

Appendix A

Comments, Responses, and Consultation

Bureau of Land Management
State Historic Preservation Office
Tribes
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
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From: [Graham, Stephanie E](#)
To: [Hamilton, Derek - NRCS, Salt Lake City, UT](#)
Cc: [Ginn, Allison L](#)
Subject: Saratoga Springs EA
Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 2:15:05 PM

Derek,

We received your request to be a cooperating agency for the Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-EA. At this time we decline the invitation to be a cooperating agency; however, we would appreciate staying informed about the project if there are potential impacts to BLM lands.

Thanks,
Stephanie Graham
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2370 S. Decker Lake Boulevard
West Valley City, UT 84119
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June 30, 2020

Mr. Matt Preston
Field Office Manager, Salt Lake Field Office
Bureau of Land Management
2370 South Decker Lake Blvd
West Valley, UT 84119

RE: Formal request to be a cooperating agency in the development of the Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA) for proposed flood prevention measures in Utah County, Utah.

Dear Mr. Preston:

In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) at 40 CFR Part 1501.6, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is formally requesting that the Bureau of Land Management become a cooperating agency in the planning and development of the Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-EA. The proposed project measures are located on private-lands and lands owned by the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration in Utah County, Utah. The project location and proposed measures are summarized in the enclosed scoping notice.

This request is made since your agency is identified as having special expertise or jurisdiction by law related to this project. The Plan-EA is being prepared to fulfill our NEPA compliance responsibilities pertaining to federal financial assistance through the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program as authorized through Public Law 83-566. Upon acceptance of this invitation, roles can be defined in an informal agreement or a memorandum of understanding. If unable to participate as a cooperating agency, please return a written explanation to include in our administrative record for the Plan-EA.

Please send notification confirming your decision to: Emily Fife, State Conservationist, USDA-NRCS, Wallace F Bennett Federal Building, 125 South State Street, Room 4010, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138-1100.

Thank you for your timely response and cooperation with these efforts. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Derek Hamilton, Water Resources Coordinator, at 801/524-4560 or derek.hamilton@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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Asst. State Conservationist—Partnerships and Water Resources

Enclosure

cc:
Chet Fitzgerald, Area Conservationist, NRCS, Ogden, UT
Dave Hansen, District Conservationist, NRCS, Provo, UT
Derek Hamilton, Water Resources Coordinator, NRCS, Salt Lake City, UT

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Christopher Merritt
State Historic Preservation Officer
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December 24, 2024

Emily Fife
State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
125 South State Street, Room 4010
Salt Lake City, Utah 84138-1100

RE: Cultural Resource Assessment for the Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-EA, Utah County, Utah

For future correspondence, please reference Case No. 24-2876

Dear Emily Fife,

The Utah State Historic Preservation Office received your submission and request for our comment on the above-referenced undertaking on December 20, 2024.

We concur with your determinations of eligibility and effect for this undertaking.

This letter serves as our comment on the determinations you have made within the consultation process specified in §36CFR800.4. If you have questions, please contact me at (801) 535-2502 or by email at rmcgrath@utah.gov.

Sincerely,

Ryan McGrath
Compliance Archaeologist



Dr. Christopher Merritt, PhD
State Historic Preservation Officer
Department of Cultural and Community Engagement
3760 Highland Drive
Millcreek, Utah 84106

November 12, 2024

Reference: Cultural Resource Assessment for the Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-EA, Utah County, Utah (U21HY0758)

Dear Dr. Merritt:

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EMILY FIFE
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Tribes

Tribe Consultation Summary Table

Tribe Information			Cons Initiated ¹	Cultural Resource Report Consultation Package ²		Consultation Follow Up ²				Consultation Outcome
Federally Recognized Tribe	Contact Name	Address		NRCS Mailed to Tribe ³	Tribe Response	Follow Up #1 Type (Date)	Response #1 Type (Date): Response	Follow Up #2 Type (Date)	Response #2 Type (Date)	
Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation	Amos Murphy (Chairman)	HC61 Box 6104, 195 Tribal Center Road, Ibapah, UT 84034	6/30/2020	11/12/2024	none	Email (12/20/2024)	none	Phone (4/7/2025) 435-234-1138x1	No answer	No response
	Clell Pete (Environmental Protection Department)				none	Email (12/20/2024)	none	Phone (4/7/2025) 435-234-1138x7	No concerns	No concerns
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation	Carolyn Smith (Cultural Resource Coordinator)	P.O. Box 306, Fort Hall, ID 83203	N/A	11/12/2024	none	Email (12/20/2024)	none	Phone (4/7/2025) 208-478-3707	Phone number is not working	No response
	Lee Juan Tyler (Chairman)				none	Email (12/20/2024)	none	Phone (4/7/2025) 208-478-3814	Left a message	No response
Skull Valley Band of the Goshute Indians	Lillith Court (Tribal Secretary)	407 Skull Valley Road, Skull Valley, UT 84074	6/30/2020	11/12/2024	none	Email (12/20/2024)	none	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Daniel Moon (Chairman)				none	Email (12/20/2024)	none	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Kyle Craig (Vice Chair) ³				none	N/A	None	Phone (4/7/2025) 435-831-4079	Phone number is not working	No response
Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation, Utah	Betsy Chapoose (THPO)	P.O. Box 190 Fort Duchesne, Utah 84026	6/30/2020	11/12/2024	none	Email (12/20/2024)	none	Phone (4/7/2025) 435-725-4826	Left a message	No response
	Luke Duncan (Chairman)				none	Email (12/20/2024)	none	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Julius Murray (Chairman)				none		none	Phone (4/7/2025) 435-722-5141	Out of office this week and back next week	No response

Notes: Cons = Consultation, THPO = Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

1 – Tribe consultation was initiated as part of the Scoping process in 2020 for some tribes and is documented in the Scoping Report included in Appendix A.

2 – Documentation is included below the Table.

3 – Per August 2024 email, all consultation should only be sent to Vice Chair Kyle Craig.

Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-EA Tribal Phone Calls

On April 7, 2025, beginning at 2:40pm, Tara Hoffmann (NRCS Watershed Cultural Resources Specialist) contacted the following tribal representatives to follow up regarding Section 106 consultation for the Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-EA.

Tribe	Contact	Phone	Summary Response	Details
Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians	Kyle Craig, Vice Chair	435-831-4079	Non-working number.	Per August 2024 email, all consultation should only be sent to Vice Chair Kyle Craig.
Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation	Amos Murphy, Chairman	435-234-1138x1	No response.	Called multiple times, no answer.
	Clell Pete, Environmental Protection Dept.	435-234-1138x7	No concerns.	Hoffmann provided project overview, summarized historic properties. Mr. Pete said the tribe has no concerns.
Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation, Utah	Julius Murray, Chairman	435-722-5141		Chairman Murray is out for the week. Back next week.
	Betsy Chapoose, THPO	435-725-4826		Left message.
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation	Lee Juan Tyler, Chairman	208-478-3814		Left message.
	Carolyn Smith, Section 106 Coordinator	208-478-3707	No response.	Non-working number.

From: [Hoffmann, Tara - FPAC-NRCS, UT](#)
To: danielm@svgoshutes.com; lillithc@svgoshutes.com; amos.murphy@ctgr.us; [Clell Pete](#); juliusm@utetribes.com; [Betsy Chapoose \(betsyc@utetribes.com\)](mailto:betsyc@utetribes.com); [Lee Juan Tyler](#); [Carolyn Smith](#)
Subject: Sec.106 Consultation- NRCS Utah Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-EA
Date: Friday, December 20, 2024 6:29:00 PM
Attachments: U21HY0758_SaratogaSprings_Letters_11122024.pdf
Saratoga_MapC1_APE.pdf
U21HY0758.pdf

Good Evening Tribal Leaders,

I hope this email finds you well. I am following up regarding NHPA Section 106 consultation for the NRCS' Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-EA near Saratoga Springs, Utah. The NRCS is providing technical and financial assistance to Saratoga Springs City (Project Sponsor) to develop a watershed plan and install project measures to protect residents from flood events. These improvements will include mitigating flooding from three drainage basins—Burnt Canyon, Lott Canyon, and Clark Canyon.

