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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: 60 North Main Street P.O. Box 128 Coalville, Utah 84107  
PROJECT LOCATION: 7215 Silver Creek Road to Bitner Ranch Road, 40.7312 °, -111.514° in Park City, Summit County, Utah.  
DWQ CERTIFICATION NO.: DWQ-2023-08004  
WATERCOURSES: A total of 0.576 acres of impacts to WOTUS consisting of 0.47 acres of palustrine wet meadow wetlands and 0.106 acres of drainage channels in the Weber River Watershed.

**BACKGROUND**

Summit County (Project Proponent) proposes constructing Silver Creek Connector Road (Proposed Project). The Proposed Project consists of the construction of a 0.75-mile-long road that would connect Bitner Ranch Road and Silver Creek Road in Park City, Utah. The Project Proponent indicates that the road is needed to increase safety and improve the community's connectivity. The road will improve travel safety, increase the efficiency of Emergency Services response time to the community, and provide residents with an additional exit in the event of a fire. The Project Proponent indicated the Proposed Project would include the installation of 18-inch pipes underneath the Silver Creek Connector Road to maintain the natural hydrology of the wetlands. The proposed connector road will also include constructing an 8-foot trail alongside the road to allow for safer travel and recreation for pedestrians and non-motorized traffic. The Project Proponent proposes to place 929 cubic yards (CY) of gravel fill within 0.47 acres of palustrine wet meadow wetlands (PEM1E) and 0.106 acres of drainage channel, totaling 0.576 acres of impacted Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS). The Project Proponent indicates that all BMPs, such as silt fencing, will be utilized during construction to prevent water pollution during construction. To fulfill the mitigation requirements, The Project Proponent proposes creating a Permittee-Responsible Mitigation Site (PRM) adjacent to the Proposed Project area. The proposed PRM site will total 10 acres.

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The Project Proponent proposes to create 5.63 acres of wetlands and 1.02 acres of upland buffer within the site; 3.35 acres of existing wetlands will be preserved within the site.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline of the close of business on December 5, 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 at <https://www.utah.gov/pmnl/index.html> or <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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