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MEMORANDUM FOR LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: Sen. David Hinkins and Rep. John Mathis, Co-Chairs of the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee

DATE: May 9, 2012

SUBJECT: Request for Authorization for Interim Subcommittee Meetings

The Natural Resources, Agriculture, Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee requests authorization for a site visit on September 11-12, 2012 in the place of the subcommittee's two interim meetings. The trip will include an overnight stay in Vernal, Utah.

The subcommittee will travel with the Natural Resources Coordination Council (NRCC)—consisting of agency directors of over 20 state and federal agencies, including the BLM, Forest Service, NRCS, Fish and Wildlife, DNR, DEQ, National Guard, UDOT, Agriculture, SITLA, and representatives from Congressional offices. This trip will provide a unique opportunity for the legislators to visit sites, receive briefings, and discuss issues with federal, state, and local officials. Currently the agenda includes the following items:

- Air quality issues in the Uinta Basin and in Wasatch Front.
- Challenges with Oil shale and tar sands permitting and extraction
- Impact of the extracting industry on local governments: revenues, roads, unemployment, recreation.
- Status of the endangered species: Sage Grouse.
- Proposed Forest Service/SITLA Land exchange.
- Reports requested by Legislative intent: Agriculture and Conservation Districts; Privatization of state golf courses.

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