Per 36 CFR 800.3, the NRCS initiated Section 106 consultation in letters dated Nov. 12, 2024 (letters attached).

The Direct APE, encompassing approx.. 120 acres, includes all potential ground disturbance areas, including access roads, staging areas, borrow sources, and material disposal. The Indirect APE consists of 2,877 acres and consists of the area that would benefit from project implementation due to a reduction or elimination of impacts from flooding. Refer to attached Map C-1 for the extent of the Direct and Indirect (Benefitted Areas) APEs.

An intensive cultural resources inventory was conducted of the Direct APE with buffers for design flexibility. Two cultural resources were identified: 42UT2496 (historic transmission line) and 42UT2499 (series of historical roads). The NRCS has determined that both sites are ineligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Please refer to the attached cultural resources report for additional information.

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Please respond by January 20, 2024, with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Many thanks,
Tara

Tara S. Hoffmann, MA
State Watershed Cultural Resources Specialist
Natural Resources Conservation Service

Salt Lake City, UT

O: 801-524-4556 C: 385-258-1266



Ms. Betsy Chapoose
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P.O. Box 190
Fort Duchesne, Utah 84026

November 12, 2024

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June 30, 2020

Mr. Jason Gipson
Chief, Nevada-Utah Regulatory Branch
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
533 West 2600 South, Suite 150
Bountiful, Utah 84010

RE: Formal request to be a cooperating agency in the development of the Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA) for proposed flood prevention measures in Utah County, Utah.

Dear Mr. Gipson:

In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) at 40 CFR Part 1501.6, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is formally requesting that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers become a cooperating agency in the planning and development of the Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-EA. The proposed project measures are located on private-lands and lands owned by the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration in Utah County, Utah. The project location and proposed measures are summarized in the enclosed scoping notice.

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Please send notification confirming your decision to: Emily Fife, State Conservationist, USDA-NRCS, Wallace F Bennett Federal Building, 125 South State Street, Room 4010, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138-1100.

Thank you for your timely response and cooperation with these efforts. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Derek Hamilton, Water Resources Coordinator, at 801/524-4560 or derek.hamilton@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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Asst. State Conservationist—Partnerships and Water Resources

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Hamilton, Derek - FPAC-NRCS, UT

From: Adelsbach, Terrence (Terry) <terrence_adelsbach@fws.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 3:16 PM
To: Hamilton, Derek - FPAC-NRCS, UT
Cc: Reisor, Rita S; Weekley, George M
Subject: Saratoga Springs Watershed EA concurrence
Attachments: Saratoga Springs Plan-EA_concurrence request_USFWS_FINAL Signed.pdf

Hi Derek,

Please find attached our concurrence with you NLAA for the above referenced project. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Best,

Terry

Terry Adelsbach - Senior Biologist
Utah Ecological Service Field Office
U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service
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United States Department of Agriculture

March 18, 2025

George Weekley
Supervisor, Utah Field Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
2369 West Orton Circle, Suite 50
West Valley City, UT 84119

RE: Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-Environmental Assessment (EA)
Utah County, Utah

Dear George Weekley:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is providing assistance to the City of Saratoga Springs through the PL-566 Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program to prepare the Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-EA for proposed flood protection measures in Utah County, Utah. This letter is being submitted in compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to document our determination of potential project effects on federally listed species and designated critical habitat; additionally, this letter serves as a request for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concurrence with our determinations.

The NRCS has determined that the Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan **may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect** the June sucker (*Chasmistes liorus*). Furthermore, it has been determined that the project would have **no effect** on the remaining federally listed ESA species, including critical habitat, identified in the Information for Planning and Consultation report. Please find the enclosed Biological Assessment that has been prepared to document the basis for our determinations and identify conservation measures for the project.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Derek Hamilton of my staff at 801/524-4560 or derek.hamilton@usda.gov.

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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concurs with your determination that the proposed action *may affect*, and is *not likely to adversely affect*.

Species: June sucker (*Chasmistes liorus*)

Critical Habitat: N/A

The proposed action is expected to be:

Insignificant: ____ Discountable: ☒ Beneficial: ____

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Utah Field Supervisor

Office Code: 06E23000 Project Code: 2025-0082650

Bobbi Preite

From: Hamilton, Derek - FPAC-NRCS, UT <derek.hamilton@usda.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 6:30 PM
To: Weiss, Dannette T
Subject: NRCS-UT...Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan BA
Attachments: NRCS-UT_SaratogaSprings_BA_DRAFT.pdf

Hi Dannette...

For your review and comment is the draft BA for the Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan.

If possible, pls provide comments by Jan 10 so we can update the BA and submit for concurrence.

Contact me with questions...thx...Derek

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Derek Hamilton  
Water Resources Coordinator

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July 18, 2024

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RE: Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA)
Section 12 Notification--Public Law 83-566

Dear George Weekley:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is currently preparing the Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-EA for flood control measures in Utah County, Utah. In accordance with Section 12 of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, Public Law 83-566 (U.S.C. Section 1008), this letter serves to notify the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) that NRCS invites the USFWS to submit survey reports or investigations regarding wildlife resources that will be considered in development of the Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-EA. Additionally, NRCS welcomes USFWS participation in the preparation of the Plan-EA in accordance with Section 12 of Public Law 83-566.

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June 30, 2020

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Acting Field Supervisor, Utah Ecological Services
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Thank you for your timely response and cooperation with these efforts. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Derek Hamilton, Water Resources Coordinator, at 801/524-4560 or derek.hamilton@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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June 30, 2020

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Orem, Utah 84057

RE: Formal request to be a cooperating agency in the development of the Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA) for proposed flood prevention measures in Utah County, Utah.

Dear Mr. Clayton:

In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) at 40 CFR Part 1501.6, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is formally requesting that the Utah Department of Transportation become a cooperating agency in the planning and development of the Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-EA. The proposed project measures are located on private-lands and lands owned by the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration in Utah County, Utah. The project location and proposed measures are summarized in the enclosed scoping notice.

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Utah Division of Water Resources

From: [Charles Williamson](#)
To: [Bobbi Preite](#)
Cc: [DNR Wrt General Correspondence](#)
Subject: Re: Requirements for Stream Alteration Permits
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:22:13 AM

Thank you for sending the photos and aerial. Based upon a review of our records, I concur with your determination. The subject channels do not appear to meet the State Engineer's definition of a natural stream. As such, no State Stream Alteration permitting is required for modification to these channels. Please let me know if you have any questions or require further information and thank you for checking with me.

On Thu, Apr 11, 2024 at 9:44 AM Bobbi Preite <bobbi@adaptiveenviro.com> wrote:

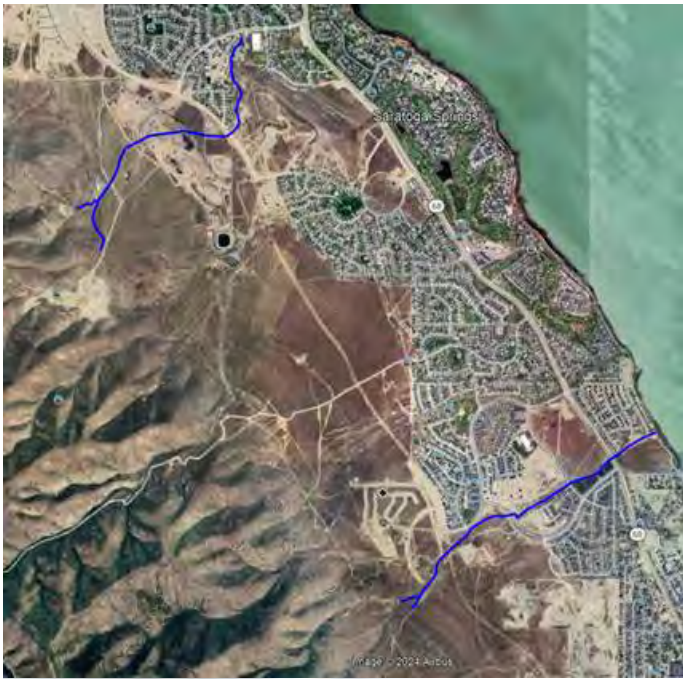
Hi Charles,

I am working on an EA document with the NRCS and the City of Saratoga Springs. As part of the EA, I need to identify permits that may be required for proposed activities. Alternatives for the EA proposed modification to some of the ephemeral drainages upstream of the City of Saratoga Springs. Based on the definition of a “natural stream” below for requirements of stream alteration permits, the ephemeral channels do not appear to meet the definition.

