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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: Wolf Pack Way

MAILING ADDRESS: 113 E Center Street Hyde Park City, Utah 84318

PROJECT LOCATION: The approximately one-mile long project site is along Wolf Pack Way

between 600 S and Hyde Park Ln located Latitude 41.79311°,

Longitude -111.83023°, Hyde Park City, Cache County, Utah

DWQ CERTIFICATION NO.: DWQ-2022-10001

WATERCOURSES: Hopkins Slough from confluence with Bear River to headwaters

[Hopkins Slough AU], palustrine emergent wetland, and palustrine

forested wetland.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Project Proponent proposes to extend the existing Wolf Pack Roadway approximately one mile. The project will take place between Hyde Park Ln and 600 S in Hyde Park City, Cache County, Utah. The one-mile linear project area will include a 40 ft asphalt road and a 10 ft asphalt shared use trail. The project will also include utilities, stormwater swales, and culverts. The purpose of the project is to alleviate road congestion along Highway 91 especially during rush hour. Hyde Park City and Cache county are experiencing rapid population growth and the current roadways are not able to accommodate the increase in traffic. The total project area will be 52.34 acres. The area is currently categorized by agricultural fields with residential developments to the east. The onsite waterbodies are currently being utilized primarily for agriculture. The project area is zoned for commercial and planned professional uses.

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The project area contains 688 linear ft of the Hopkins Slough, 760 ft of irrigation ditch, 4.5 acres of palustrine emergent wetland and 0.71 acres of palustrine forested wetland. The majority of these waterbodies will not be impacted. The project would result in the permanent loss of 170 linear feet of the Hopkins Slough, 1.1 acres of palustrine emergent wetland, and 0.1 acre of palustrine forested wetland.

Due to existing roadways, utilities, and traffic patterns alternative locations were not proposed. The Project Proponent plans to utilize construction BMPs to limit any additional impacts to onsite waterbodies, preserve vegetation, and prevent erosion and sedimentation. Contractors will prepare a stormwater prevention pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) to outline plans to reduce any sediment leaving the site or entering a WOTUS. Any sedimentation that occurs during the construction of the proposed project will be limited and temporary. All fill material used in the channel and wetlands will be comprised of native materials to reduce impacts to downstream waterbodies and groundwater. The project will be carried out during periods when the channel and wetlands are dry to the extent possible. Stormwater swales and culverts will be utilized to maintain channel flow and horizontal directional drilling will be utilized to minimize impacts. The applicant has proposed to mitigate wetland loss by creating wetlands through the Bear River Land Conservancy at the Bear River Bottoms project equal to or greater than the acreage lost to the project. The mitigation plan is still being finalized.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline of the close of business on <u>December 21, 2022</u>. Written public comments can be submitted to: Andrea Kilbane, General Permitting Section, Utah Division of Water Quality, PO Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by email at: <u>wqcomments@utah.gov</u>. 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 <a href="https://deq.utah.gov/water-quality/water-quality-public-notices">https://deq.utah.gov/water-quality/water-quality-public-notices</a>. If internet access is not available, a copy may be obtained by calling Andrea Kilbane at 385-501-9586.

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