

Lower Bear River Watershed Plan-Environmental Impact Statement - Box Elder County, Utah

Public Scoping Meeting

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), with the Bear River Water Conservancy District and Bear River Canal Company as the project sponsors, is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Lower Bear River Watershed Plan in Box Elder County, Utah. The EIS is being funded through the NRCS Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program (Public Law 83-566).

The primary purposes for watershed planning and preparation of the EIS are to: 1) provide a secure water supply to agricultural water users, 2) improve flood prevention to protect areas that have had flooding issues, 3) develop secondary water systems (non-potable irrigation water for lawns and gardens) for growing communities with limited water resources, and 4) support and enhance wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities in the watershed.

The NRCS and project sponsors will hold a public scoping meeting to identify water resource concerns and share conceptual, locally-proposed solutions to address them. The public is invited to attend the scoping meeting to learn more, ask questions and submit written comments. A brief presentation will be provided at 6:00 p.m., followed by an opportunity for attendees to meet individually with the project team.

Proposed Solutions

BEAR RIVER CANAL COMPANY (BRCC)

- 1. Canyon Canal Improvements
- 2. Canal Lateral Piping

BEAR RIVER CLUB COMPANY

- 3. Bear River Dock Replacement
- 4. Bear River Levee Improvement
- 5. Malad River Spillway Improvement

BEAR RIVER WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

- 6. Bothwell Pocket Flood Control Reservoir Construction

CHESAPEAKE HUNTING CLUB (CHC)

- 7. Bear River Bank Stabilization
- 8. Lower Bear Ditch Piping Projects

ELWOOD CITY

- 9. Pressure Irrigation Installation Phase 1
- 10. Pressure Irrigation Installation Phase 2

HIGHLAND DITCH COMPANY

- 11. Highland Ditch Piping

SALT CREEK WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA)

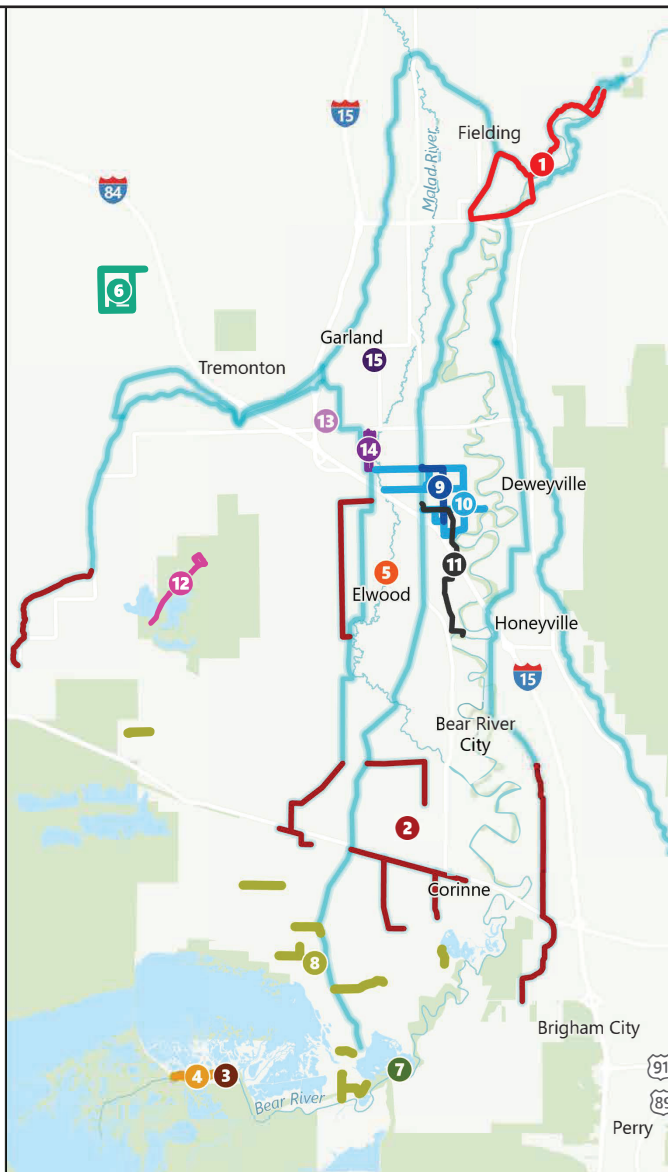
- 12. Salt Creek Settlement Basin, Dike, and Additional Structures Construction

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- 13. Detention Basin Development for Malad River and Salt Creek and Mill Ditch Drainages
- 14. Secondary Water Systems Construction

GARLAND

- 15. Secondary Water Systems Construction



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Date:

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Time:

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location:

Box Elder County Fairgrounds Museum Building (400 N. 1000 W., Tremonton)

Following the meeting, materials will be available online:

www.bit.ly/LowerBearRiverWatershed

For More Information

Contact the Lower Bear River Watershed Study Team at:

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Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Submit a Comment

At this time, NRCS is requesting comments on the project to identify issues and resource sensitivities. The publication date of the Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register has yet to be determined. Comments may be submitted now through 30 days following its publication. Notice will be provided when this occurs. Please submit comments at your earliest convenience to:

Lower Bear River Watershed Plan-EIS

Attn: The Langdon Group
466 N. 900 W.
Kaysville, Utah 84037
Email: lowerbear@utwatershed.com

Interested parties may also submit written comments at the Bear River Water Conservancy District (102 West Forest Street, Brigham City).



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