A natural stream is any natural waterway that receives enough water to develop an ecosystem that differs from the surrounding upland environment. This is most easily determined by observing vegetation changes. Canals, ditches, or other man-made channels are not considered natural streams.

The ephemeral channels in question do not have water in them for most of the year and only flow after a large precipitation event. The vegetation along the channels consist of upland species and no vegetation changes or riparian ecosystems are present. Pictures of the channels are provided below for reference as well as a map of the channels.

Based on the ephemeral nature of the channels and lack of riparian ecosystems, I assume these channels would not require a stream alteration permit. However, your confirmation would be greatly appreciated.



Thanks,

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From: [Kaitlyn Purington](#)
To: [Bobbi Preite](#)
Cc: [Shawn Pladas](#); [Josee Seamons](#)
Subject: Re: Verification of SGCN
Date: Thursday, May 9, 2024 12:02:17 PM

Hi Bobbi,

I took a closer look at the project area on gis and it looks like there isn't much aquatic habitat within the project area. If this is a correct assessment then I don't feel that there is any risk to the aquatic species listed. Most of the species listed are thought to be extirpated in the Utah Lake area, but if there is any shoreline habitat included in the project, the June Sucker and a few of the mollusks listed might be worth keeping. If not then I don't think they need to be included.

Hope this helps,
Kaitlyn

On Thu, May 2, 2024 at 4:38 PM Bobbi Preite <bobbi@adaptiveenviro.com> wrote:

Sounds good, thanks Kaitlyn. We include the following standard language in our EAs for migratory bird and state sensitive species. However, it will still be important to note in the EA which SGCN could be present or should be considered based on Utah Division of Wildlife Resource (UDWR) feedback. I will wait to hear back from you next week on any SGCN or recommendations.

If construction activities occur during migratory bird breeding/nesting periods, the Project area (and surrounding habitats) would be surveyed by a qualified biologist for active nests no more than 5 days prior to the commencement of work. If active nests were found during surveys, spatial buffers would be established around such in coordination with USFWS and NRCS. Construction activities within the buffer areas would be prohibited until a qualified biologist confirmed that all nests are no longer active. Direct short-term impacts of this alternative to migratory birds and associated habitat would be negligible based on implementation of avoidance/minimization measures, preconstruction surveys, restoration of disturbed areas, and abundant suitable habitat in the surrounding area.

Areas of disturbance would be surveyed by a qualified biologist prior to the commencement of work for state SGCN. If SGCN were found during surveys, UDWR would be notified and applicable conservation measures implemented in coordination with UDWR.

Thanks,

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From: Kaitlyn Purington <kpurington@utah.gov>

Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 3:51 PM

To: Bobbi Preite <bobbi@adaptiveenviro.com>

Cc: Shawn Pladas <shawnpladas@utah.gov>; Josee Seamons <jseamons@utah.gov>

Subject: Re: Verification of SGCN

Hi Bobbi,

I have not had too much of a chance to look at the list this week but agree with Shawn's sentiments about the potential for the list to be non-comprehensive and the need for pre-project surveys. I will look over the list more thoroughly next week and get back to you on some recommendations.

Thanks,

Kaitlyn

On Thu, Apr 25, 2024 at 8:54 AM Bobbi Preite <bobbi@adaptiveenviro.com> wrote:

SGCN list and Project Vicinity Map attached.

Thanks,

Bobbi Preite | President and Senior Environmental Consultant

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From: Kaitlyn Purington <kpurington@utah.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2024 8:23 AM
To: Shawn Pladas <shawnapladas@utah.gov>
Cc: Bobbi Preite <bobbi@adaptiveenviro.com>; Josee Seamons <jseamons@utah.gov>
Subject: Re: Verification of SGCN

Hi all,

I am not able to see the attached list, would someone mind sending me that attachment?

Kaitlyn

On Wed, Apr 24, 2024 at 5:02 PM Shawn Pladas <shawnapladas@utah.gov> wrote:

Hi Bobbi,

This is not an area where we conduct extensive surveys and UDWR data for known SGCN occurrences is probably a poor representation of possible SGCN species here. That said, I'd highly recommend pre-project surveys are completed. I only oversee terrestrial sensitive species (i.e. mammals and birds) - I'd keep golden eagle and peregrine falcon on the list. The other avian and mammal species I'm not concerned about.

I've cc'd Kaitlyn Purrington, our Native Aquatics Bio, on this email. Kaitlyn will be able to give you further insight into any aquatic species concerns, if any. I've also cc'd Josie Seamons, our Impact Analysis Biologist, to give any further insight on other species.

Hope that helps!

On Wed, Apr 24, 2024 at 10:01 AM Bobbi Preite <bobbi@adaptiveenviro.com> wrote:

Hi Shawn,

I am working on a Project with the City of Saratoga Springs and the NRCS for flood prevention measures in and around the City of Saratoga Springs. The Project is in preliminary planning stages which requires preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA). As part of the EA, I would like to identify any SGCN for consideration in an impact analysis. Based on UDWR data for known occurrence of SGCN in the Saratoga Springs quad, I put together the attached list of species. However, based on the Project area extents, habitat conditions, and last observation dates, I am not sure if UDWR has any concerns regarding the species in the attached list. Can you please review the list of species and the Project area maps then let me know if there are any SGCN UDWR feels needs to be included in an impacts analysis?

Thanks,

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August 3, 2020

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125 South State Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84138

Re: Request to be a cooperating agency in the development of Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA) for proposed flood prevention measures in Utah County

Dear Ms. Fife,

This letter is in response to a request from Norm Evenstad of July 6, 2020 for the State of Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) to become a partnering agency in the development of the Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-EA. We agree to become a partnering agency on the Plan-EA and look forward to cooperating on this endeavor.

As you are may be aware, SITLA manages approximately 1,100 acres adjacent to Saratoga Springs City and SITLA's property is part of the project area. SITLA staff have coordinated with the consultants and project team preparing the Plan-EA to date and are supportive of the efforts being taken by Saratoga Springs City and the project team.

SITLA's primary contact for this project is Troy Herold, PLA, Project Manager. He can be reached at (801) 538-5170 or therold@utah.gov.

Sincerely,

Kyle Pasley, Assistant Director
Planning & Development Group

CC: file





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July 6, 2020

Mr. Kyle Pasley
Asst. Director—Planning and Development
Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration
675 East 500 South, Suite 500
Salt Lake City, UT 84102

RE: Formal request to be a cooperating agency in the development of the Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA) for proposed flood prevention measures in Utah County, Utah.

Dear Mr. Pasley:

In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) at 40 CFR Part 1501.6, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is formally requesting that the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) become a cooperating agency in the planning and development of the Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-EA. The proposed project measures are located on private-land and SITLA-land in Utah County, Utah. The project location and proposed measures are summarized in the enclosed scoping notice.

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Scoping Report



Saratoga Springs Watershed

Scoping Report

Final

Prepared by:



August 2021

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1.0 Introduction

The United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), in cooperation with the project sponsors (Saratoga Springs City and Utah Department of Agricultural and Food), is proposing improvements within the Saratoga Springs Watershed located in Utah County, Utah. Measures are being proposed to address watershed improvements to reduce potential flooding to properties in Saratoga Springs. In addition to the Clay Pits area improvements, Saratoga Springs City requested that the recent Knolls Fire burn boundary also be included in the EA-Plan scope.

