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DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY  
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
PUBLIC NOTICE TO ISSUE A SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

The purpose of this public notice is to declare the State of Utah's intention to issue a Section 401 Water Quality Certification with Conditions under the authority of the Federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341), and consistent with the Utah Water Quality Act, Title 19, Chapter 5, Utah Code and Utah Administrative Code R317-15.

**PERMIT INFORMATION**

PERMITTEE NAME: Summit County

MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 128 Coalville, Utah 84017

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project is located along the east side of State Route 32 from Kamas to Marion in Summit County Utah, between 850 North to 2700 North. The approximate location is 40.660 and -111.2806 degrees.

DWQ CERTIFICATION NO.: DWQ-2023-03002

WATERCOURSES: Palustrine emergent wetlands, unnamed perennial and intermittent ditches, located in the Weber River Watershed.

**BACKGROUND**

Summit County (project proponent) proposes extending an existing asphalt paved shared-use path. The path will be located along the SR-32 highway corridor in UDOT's right-of-way (ROW) and partially within an easement on High Star Ranch. The Summit County SR-32 Trail Marion to Kamas (proposed project) will expand the existing path to Kamas City, which currently runs from Oakley to Marion. The proposed path will be 8-foot-wide with 2-foot gravel shoulders to help accommodate a variety of users. The Project Proponent indicates that a significant amount of non-motorized traffic utilizes a narrow strip along the SR-32 highway. The Project Proponent proposes that creating a multi-use trail parallel to the highway will improve safety, reduce vehicular conflict, and increase connectivity from Marion to Kamas City. The proposed project area is approximately 1.82 miles long and 40 feet wide totaling 9.7 acres.

The proposed project would permanently impact 0.70 acres of palustrine emergent wetlands, 302 linear feet of an intermittent ditch, and 42 linear feet of perennial ditch to create the trail. Approximately 1700 cubic yards of fill material will be used for the road base and 300 yards of asphalt. The Project Proponent indicated that the proposed impacts are unavoidable to meet the project needs within the ROW boundaries. The Project Proponent stated they have designed the trail to minimize impacts while still meeting the project goals of maximizing safety. The proposed trail was narrowed and designed near the existing grade to minimize fill reducing the impacts on the wetlands and roadside ditches. Compensatory mitigation will occur at a 2:1 ratio. The Project Proponent proposes constructing a wetland habitat adjacent to a wetland located 1.5 miles from the trail. The details of the mitigation plans are still being finalized.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline of the close of business on June 8, 2023. Written public comments can be submitted to: Linsey Shafer, General Permitting Section, Utah Division of Water Quality, PO Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by email at: [wqcomments@utah.gov](mailto:wqcomments@utah.gov). After considering public comments the Utah Division of Water Quality may execute the Certification issuance, revise it or abandon it. The Certification is available for public review under <https://deq.utah.gov/water-quality/water-quality-public-notices>. A copy may be obtained by contacting Linsey Shafer (385) 405-4158.

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