Moab Area Watershed Partnership

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To: UDWQ Care of Jodi Gardberg

Subject: 2018-2020 Integrated Report Comments from the Moab Area Watershed Partnership

Dear Jodi, Et Al,

The Moab Area Watershed Partnership (MAWP) is a diverse group of stakeholders with a focus on water quality and quantity in the greater Moab area. It has come to our attention that several of the assessment units in the watersheds of our concern have been listed as a "low priority" to receive a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) plan for E. coli. We realize that UDWQ's TMDL prioritization is based on DWQ's Vision process that will likely not take place again until 2022; however, we have a large population of people recreating in our creeks and would like to stress how important it is for us to address E.coli issues in these populated areas in a timely manner. . With a TMDL in place, we can begin taking steps to address our E. coli issues through the TMDL framework. We are requesting that the TMDL priority be changed from low to high and will plan on providing feedback during the next "visioning" process to ensure that this change occurs. Below are listed the specific assessment units that are currently considered a "low" priority that we would like changed to a "high" priority in the future:

- Assessment unit Mill Creek1-Moab: UT14030005-005_00.
- Assessment unit Pack Creek: UT14030005-011_00.
- Assessment unit Castle Creek 1: UT14030005-009_00.

General Comments: The MAWP was impressed with the mapping software developed for the Integrated Report. It was a much better tool to use for discerning assessments and assessment units than the previously used tables and spreadsheets. Thank you for that additional software.