The project is partially funded through the NRCS Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (Public Law [PL] 83-566), which authorizes funding to help urban and rural communities protect, improve, and develop land resources in watersheds of up to 250,000 acres. NRCS, as the lead federal agency, has initiated NEPA analysis in the form of a Supplemental Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA) to analyze impacts to the environment from project actions. The Plan-EA will comply with the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ's) regulations at 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508 which require an evaluation of potential environmental impacts associated with federal project and actions. The Plan-EA will be composed of the elements listed below.

- Alternatives analysis of potential options to meet the general purposes of PL 83-566, and the defined purpose and need of the project.
- Detailed analysis of resources that may be affected for each of the alternatives analyzed in detailed study that may satisfy the purpose and need for the project.
- Identification of potential avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate potential impacts.
- A plan of public participation and agency consultation and coordination throughout development of the Plan-EA.

The participation of the public/agencies/organizations is a vital component of the NEPA process and development of project alternatives so that those who are interested in or potentially affected by proposed project alternatives have an opportunity to share their concerns and provide input regarding the Plan-EA during the initial stages of the planning process. Scoping is the first phase of the public involvement process, and this report documents the scoping process conducted for this project.

1.1 Purpose and Need

The general purposes of NRCS Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Action (PL 83-566) include:

- Preventing damage from erosion, floodwater, and sediment.
- Furthering the conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water.
- Furthering the conservation and proper utilization of land.

The project-specific purpose and need will be developed as the planning advances. Project sponsors and public/agencies/organizations have expressed a need for watershed improvements to reduce potential flooding to properties in Saratoga Springs Watershed. In late June and the first week of July 2020, the Knolls Fire burned an area located directly south of the original project area. Saratoga Springs City requested that the Plan-EA be expanded to include the boundary of the Knolls Fire and the areas downstream that may be negatively affected by debris flows and erosions due to the fire.

1.2 Scoping Goals and Objectives

Scoping is used to identify the public, stakeholder, and government agency resource concerns for the project and potential obstacles/controversy/opposition, and to begin to identify proposed alternatives based on the input received. It is important to involve a diverse group of public/agency/organization participants. During the scoping process and throughout the development of the Plan-EA, ongoing communication will be maintained with stakeholders, agencies, organizations, tribes, and the public. Education about the environmental review process and each party's role will be provided to all participating parties. Public participation activities will be evaluated for effectiveness on a continual basis and use the most effective techniques throughout the NEPA process. Scoping activities involving outreach and meetings and the results of scoping are documented to ensure NEPA, CEQ, and NRCS scoping requirements have been met.

2.0 Scoping Process Summary

This section summarizes the scoping activities performed and outreach conducted for the proposed project.

2.1 Scoping Announcement and Open Comment Period Schedule

- The following dates outline the milestones for the scoping announcement and activities that occurred in preparation for the scoping comment period. The scoping comment period **opened on June 30, 2020, and closed on August 3, 2020**. March 12, 2020: Scoping announcement was mailed to landowners, the public, and agencies.
- March 18, 2020: Postponement of Scoping Meeting announcement was mailed to landowners, the public and agencies.
- June 26, 2020: Scoping announcement was mailed to landowners, the public, and agencies.
- June 26, 2020: Scoping flyers were emailed to Saratoga Springs City for posting in the Saratoga Springs City Hall and Saratoga Springs Public Works Building.
- June 30, 2020: Scoping announcement was mailed to five tribes.
- July 6, 2020: Scoping notice was published in The Daily Herald.
- July 13, 2020: Scoping notice was published in The Daily Herald.
- **June 30, 2020 (Open Comment Period)**
- June 26, 2020: Scoping notice and public meeting details were posted to the NRCS project website
- July 14, 2020: Virtual scoping meeting was held online via GoToMeeting. The meeting was recorded and made available for review on the NRCS project website.
- **August 3, 2020 (Close Comment Period)**

2.2 Notice

Materials were developed to announce the public scoping meeting and consisted of a scoping notice, flyer, and newspaper notices. These materials identified the proposed project site, announced the open comment period, listed the scoping meeting details, and requested public participation and input. Contact information for submittal of comments was provided in all postings along with the open date for the comment period. The materials were distributed and posted as listed below. Copies of the scoping notice, flyer, and newspaper notices are included in Appendix A.

- A scoping notice was prepared and mailed to 43 agencies/organizations/public on June 26, 2020.
- A tribal scoping letter was prepared and mailed to five tribes on June 30, 2020.
- Scoping flyers were emailed on June 26, 2020 to NRCS, Saratoga Springs City Hall, and the Saratoga Springs Public Works building.

- The scoping notice, project status, and scoping meeting information was posted on the NRCS project website on June 26, 2020, for the duration of the scoping comment period. The website is located at:
- <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ut/programs/planning/wpfp/?cid=nrcseprd1517220>
- A notice ran in The Daily Herald on July 6, and July 13, 2020.

In addition to the notice materials above, the sponsors also provided additional measures to help announce the scoping meeting details. Saratoga Springs City announced the meeting details on their website.

2.3 Meetings

One scoping meeting was held during the scoping comment period. The virtual meeting was held July 14, 2020, 10:00 to 11:00 am, online via Zoom. The meeting was recorded and made available for review on the NRCS project website. The meeting presented the overall project and Plan-EA process. The scoping meeting presentation is included in Appendix B.

Participants of the scoping meetings were invited to submit comments in writing by mail, fax, phone, or e-mail during the scoping comment period. Attendance at the meeting was verified by a verbal roll call at the beginning of the scoping meeting. A list of attendees is in Appendix B.

2.4 Mailing List

A public and agency/organization mailing list was prepared by NRCS, the sponsors, and Bowen Collins and Associates, to inform them about the scoping process and scoping meetings for the project. A total of 43 mailings were sent to the public and agency/organizations.

A tribal mailing list was prepared by NRCS and a formal scoping letter was sent out to five tribes. The tribal scoping letters are included in Appendix A.

3.0 Comments

3.1 Public Meeting

The virtual public scoping meeting was conducted on July 14, 2020. There was 16 people attending the Zoom meeting including public/agencies/organizations and project team members. Attendance roll was called at the beginning of the meeting. The meeting attendance sheet is provided in Appendix B.

Table 3-1 below identifies project team members that were in attendance for the scoping meetings.

Table 3-1. Project Team Members

Name	Organization	Title
Derek Hamilton	Natural Resources Conservation Service	Water Resource Coordinator
Norm Evenstad	Natural Resources Conservation Service	ASTC-Partnership
Jason Roper	Natural Resources Conservation Service	Civil Engineer
David Johnson	Saratoga Springs City	PR & Economic Development Director
Jeremy Lapin	Saratoga Springs City	Public Works Director
Gordon Miners	Saratoga Springs City	City Engineer
Craig Bagley	Bowen Collins & Associates	Senior Water Resources Engineer
Jamie Tsandes	Bowen Collins & Associates	Environmental / Project Manager
Keith Larson	Bowen Collins & Associates	Senior Water Resources Engineer
Bobbi Preite	McMillen Jacobs Associates	Senior Resource Consultant/NEPA
Greg Allington	McMillen Jacobs Associates	Senior Biologist/NEPA

3.2 Comments Received

Comments could be submitted via mail, e-mail, telephone, or facsimile. One comment was received via a phone call and a second comment was received via email. The email was from the Saratoga Springs Public Works Director requesting that the scope of the project be extended to include the Knolls Fire boundary. Comments are included in Appendix C.

4.0 Resource Concerns and Cooperating Agencies

4.1 Resource Concerns

A list of resource concerns was compiled for the project based on required scoping concerns outlined in the National Watershed Program Manual Section 501.24 B, and from any additional concerns identified by the public, sponsoring local organization, or agencies/organizations during the scoping meeting or scoping period. Table 4-1 below lists a comprehensive list of the resource concerns compiled for the project. An analysis of resource concerns specific to the project will be completed during the development of the Draft Plan-EA and non-relevant resource concerns will be eliminated.

