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DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY  
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
PUBLIC NOTICE TO ISSUE AN OPERATING PERMIT

**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO DECLARE THE STATE OF UTAH'S INTENTION TO ISSUE AN OPERATING PERMIT UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE UTAH WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT, SECTION 19-5-104(9) AND 107(2), UTAH CODE ANNOTATED 1953, AS AMENDED. SAID "PERMIT" REFERS TO THE OPERATING PERMIT AND THE FACT SHEET STATEMENT OF BASIS (INCLUDING TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDL'S)) IF APPLICABLE, AS PER SECTION 303(D) OF THE FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT (CWA)].

**PERMIT INFORMATION**

PERMITTEE NAME: Best Friends Animal Society  
MAILING ADDRESS: 5001 Angel Canyon Road  
Kanab, UT 84741  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (435) 644-2001  
UPDES PERMIT NO.: UTOP8001  
PERMITTED DISCHARGE: Treated wastewater from onsite wastewater systems to subsurface at authorized locations.

**BACKGROUND**

Best Friends Animal Society (BFAS) is a national animal advocacy non-profit organization headquartered at Sanctuary, which is located in Kane County, Utah north of Kanab, and is comprised of more than 5,800 acres. The majority of the land is undeveloped, including roughly 2,500 acres of land non-contiguous with the Sanctuary's main campus. The BFAS site is bounded by Highway 89 to the west and south and Kanab Creek to the east. All buildings located on the BFAS site are serviced by onsite wastewater systems (OWS) or holding tanks to meet wastewater disposal and treatment needs. These buildings are used for various purposes related to BFAS's animal advocacy mission and for housing of BFAS principal volunteers and benefactors. There are 65 OWS treating approximately 39,030 gallons per day of wastewater and 4 holding tanks with approximately 5,250 gallons of holding capacity existing on the BFAS property. See the Fact Sheet Statement of Basis for more information.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

During the public comment period provided under R317-8-6.5, any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing, if no hearing has already been scheduled. A request for a public hearing shall be in writing and shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. All comments will be considered in making the final decision and shall be answered as provided in R317-8-6.12. Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline of the close of business on **September 30, 2021**. Written public comments can be submitted to: Robert Beers, Engineering

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Section, Utah Division of Water Quality, PO Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by email at: [rbeers@utah.gov](mailto:rbeers@utah.gov) . After considering public comment the Utah Division of Water Quality may execute the permit issuance, revise it, or abandon it. The permit is available for public review under “Public Notices” at [www.waterquality.utah.gov/](http://www.waterquality.utah.gov/). If internet access is not available, a copy may be obtained by calling Robert Beers at 801-536-4380.

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