

State of Utah
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Wildlife Resources

Contract No. 70 2019
Amend No.

CONTRACT INFORMATION

Date 5/18/2015

Vendor No.
Vendor Utah Department of Agriculture and Food
Address 350 N Redwood Road
City Salt Lake City Utah 84114

Description of work to be completed.

Execute the terms of the Governor's Executive Order EO/2015/002: Implementing the Utah Conservation Plan For Greater Sage-grouse

Receivable Payable Land Acquisition MOU Easement/Right of Way

NUMBER OF FTE'S PER THIS CONTRACT:

# of AJ's	0
# of AL's	0
# of B's	0
Total number of FTE's	0

0
0

DELIVERABLES (Reports, products, materials):

	Due Date:
See attached	

Effective Date Upon final signature
Expiration Date When EO is no longer active

Total Amount to be Received/Paid:

Description	Amount
TOTAL	\$ -

Is this a new Project number? Yes No

A budget change form will need to be submitted with all contracts, including amendments.

Unit	Appr	Activity	Function	Program	Object	Amount	SLO Use
TOTAL						\$0.00	

Contract Monitor: Ben Nadolski

Division Chief / Regional Supervisor Approval: *Michael F. Coz*

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between the
UTAH DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES,
UTAH PUBLIC LANDS POLICY COORDINATING OFFICE
and
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
for Implementation of the *Conservation Plan for Greater Sage-grouse in Utah*

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This memorandum of understanding, hereinafter the MOU, is made and entered into by and between the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, hereinafter referred to as UDWR, the Utah Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office, hereinafter referred to as PLPCO, and the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, hereinafter referred to as UDAF, and individually and collectively known as the PARTY or PARTIES.

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this AGREEMENT is to formalize coordination between UDWR, PLPCO, and UDAF for compliance with Executive Order EO/2015/002 and implementation of the *Conservation Plan for Greater Sage-grouse in Utah*, dated February 14, 2013, as amended.

II. STATEMENT OF MUTUAL INTERESTS AND BENEFITS:

Executive Order EO/2015/002 for *Implementing the Utah Conservation Plan for Greater Sage-grouse* was issued by Governor Gary Herbert on February 25th, 2015 instructing any state agency whose operations affect greater sage-grouse to coordinate implementation of the *Conservation Plan for Greater Sage-grouse in Utah* through PLPCO, with the assistance of UDWR.

Pursuant to the terms of the Executive Order, state agencies will maintain, improve and enhance greater sage-grouse habitats, opportunity areas, and the species' populations within the specific Sage-Grouse Management Areas (SGMA) established in the *Conservation Plan*. Agencies will follow the Management Protocol and Mitigation Provisions established by Section 6 of the *Conservation Plan*. The Protocol requires agencies to avoid disturbance to greater sage-grouse habitats or their populations to the greatest extent possible. If avoidance of the disturbance is not possible, the Protocol requires minimization and mitigation, at the ratios prescribed, for the unavoidable effects of the disturbance.

III. PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT

UDWR is a division of the Utah Department of Natural Resources and is responsible for the management of wildlife in the State of Utah. UDWR has staff with expertise in evaluating greater sage-grouse habitat and potential impacts to those habitats which may affect sage-grouse populations.

UDAF is responsible for the administration of Utah's agricultural laws, which mandates a wide variety of activities including inspection, regulation, information, rulemaking, loan issuance, marketing and development, pest and disease control, improving the economic position of agriculture, and consumer protection.

PLPCO, within the Office of the Governor, serves to develop and coordinate the State of Utah's public lands policy initiatives, coordinate efforts between agencies and track agency actions to comply with planning efforts.

IV. UDAF WILL:

1. Coordinate all projects to improve, restore or enhance lands within the SGMAs with the Division of Wildlife Resources to implement the provisions of the State's Conservation Plan.
2. Prioritize greater sage-grouse habitat or opportunity areas within SGMAs to the maximum extent possible under the relevant funding authority. No state funding shall be approved for projects that materially eliminate sagebrush within SGMAs without consulting the Division of Wildlife Resources, and a finding that such a project will have a net conservation gain for the species.
3. Continue specific activities, use and maintenance of lands, facilities and programs existing within the SGMAs prior to adoption of the Utah Conservation Plan for Greater Sage-grouse (February, 2013) without consultation with UDWR.
4. Coordinate planning efforts through the Utah Conservation Commission.
5. Work through the Utah Conservation Commission and Local Work Groups to implement projects.
6. Keep office and field notes, as appropriate, about the consultations sufficient to demonstrate the issues discussed, the specific areas within the SGMA involved, resolution of the issues discussed, and outcomes achieved. These notes will be retained in the project file for as long as such files are normally retained.
7. Report annually to PLPCO detailing actions to comply with Executive Order EO/2015/002 for as long as the Executive Order is active. The reporting should include a summary of the consultations for the year.

V. UDWR WILL:

1. Consult with UDAF to evaluate areas in which newly proposed activities, or projects that are sponsored or supported by UDAF are proposed. UDWR will provide technical assistance and recommendations for compliance with the *Conservation Plan for Greater Sage-grouse in Utah*.
2. UDWR will keep sufficient office or field notes about the consultations to demonstrate the issues discussed, the specific geographic and habitat types within the SGMA involved, resolution of the issues discussed, and outcomes achieved. These notes will be available in a database of all such consultations related to the *Conservation Plan*, and will be retained for as long as the Executive Order is active.
3. Compile an annual summary report of all such consultations, and submit to PLPCO at the appropriate time.

VI. PLPCO WILL:

1. Receive annual reports from state agencies and track compliance with executive order EO/2015/002.

VII. THE PRINCIPAL CONTACTS FOR THIS AGREEMENT ARE:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PARTIES hereto have executed this AGREEMENT as of the last date written below

UTAH DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Michael F. Long
Greg Sheehan, Director

ACTING DIRECTOR

L. Patterson 6/30/15
Financial Mgr. Date
Division of Wildlife Resources

6/30/15
Date

UTAH PUBLIC LANDS POLICY COORDINATING OFFICE

Kathleen Clarke
Kathleen Clarke, Director

6-16-2015
Date

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

LuAnn Adams
LuAnn Adams, Commissioner

5-18-15
Date