Table 4-1. Resources

Item/Concern	Item/Concern
Soils	Human Environment
Upland Erosion and Sedimentation	Socioeconomics
Prime and Unique Farmland	Historic Properties/Cultural Resources
Water	Hazardous Materials
Surface Water Quality	Environmental Justice and Civil Rights
Ground Water Quantity	Public Health and Safety
Clean Water Act - Waters of the U.S.	Recreation
Regional Water Mgt. Plans and Coastal Zone Management Areas	Land Use
Floodplain Management	Visual Resources
Wetlands	Scenic Beauty
Wild and Scenic Rivers	Parklands
Sole Source Aquifers	Transportation Infrastructure
Air	Noise
Air Quality	Ecologically Critical Areas
Clean Air Act	National Parks, Monuments and Historical Sites
Plants	Scientific Resources
Special Status Species (Federal and State listed)	Animals
Forest Resources	Essential Fish Habitat
Noxious Weeds and Invasive Plant Species	Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat
Natural Areas	Coral Reefs
Riparian Areas	Special Status Species (Federal and State listed)
	Invasive Species
	Migratory Birds/Bald and Golden Eagles

4.2 Cooperating Agencies

Cooperating agency letters were sent to the agencies listed below.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

U.S Fish and Wildlife Service

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – Salt Lake Field Office

State of Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration - SITLA

Utah Department of Transportation – Region 3

Utah Ecological Services

At the issuance of this report, SITLA had agreed to be a cooperating agency and BLM declined the offer. A response has not yet been received from the remaining agencies.

Appendix A

Scoping Notices

Scoping Notice
Scoping Flyer
Newspaper Notices
Tribal Scoping Letters

Scoping Notice

Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-EA Project – Utah County

Scoping Notice



Project Information

The United States Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), with assistance from Saratoga Springs City (project sponsor), is considering watershed improvements to reduce potential flooding to properties in Saratoga Springs.

An evaluation of potential project alternatives and associated environmental impacts is required to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act and the Council of Environmental Quality's regulations and will be documented in the form a Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA). NRCS and Saratoga Springs City will hold a public scoping meeting to provide information about the proposed project and to collect comments.

At this time, NRCS is requesting comments on the project to identify issues and resource sensitivities. Written comments are can be submitted during the open comment period starting March 19, 2020 and ending on April 17, 2020.

Written comments must be received by:
April 17, 2020

Additional information can be found at the NRCS Saratoga Springs Watershed Project website accessed from:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ut/newsroom/pnotice/>

Public Meeting

The public is invited to attend, discuss, and submit a comment during the public meeting:

April 2, 2020 - Thursday
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Saratoga Springs City Hall
1307 Commerce Drive #200
Saratoga Springs, Utah

How to Submit a Comment

All comments should be directed to Jamie Tsandes:

Bowen Collins & Associates

Address:

154 E. 14075 South

Draper, UT 84020

Phone: (801) 495-2224

Fax: (801) 495-2225

Email:

saratogawatershed@bowencollins.com

Comments may be mailed or emailed to the above address or submitted during the public scoping meeting.

Project Area Overview



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At this time, NRCS is requesting comments on the project to identify issues and resource sensitivities. Written comments are can be submitted during the open comment period starting March 19, 2020 and ending on April 17, 2020.

Written comments must be received by:
April 17, 2020

Additional information can be found at the NRCS Saratoga Springs Watershed Project website accessed from:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ut/newsroom/pnotice/>

Public Meeting

The public is invited to attend, discuss, and submit a comment during the public meeting:

~~April 2, 2020 - Thursday~~
~~6:00 – 7:00 p.m.~~

*Saratoga Springs City Hall
1307 Commerce Drive #200
Saratoga Springs, Utah*

**Meeting postponed due to COVID-19.
Updated public scoping information
will be sent out at a later date.**

Project Area Overview



How to Submit a Comment

All comments should be directed to Jamie Tsandes:

Bowen Collins & Associates

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154 E. 14075 South
Draper, UT 84020
Phone: (801) 495-2224
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Email:

saratogawatershed@bowencollins.com

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Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-EA Project – Utah County

Scoping Notice



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Written comments must be received by:

August 3, 2020

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Virtual Public Meeting

The public is invited to participate, discuss, and submit a comment during a virtual public meeting.

July 14, 2020 - Tuesday

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

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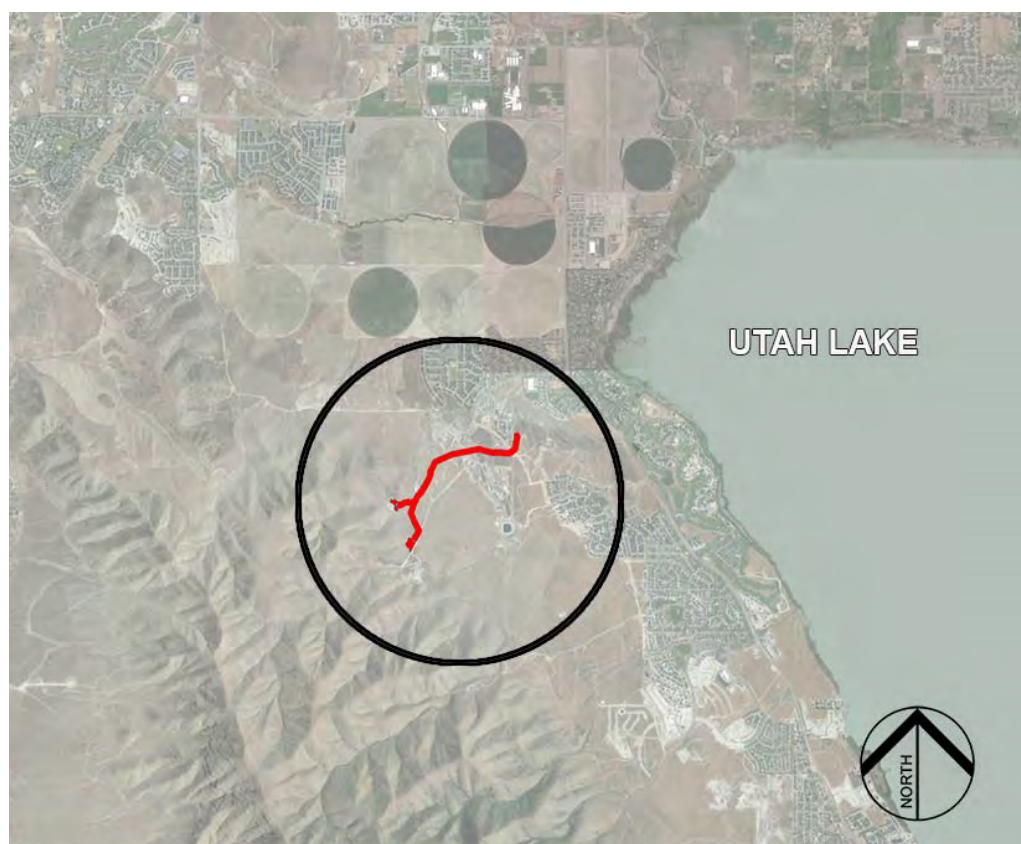
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When: **July 14, 2020**
Time: **10:00 AM to 12:00-Noon**
Where:

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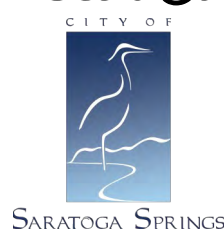
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Newspaper Notices

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Morikawa clutch in finish to win Workday Open

BY DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ohio — Collin Morikawa figured his tournament was over if he didn't make a 5-foot par putt on the 15th hole at Muirfield Village.

He couldn't have imagined all the fun was just starting.

Still three shots behind Justin Thomas with three holes to play, Morikawa made only one birdie and it was enough for a 6-under 66 to force a playoff.

The three times he played the 18th hole, he twice could only watch as Thomas had 10-foot putts for the win.

The other time, Morikawa had to make a 25-foot putt to keep playing.

The only dull moment Sunday at the Workday Charity Open was the end, when Morikawa took two putts for par from just inside 10 feet to beat Thomas on the third playoff hole and win for the second time in his career.

