



September 11, 2013

Dear Interested Parties:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), in cooperation with the Ivins City as the project sponsor, is proposing to address rehabilitating the Ivins Dams in Washington County, Utah, 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 project is located within the city of Ivins, Utah. **You are invited to attend a public meeting** where a wide range of conceptual alternatives addressing damage rehabilitation and resource issues pertaining to Ivins Dams 1-6 will be presented and discussed.



Ivins Dam

Scoping Period

Open: Thursday, September 12, 2013

Close: Monday, October 14, 2013

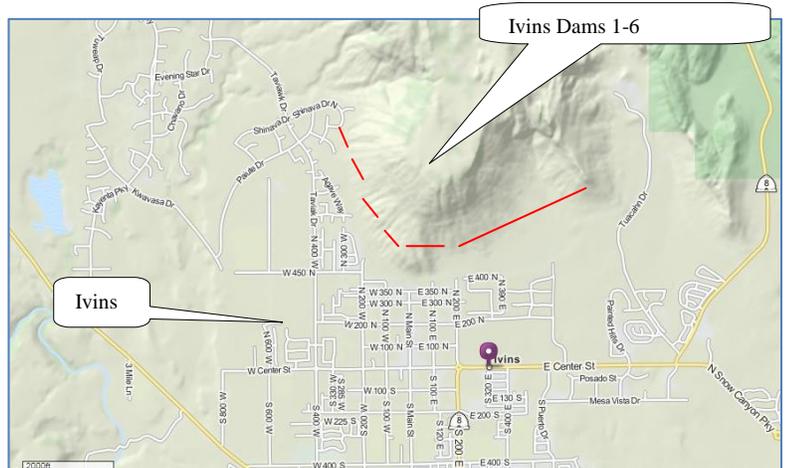
Scoping Meeting

When: Thursday, September 26, 2013

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

Where: Ivins City Hall
 55 N Main St
 Ivins, Utah 84062

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 ivins@mcmillen-llc.com



Vicinity Map

Environmental Assessment Introduction

The NRCS is proposing to partially fund the project, through the Small Watershed Program (PL83-566), to address rehabilitation of the Ivins Dams, 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 project is to rehabilitate the dams to meet current NRCS and Utah State Dam Safety regulations and current engineering standards. The project is necessary in order to extend the life of the dams to continue to provide potential flood damage reduction and sediment accumulation.

Public Participation

The participation of the public is a vital component of the project providing those who are interested in or potentially affected by the proposed project 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 project, **comments must be received by close-of-business on October 14, 2013.**

Please mail your written comments to:

Ivins Dams 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: ivins@mcmillen-llc.com

Phone: 208-342-4214

Fax: 208-342-4216

After receiving comments by close-of-business on October 14, 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 26, 2013.

Sincerely,



Bronson Smart
NRCS State Engineer

cc: Norm Evenstad – NRCS
Chuck Gillette –Ivins, Utah
Dan Axness – McMillen, LLC
Greg Allington – McMillen, LLC