

County Resource Management Plans

Planning for Utah's Future

Good planning is key to the success of any venture. Planning for the use and conservation of natural resources is essential for long term beneficial use of our county and state resources. House Bill 323, County Resource Management Planning, recognizes this vital aspect of planning for the State of Utah, Counties and Citizens to benefit from our abundant natural resources. The State recognizes the people closest to the land are often the most knowledgeable of the opportunities and challenges provided by these natural resources; therefore, the legislature has asked each county to develop, with the assistance of local, state and scientific experts, a County Resource Management Plan for 28 identified resources. Counties may expand on the number of resources addressed but are required to create detailed plans that address, at minimum, the 28 resources identified in HB 323.

HB 323 RESOURCES:

- (1) mining;
- (2) land use;
- (3) livestock and grazing;
- (4) irrigation;
- (5) agriculture;
- (6) fire management;
- (7) noxious weeds;
- (8) forest management;
- (9) water rights;
- (10) ditches and canals;
- (11) water quality and hydrology;
- (12) flood plains and river terraces;
- (13) wetlands;
- (14) riparian areas;
- (15) predator control;
- (16) wildlife;
- (17) fisheries;
- (18) recreation and tourism;
- (19) energy resources;
- (20) mineral resources;
- (21) cultural, historical, geological, and paleontological resources;
- (22) wilderness;
- (23) wild and scenic rivers;
- (24) threatened, endangered, and sensitive species;
- (25) land access;
- (26) law enforcement;
- (27) air quality; and
- (28) economic considerations