"Amazing," Morikawa said when asked how he would sum up the day to someone who only saw the result. That covered a lot of territory.

Morikawa never looked like the winner until it was over.

Thomas had 10 straight one-putt greens, the last one a 25-foot eagle putt on the par-5 15th for the three-shot lead with three holes to play. And while he made two bogeys for a 69 that allowed for a playoff, he had reason to think it was over when he made a 50-foot birdie putt from the back of the 18th green.

"I never assumed it was over,"

Thomas said. "Percentages would say that it heavily is close to being that way. ... I just tried to keep my head down and think he's going to make it, but hoping he's not, selfishly, but he did."

Thomas missed a 10-footer for par in regulation, and a putt close to that same line for birdie on the second extra hole. He was done in by a tee shot on No. 10 that wound up in the rough behind a tree, forcing him to pitch out 102 yards short of the green. He missed his 15-foot par putt, leading to Morikawa's two-putt par and the win.

It was a wild ride for Thomas, too. He started with a two-shot lead, trailed by three after just five holes, made four straight birdies and was ahead by three shots 10 holes later, and ultimately lost in a playoff.

"It's completely unacceptable to give up a three-shot lead with three to go," Thomas said. "I'm upset, I'm disappointed in myself. But at the end of the day it's over with now, and I just need to take some time this afternoon and tonight to build on it and figure out what I can do better going into next week."

They return in four days for the Memorial on a Muirfield Village course expected to be as fast as a U.S. Open.

This was a big win for the 23-year-old Morikawa, who in his 13 months since graduating from Cal already has established a reputation for a high level of consistency. His only victory was at an opposite-field



DARRON CUMMINGS, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Collin Morikawa holds his trophy after winning the Workday Charity Open golf tournament on Sunday in Dublin, Ohio.

event last summer. He beat a field at the Workday Charity Open that featured five of the top 10 in the world.

"This is a huge kind of stepping stone," said Morikawa, who goes to No. 13 in the world, one spot ahead of Tiger Woods. "We got No. 1 out of the way. We got No. 2. Let the gates just open and let's keep going."

It was his second playoff since the PGA Tour returned June 11 from the COVID-19 pandemic. Morikawa lost on the first extra hole at Colonial by missing a 3-foot putt. He had a 2-foot putt in regulation on Sunday that caught the left edge of the cup and swirled in. "My heartbeat must have skipped a billion times," he said.

The only thing missing was a handshake from Jack Nicklaus. He'll be there next week for the Memorial, as the PGA Tour stays at Muirfield Village.

Viktor Hovland of Norway had a 71 and finished alone in third. He was in the final group of three young stars, all of whom had the lead at some point during the final round.

Hovland's hopes ended with two shots — finding a bunker from the 10th fairway for bogey, and a driver on the reachable 14 that only missed by about 5 feet, enough to slowly tumble down the bank and into the water.

Morikawa also hit driver on the

14th that rolled 12 feet away. He narrowly missed the eagle putt, while Thomas hit a splendid wedge with side spin to 3 feet for birdie to stay one ahead. That's when it appeared the tournament turned in Thomas' favor.

Morikawa was in thick rough right of the fairway on the par-5 15th, unsure he could get over the slope to the next section of fairway. It came out heavy, just through the fairway into light rough 190 yards away. By then, Thomas hit 3-wood to 25 feet. Morikawa went through a bunker to the steep slope by the green, and did well to chop that chip high in the air to 5 feet. Thomas made his eagle putt. Morikawa made his par to stay alive.

"A three-shot cushion with three to go is a lot different than four with three to go," Morikawa said. "And then him hitting somewhat of a poor tee shot on 16, I knew this was my window of opportunity."

Thomas missed a 10-foot par putt. Morikawa caught a good bounce with an ordinary 8-iron to the 17th and made a 10-foot birdie. Thomas found the fairway bunker off the tee at the 18th, played short of the green and couldn't make his par.

The starting times were moved up to avoid a forecast of thunderstorms, so the final round was broadcast on a delay, available live only on streaming.

With no fans on the course, it was the wildest finish that hardly anyone saw.

Hamilton wins Styrian GP ahead of teammate Bottas

BY JEROME PUGMIRE
Associated Press

SPIELBERG, Austria — Lewis Hamilton won the Styrian Grand Prix from pole position on Sunday to clinch an 85th career win and move within six of Michael Schumacher's Formula One record.

Most of Schumacher's wins were during a dominant spell with Ferrari, but his old team is struggling badly. For the second time in the past four races, Charles Leclerc and Sebastian Vettel crashed into each other and went out.

When Hamilton stood on the podium he raised a clenched right fist.

Hamilton's record-extending 89th career pole on a rain-drenched track was one of his best in extreme conditions, but during the race he was hardly challenged as he finished a sizeable 13.7 seconds ahead of Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas and 33.7 ahead of Red Bull's Max Verstappen.

Because of social distancing amid the coronavirus pandemic, the drivers on the podium had their trophies delivered by a remote controlled device.

"What a weird year but (it's) great to be back driving with this kind of performance. The team did a fantastic job, it was just for me to bring it home," said Hamilton, who finished fourth last week after a time penalty. "Difficult weekend last weekend but this was a great step forward."

Bottas won last weekend's season-opening Austrian GP on the same Red Bull Ring track in Spielberg at the foot of the Styrian mountains — hence the name change.

Despite the sizeable margin of Hamilton's win, Bottas maintains he can challenge for the F1 title. He leads in points 43-37.

"I have no reason to doubt any of my ability or skills. I know what I'm capable of," the Finnish driver said. "I really feel some improvements in my driving since last year that's why I'm confident it will be a good battle for the championship this year."

Like last Sunday, drivers again wore black T-shirts with "End Racism" and most took the knee a few moments before the national anthem.

Red Bull driver Alexander Albon did well to fend off persistent attacks from Racing Point's Sergio Perez and finished fourth ahead of

McLaren's Lando Norris and Perez, who dropped to sixth after touching wheels with Albon late on.

McLaren's Carlos Sainz Jr. started from third and finished ninth, but collected a bonus point for the fastest lap.

At the start of the race, Hamilton got away cleanly while Verstappen did well to hold off Sainz.

Leclerc tried to overtake down the right entering a hairpin bend and ended up riding over the back of Vettel's car, mangling his rear wing and prompting a safety car to come out for two laps.

Vettel, who finished 10th last week, had to retire while Leclerc came into the pits on Lap 5 and was soon out of the race.

At last season's penultimate GP in Brazil, both Ferrari cars crashed out. Vettel appeared at fault that time after being overtaken cleanly by Leclerc and trying to regain position.

But this time Leclerc was far too hasty and impatient.

Up ahead, Hamilton was coasting and about five seconds clear of Verstappen when the Dutch driver came in for his first tire change on Lap 25 of 71.

Hamilton came in for fresh tires soon after and then Bottas a few laps later, meaning that by Lap 38 Verstappen was second again — still five

seconds adrift of Hamilton.

Verstappen's front wing was damaged on the right side and, with six laps remaining, his lead over Bottas was down to under a second.

Bottas overtook Verstappen on the next lap but Verstappen regained his position superbly, only to concede it again moments later as Bottas' superior speed proved decisive.

"When Valtteri tried to pass me I tried to make it a bit more difficult," Verstappen said. "The podium is good but there's still a lot of work to do."

Red Bull showed signs late

last season that it was closing the gap on Mercedes, but this time Verstappen is not convinced a serious challenge can be mounted.

"I tried everything I could but it's still not enough," Verstappen said. "As a team we want to win and fight for the championship, and to do that we need to win races."

Renault driver Esteban Ocon was the other driver not to finish, but teammate Daniel Ricciardo was eighth behind Racing Point's Lance Stroll.

Daniil Kvyat of Alpha Tauri rounded out the top ten.

