

State of Utah
 Department of Natural Resources
 Division of Wildlife Resources

Contract No. 70 2020
Amend No.

CONTRACT INFORMATION

Date 4/29/2015

Vendor No. [REDACTED]
 Vendor Utah Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office
 Address 5110 State Office Building
 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

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 Expiration Date When EO is no longer active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. [Signature]

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between the
UTAH DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES 70 2020
and
UTAH PUBLIC LANDS POLICY COORDINATING OFFICE
for Implementation of the *Conservation Plan for Greater Sage-grouse in Utah*

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, and the Utah Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office, hereinafter referred to as PLPCO, and individually and collectively known as the PARTY or PARTIES.

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this AGREEMENT is to formalize coordination between UDWR and PLPCO 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 protecting, managing and restoring greater sage-grouse and their habitats, and in evaluating greater sage-grouse habitats and potential impacts to those habitats which may affect sage-grouse populations.

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. UDWR WILL:

1. Consult with state agencies whose operations affect greater sage-grouse, to strive to ensure compliance with Section 6 of the *Conservation Plan*, and assist PLPCO in coordinating the implementation of the *Conservation Plan for Greater Sage-grouse in Utah*.
2. Coordinate on-the-ground enhancements, monitoring, research and ongoing planning activities related to greater sage-grouse populations and habitats, and strive to ensure those actions are consistent with the goals and objectives outlined in the *Conservation Plan*.
3. Coordinate the collection, storage, analysis and interpretation of greater sage-grouse habitat and population data, and work toward developing platforms that make the information available to partners and the public as subject to the Utah Government Records Access and Management Act (Utah Code Title 63G, Chapter 2).
4. Work collaboratively with local governments and private landowners to maintain, improve and enhance greater sage-grouse habitats and populations in a manner consistent with the *Conservation Plan* and the Executive Order.
5. Keep track of and participate, or cause the participation by Local Working Group members, in relevant local government meetings affecting the land within SGMA's, in an effort to assure that the provisions of the *Conservation Plan* are presented for consideration by the relevant local authority.
6. Coordinate with PLPCO to revise the state's *Conservation Plan* periodically as new science, information and data emerge regarding the SGMA's and the habitats and behaviors of the greater sage-grouse.
7. Track progress toward reaching the goals and objectives outlined in Section 2 of the *Conservation Plan for Greater Sage-grouse in Utah*.
8. Track disturbance of sage-grouse habitats in SGMA's in a manner and at intervals deemed appropriate.
9. Coordinate with range-wide partners, working groups and committees in an effort to ensure that Utah's conservation actions are consistent with and complimentary to on-going range-wide conservation efforts.

10. Coordinate with relevant partners in an effort to ensure that mitigation and response plans are in place, and that prescribed actions are taken to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire to greater sage-grouse and their habitats.
11. Keep sufficient office or field notes about agency consultations to demonstrate the issues discussed, the specific geographic and habitat types within the SGMA involved, resolution of the issues discussed, and the outcomes achieved. These notes will be available in a database of all such consultations related to the *Conservation Plan*, and will be retained as long as the Executive Order is active.
12. Compile an annual summary report of all such consultations, and submit to PLPCO at the appropriate time.

V. PLPCO WILL:

1. Coordinate implementation of the *Conservation Plan* with state agencies whose operations affect greater sage-grouse.
2. Receive annual reports from UDWR and other state agencies, and track compliance with executive order EO/2015/002.
3. Coordinate with UDWR to revise the state's *Conservation Plan* periodically as new science, information and data emerge regarding the SGMAs and the habitats and behaviors of the Greater Sage-Grouse.

VI. 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

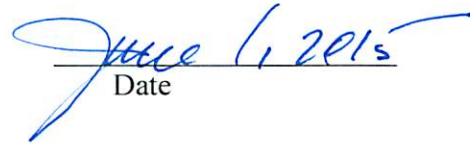

Greg Sheehan, Director

ACTING DIRECTOR


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

UTAH PUBLIC LANDS POLICY COORDINATING OFFICE


Kathleen Clarke, Director


Date