

CHAPTER 5

CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

A. PREPARERS AND CONTRIBUTORS

In addition to public scoping, individuals, organizations, and agencies intimately familiar with the local resources or coordination requirements were also contacted during the development of the DEIS. This was done to fill informational voids and to either supplement or verify the results of the site-specific investigations and analysis. A comprehensive listing of these contacts is on file and includes the following:

- American Fisheries Society
- Beaver County Commission
- Bureau of Land Management
- Capitol Reef National Park
- Congressman Chris Cannon
- Congressman Jim Mattheson
- Earth Justice
- EPA – Environmental Review Coordinator
- Five County Association of Governments
- Forest Guardians
- Goshute Indian Tribe
- Grand Canyon Trust
- Great Old Broads for Wilderness
- Hopi Tribe
- Millard County Commissioners
- National Wildlife Federation
- Paiute Tribe
- Paiute County Commissioners
- Red Rock Forests
- Sevier Wildlife Federation
- Sierra Club
- Senator Orin Hatch
- Senator Robert Bennett
- Sevier County Commission
- Six County Association of Governments
- Southern Utah OHV Club
- Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Utah Cattlemen’s Association
- Utah Council Trout Unlimited
- Utah Dept. of Environmental Quality and Water Quality
- Utah Dept. of Wildlife
- Utah Dept. of Agriculture
- Utah Department of Forestry, Fire, State Lands
- Utah Dept. Natural Resources
- Utah Division of Indian Affairs
- Utah Division of Parks and Recreation
- Utah Environmental Congress
- Utah Farm Bureau Federation
- Utah Forest Network
- Utah Governor’s Office of Planning & Budget
- Utah Shared Access Alliance
- Utah State Historic Preservation Office
- Utah Trail Machine Association
- Utah Wilderness Association
- Utah Wildlife Federation
- Ute Indian Tribe
- Western Watersheds Project, Inc
- Wilderness Society
- Wild Utah Forest Campaign
- Wildlife Management Federation
- Wildlife Management Institute

B. PUBLIC COORDINATION

On January 5 and on April 4, 2005, the IDT met with Mary O'Brien, representing a coalition of six environmental interests: Grand Canyon Trust, Great Old Broads for Wilderness, Red Rock Forests, Sierra Club, Utah Chapter Western Watersheds Project, Inc., Wild Utah Project, Inc. The January meeting was requested by Mary O'Brien so that she could more fully explain the SMU-G alternative and emphasize the need to include it as an un-altered alternative fully analyzed in the EIS. Mary was accompanied by Wayne Hoskisson, and Taylor McKinnon (telecon). This meeting resulted in a number of revisions to the EIS, including the development of a third alternative derived from Mary O'Brien's SMU-G Alternative, and prompted the question of whether the DEIS needed to be re-published. Review by Forest and Regional NEPA coordinators indicated that a revision of the DEIS was not necessary. The April meeting was arranged to discuss the disposition of the DEIS, to inform Mary that we were proceeding directly to the FEIS, and to give her the opportunity to review the new alternative derived from her SMU-G Alternative. This new alternative was designed to be unique in its approach to ecosystem restoration, while being consistent with the Forest Plan. During her review of the new alternative, Mary insisted on re-inserting all the elements of the SMU-G Alternative. Many of these elements require amendments to the Forest Plan.

C. FISHLAKE NATIONAL FOREST INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM

This Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was prepared by resource specialists on the Fishlake National Forest. The interdisciplinary team is made up of core members and contributing members. The core members were involved in all steps of the NEPA process. Contributing members are generally less involved in process; providing background information and analysis for their area of expertise only. Other people were consultants and they are listed as "Other contributors". The Fishlake National Forest Leadership Team also contributed information and decided upon the preferred alternative. It should also be noted that there have been many Supervisor's Office, Ranger District personnel and members of the public contributing information to the interdisciplinary team process.

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D. CORE INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM MEMBERS BIO-SKETCHES

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