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You are invited to attend a virtual public scoping meeting where the project and associated resource concerns will be discussed. We are inviting agency, organization, and public input on the project during the project scoping phase

Public Scoping Meeting
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June 30, 2020

Mr. Luke Duncan
Chairman
Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation, Utah
P.O. Box 190
Fort Duchesne, Utah 84026

Reference: NRCS Saratoga Springs Watershed Flood Prevention Operations Project

Dear Mr. Duncan:

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In cooperation with Saratoga Springs City, NRCS is in the very early planning stages of preparing a Supplemental Watershed Plan and an Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to consider and analyze potential impacts from the action. For the purposes of compliance with NEPA and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the NRCS is the designated lead agency. Pursuant to Section 106 of the NHPA, Executive Order 13007, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, we write to you at this time regarding the project and we welcome any information you would like to share with us regarding historic properties or places of traditional religious and cultural importance near the proposed project area that we should consider as part of our analysis. We would also appreciate your assistance in identifying any other tribes with whom we should consult on this project.

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If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please contact Shelley A. Szeghi, Area Cultural Resources Specialist, at 801-597-4552 or email at shelley.szeghi@usda.gov. We look forward to receiving your comments and discussing this project further.

Sincerely,

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EMILY FIFE
State Conservationist

cc:

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Jason Roper, Civil Engineer, NRCS, Salt Lake City, UT
Shelley A. Szeghi, NRCS, Area Cultural Resources Specialist, Ogden, UT
Derek Hamilton, NRCS, Water Resources Coordinator, Salt Lake City, UT
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June 30, 2020

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Reference: NRCS Saratoga Springs Watershed Flood Prevention Operations Project

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June 30, 2020

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June 30, 2020

Ms. Betsy Chapoose
Director
Cultural Rights Protection Department
Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation
P.O. Box 190
Fort Duchesne, Utah 84026

Reference: NRCS Saratoga Springs Watershed Flood Prevention Operations Project

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Skull Valley Goshute General Council
407 Skull Valley Road
Skull Valley Reservation, Utah 84029

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Scoping Meeting Materials

Scoping Meeting Presentation
Attendance Sheet

Scoping Meeting Presentation



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Natural Resources Conservation Service

Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-EA Environmental Assessment Public Scoping Meeting

July 14, 2020



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Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-EA Project – Utah County

Scoping Notice



Project Information

The United States Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), with assistance from Saratoga Springs City (project sponsor), is considering watershed improvements to reduce potential flooding to properties in Saratoga Springs.

An evaluation of potential project alternatives and associated environmental impacts is required to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act and the Council of Environmental Quality's regulations and will be documented in the form a Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA). NRCS and Saratoga Springs City will hold a public scoping meeting to provide information about the proposed project and to collect comments.

At this time, NRCS is requesting comments on the project to identify issues and resource sensitivities. Written comments are can be submitted during the open comment period starting June 30, 2020 and ending on August 3, 2020. Note that this virtual meeting will be recorded and made available until the closing of the public comment period. The video will be located at the link below.

Written comments must be received by:

August 3, 2020

Additional information can be found at the NRCS Saratoga Springs Watershed Project website accessed from:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ut/newsroom/pnotice/>

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How to Submit a Comment

All comments should be directed to Jamie Tsandes:

Bowen Collins & Associates

Address:

154 E. 14075 South

Draper, UT 84020

Phone: (801) 495-2224

Fax: (801) 495-2225

Email:

saratogawatershed@bowencollins.com

Comments may be mailed or emailed to the above address or submitted during the public scoping meeting.

Project Area Overview



Introductions

- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Saratoga Springs City
- SITLA
- Bowen Collins & Associates
- McMillen Jacobs



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Current Study Area
Clay Pits

Eagle
Mountain

Knolls Fire
Recent
Burn Area

Utah Lake

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Purpose of Meeting

- Explain the project
- Explain the **NEPA** (National Environmental Policy Act) planning process
- Discuss project issues
- Receive input



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Purpose of the Project

- Protect the downstream residents from future flooding
 - Slope stabilization for drainage areas flowing near the Clay pits
 - Minimize flooding to downstream homes and development
 - Detention basin/sedimentation within the Clay pits
 - Clay pits are currently functioning as storage, not designed to store water
- Restore burn area/prevent erosion and flooding



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Where are we now?

2019

2020

Summer 2019

Summer 2020

Fall 2020

Winter 2020

We are here

Project Kick-off
Site Visits/
Meetings

Preliminary
Engineering/
Basin Modeling

Project
Coordination

Purpose & Need
Public Scoping

Develop
Alternatives

Conduct Enviro
and Geotech
Field Work

Develop 30%
Engineering
Designs

NEPA Document

- Meet with Saratoga Springs and SITLA
- Site Visit
- Start engineering analysis

- **Conduct public scoping meetings**
- Listen to ideas
- Find alternatives based on feedback from the public scoping meetings
- Preliminary engineering

Field work:

Cultural Resources
Wetlands/Waters
Biological/Wildlife
Vegetation
Geotechnical Investigations
Topographic Surveys

Engineering:

30% Engineering Drawings
Engineering Technical Memorandums

1. Preliminary EA
- 2. Draft EA**
- 30 Day Public Comment Period
3. Final EA
3. FONSI
5. Administrative Record

2021

2022

Final Design

Construction

Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program

- Watershed Protection and Flood Protection Act (PL 83-566) has three general purposes:
 - Preventing damage from erosion, floodwater, and sediment
 - Furthering the conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water
 - Furthering the conservation and proper utilization of land
- Planning Constraints
 - Less than **250,000-acre watershed area**
 - **\$25 million** requires a Plan-EIS



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NEPA Plan-EA Process

- Conducted a Project Kick-Off Meeting
- Data Search, Data Collection
- Preliminary Engineering/Hydrology Modeling
- Meet with the Reservation and Conduct Site Visit
- **Public Scoping Meeting (Open Until August 3, 2020)**
- Field Reconnaissance
- Geotechnical Engineering
- Concept Design Plans (~30%)
- Engineering Report/Technical Memorandum (Investigation & Analysis Report)



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NEPA Plan-EA Process

- Federal Funding Requires Analysis of the Project under NRCS NEPA Regulations
- Cooperating Agency Coordination with Federal and State Agencies
- Public Scoping & Comment Period (30 Days)
Identify resource concerns, get agency/public/sponsor/stakeholder input, discuss problems & potential alternatives
- Concept Design & Engineering Analysis
- Agency Coordination
USACE Section 404 Coordination, USFWS Section 7 Consultation, SHPO Section 106 Consultation, Cooperating Agencies, State Agencies, Stakeholders



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NEPA Process (Plan-EA)

- Federal Funding Requires Analysis of the Project under NRCS National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Regulations. Enacted Jan. 1, 1970
 - NEPA requires Federal Agencies to assess the environmental effects of their proposed actions prior to making decisions.
 - Two Basic Objectives
 - Ensure that decision-makers consider the environment in planning projects (both natural and man-made)
 - Prevent/minimize damage to the environment



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NEPA Process Resource Concerns Considered (Plan-EA)

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Soils

Upland Erosion and Sedimentation

Prime and Unique Farmland

Water

Surface Water Quality

Ground Water Quantity

Clean Water Act - Waters of the U.S.

