), a project to address rehabilitation of the Dry Creek Debris Basin, which will increase public safety downstream from the dam and improve overall functionality of the facility. 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 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 project is to rehabilitate the 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 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 8, 2013.**

Please mail your written comments to:

Dry Creek 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: drycreek@mcmillen-llc.com
Phone: 208-342-4214
Fax: 208-342-4216

After receiving comments by close-of-business on October 8, 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 23, 2013.

Sincerely,



Bronson Smart
NRCS State Engineer

cc: Norm Evenstad – NRCS
Lorin Powell – City of Lehi, Utah
Matt Shipp – City of Highland, UT
Dan Axness – McMillen, LLC
Greg Allington – McMillen, LLC