Regional Water Mgt. Plans and Coastal

Zone Management Areas

Floodplain Management

Wetlands

Wild and Scenic Rivers

Sole Source Aquifers

Air

Air Quality

Clean Air Act

Plants

Special Status Plant Species

Forest Resources

Noxious Weeds and Invasive Plant
Species

Natural Areas

Riparian Areas

Animals

Essential Fish Habitat

Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat

Coral Reefs

Special Status Animal Species

Invasive Species

Migratory Birds/Bald and Golden Eagles

Human Environment

Socioeconomics

Historic Properties/Cultural Resources

Hazardous Materials

Environmental Justice and Civil Rights

Public Health and Safety

Recreation

Land Use

Visual Resources

Scenic Beauty

Parklands

Transportation Infrastructure

Noise

Ecological Critical Areas

National Parks, Monuments and Historical Sites

Scientific Resources



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Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program

Authorized Purpose	Description	Cost Share Construction		Cost Share Engineering		Cost Share (Real Property Rights)	
		NRCS	Sponsor	NRCS	Sponsor	NRCS	Sponsor
Flood Protection	Measures to reduce or prevent floodwater damages by reducing runoff, erosion and sediment	100%	0%	100%	0%	0%	100%
Watershed Protection	Onsite treatment of watershed natural resources to reduce pollutants related to floodwater, erosion, sediment and agriculture	Variable - up to 100%	Variable	100%	0%	0%	100%
Public Recreation	Allowed only when Sponsor agrees to operate and maintain a reservoir or other area for public recreation. Measures must include only minimum basic facilities needed for public health and safety and access to and use of the area.	Up to 50%	≥50%	100%	0%	Up to 50%	≥50%
Public Fish & Wildlife	Allowed only when Sponsor agrees to operate and maintain a reservoir or other area for public fish and wildlife access. Measures installed for public use of areas developed to improved habitat, growth, and development of fish and wildlife may be included.	Up to 50%	≥50%	100%	0%	Up to 50%	≥50%
Agricultural Water Management	Includes drainage, ground water recharge, irrigation, water conservation, water quality improvement, and agricultural water supply.	Up to 75%	≥25%	≤ 100%	≥0%	0%	100%
Municipal & Industrial Water Supply	Measures necessary to provide storage capacity in reservoirs to increase the availability of water for present and future municipal and industrial use.	≤50%	≥50%	0%	100%	0%	100%
Water Quality Management	Provides water storage capacity in reservoirs for regulation of stream flow to improve water quality in streams.	Variable	Variable	Up to 100%	≥ 0%	0%	100%
Watershed Structure Rehabilitation	Authorizes financial assistance to local organizations to cover a portion of the costs of rehabilitating dams originally constructed as part of PL 83-566, PL-78534 the pilot watershed program, or the Resource Conservation and Development Program.	65%	35%	100%	0%	0%	100%



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NEPA Process (Plan-EA)

- Internal Preliminary Draft Plan-EA
- Draft Plan-EA
 - Public review and comment period (30 days) of Plan-EA that includes alternatives and environmental impacts
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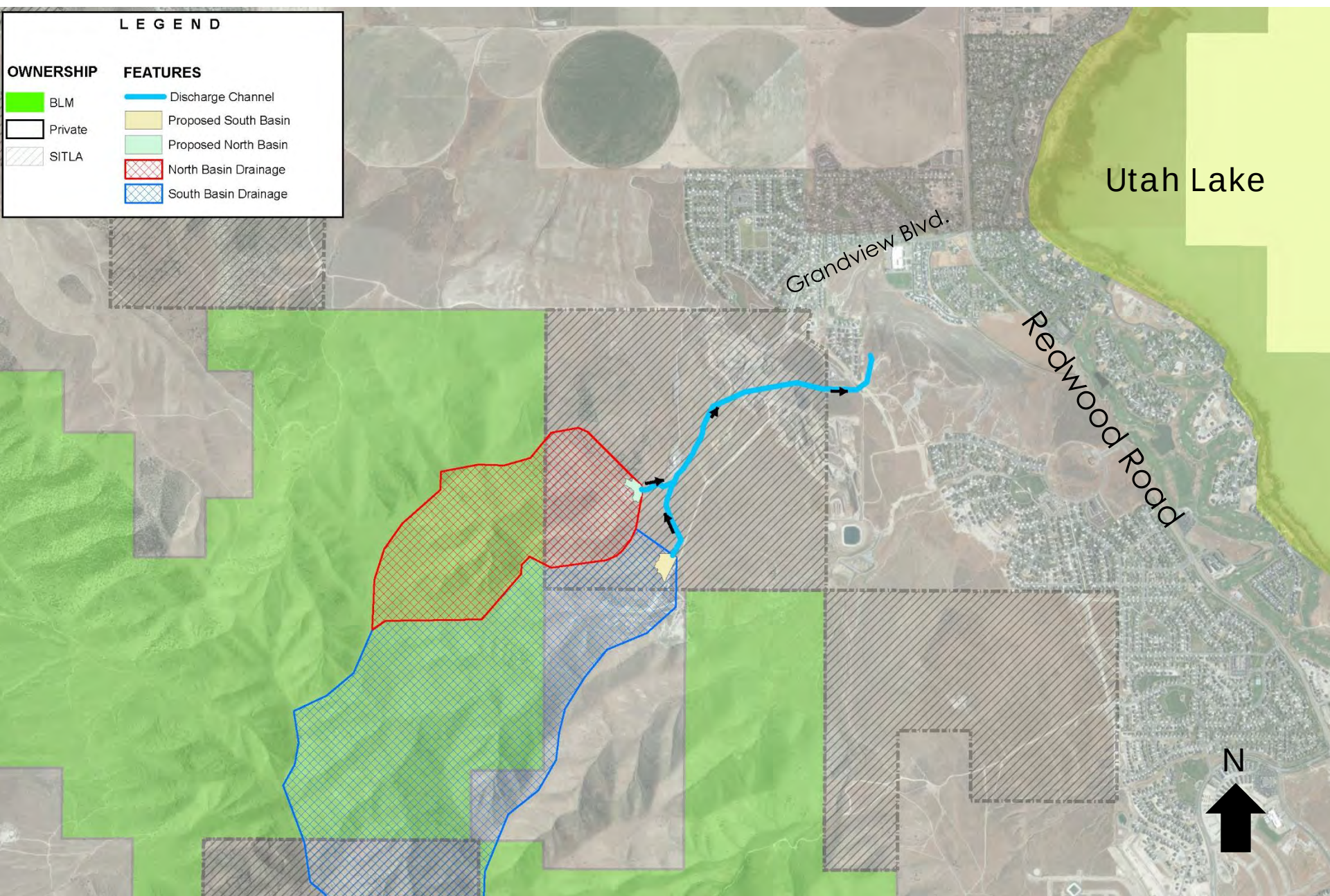
Discharge Channel

Proposed South Basin

Proposed North Basin

North Basin Drainage

South Basin Drainage



Utah Lake

Redwood Road

Clay Pits
Clay Pits



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Clay Pits



Drainages (Looking South)



Knolls Fire

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- BLM
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- SITLA

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- > Skull Valley Watershed (Sponsor = Tooele County)
- > Tri Valley Watershed (Sponsor = Wasatch County)

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ut/programs/planning/wpfp/>

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Attendance Sheet

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* Members of the public personal information was omitted.

Appendix C

Scoping Comments

Comments

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Phone Conversation:

Craig Wayman: 8-12-2020

Wanted to ask about the project. He's an excavator that lives above the proposed basins – he's interested in bidding on the project when it's ready for construction. He recommends going as far up the canyon as possible with the basins. He complained about the large mitigation efforts that are currently in construction because of the fire. He lives very close to that area. He felt like they are going overboard.



July 23, 2020

Saratoga Springs Plan-EA Watershed
c/o Jamie Tsandes
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Draper, Utah 84020

Subject: Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-EA Request to Add Knolls Fire Burn Area

To Whom it May Concern:

On Tuesday, July 14th I attended a virtual public scoping meeting for the Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-EA. The presentation addressed the need to prevent flooding in an area known as the Clay Pits area. This area includes drainage from the Lott Canyon and Burnt Canyon drainages of the Lake Mountains, just south of Tickville Gulch. This is the only area that was originally identified for improvements within the proposed Watershed Plan-EA.

In late June and the first week of July, a fire was started called the Knolls Fire. This fire affected a large area of the Lake Mountains located directly south of the original project area. The Knolls Fire resulted in a burn area of approximately 1,200 acres. The fire caused damaged to BLM, SITLA, and privately owned land. The City would like to request that the Saratoga Springs Watershed Plan-EA be expanded to include the boundary of the Knolls Fire and the areas downstream that may be negatively affected by debris flows and erosion as a result of the fire.

Figure 1 shows the general extents of the burn area.

Please consider this as part of the public comment period for the project, which ends on Monday, August 3, 2020.



Figure 1 – Knolls Burn Area

Jeremy Lapin, P.E.
Saratoga Springs Public Works Director