

GRAZING AND TIMBER AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY

ZONES IN UTAH

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Michael E. Noel

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill establishes Utah Grazing Agricultural Commodity Zones and Utah Timber Agricultural Commodity Zones.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ amends definitions;
- ▶ establishes Utah Grazing Agricultural Commodity Zones;
- ▶ states that Utah Grazing Agricultural Commodity Zones are designed to preserve and protect the agricultural livestock industry and maximize efficient and responsible restoration, reclamation, preservation, enhancement, and development of grazing and water resources;

- ▶ establishes Utah Timber Agricultural Commodity Zones;
- ▶ states that Utah Timber Agricultural Commodity Zones are designed to preserve and protect the agricultural timber, logging, and forest products industry, and maximize efficient and responsible restoration, reclamation, preservation, enhancement, and development of timber, logging, and forests products;
- ▶ promotes local, state, and federal collaboration; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:



28 None

29 **Other Special Clauses:**

30 None

31 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

32 AMENDS:

33 **63J-8-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapters 393 and 472

34 **63J-8-105**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapters 393, 472 and last amended
35 by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 472

36 **63J-8-105.5**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 189

37 **63J-8-105.7**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 472 and last amended by
38 Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 472

39 ENACTS:

40 **63J-8-105.8**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

41 **63J-8-105.9**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

42 REPEALS:

43 **63J-8-105.6**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 393



45 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

46 Section 1. Section **63J-8-102** is amended to read:

47 **63J-8-102. Definitions.**

48 As used in this chapter:

49 (1) "ACEC" means an area of critical environmental concern as defined in 43 U.S.C.
50 Sec. 1702.

51 (2) "AUM" means animal unit months, a unit of grazing forage.

52 (3) "BLM" means the United States Bureau of Land Management.

53 (4) "BLM recommended wilderness" means a wilderness study area recommended for
54 wilderness designation in the final report of the president of the United States to the United
55 States Congress in 1993.

56 ~~[(5) "Escalante Region Grazing Zone" means BLM and Forest Service lands situated in~~
57 ~~the following townships in Garfield and Kane Counties, as more fully illustrated in the map~~
58 ~~jointly prepared by the Garfield County and Kane County GIS Departments in February 2013;~~

59 entitled "Escalante Region Grazing Zone":]

60 [~~(a) in Garfield County, Township 32S Range 6E, Township 32S Range 7E, Township~~
61 ~~33S Range 5E, Township 33S Range 6E, Township 33S Range 7E, Township 34S Range 3E,~~
62 ~~Township 34S Range 4E, Township 34S Range 5E, Township 34S Range 6E, Township 34S~~
63 ~~Range 7E, Township 35S Range 1E, Township 35S Range 2E, Township 35S Range 3E,~~
64 ~~Township 35S Range 4E, Township 35S Range 5E, Township 35S Range 6E, Township 35S~~
65 ~~Range 7E, Township 35S Range 8E, Township 36S Range 1W, Township 36S Range 2W,~~
66 ~~Township 36S Range 3W, Township 36S Range 1E, Township 36S Range 2E, Township 36S~~
67 ~~Range 3E, Township 36S Range 4E, Township 36S Range 5E, Township 36S Range 6E,~~
68 ~~Township 36S Range 7E, Township 36S Range 8E, Township 37S Range 1W, Township 37S~~
69 ~~Range 2W, Township 37S Range 3W, Township 37S Range 4W, Township 37S Range 1E,~~
70 ~~Township 37S Range 2E, Township 37S Range 3E, Township 37S Range 4E, Township 37S~~
71 ~~Range 5E, Township 37S Range 6E, Township 37S Range 7E, Township 37S Range 8E, and~~
72 ~~Township 37S Range 9E; and]~~

73 [~~(b) in Kane County, Township 38S Range 1W, Township 38S Range 2W, Township~~
74 ~~38S Range 3W, Township 38S Range 4W, Township 38S Range 1E, Township 38S Range 2E,~~
75 ~~Township 38S Range 3E, Township 38S Range 4E, Township 38S Range 5E, Township 38S~~
76 ~~Range 6E, Township 38S Range 7E, Township 38S Range 8E, Township 38S Range 9E,~~
77 ~~Township 39S Range 1W, Township 39S Range 2W, Township 39S Range 3W, Township 39S~~
78 ~~Range 4W, Township 39S Range 1E, Township 39S Range 2E, Township 39S Range 3E,~~
79 ~~Township 39S Range 4E, Township 39S Range 5E, Township 39S Range 6E, Township 39S~~
80 ~~Range 7E, Township 39S Range 8E, Township 39S Range 9E, Township 40S Range 1W,~~
81 ~~Township 40S Range 2W, Township 40S Range 3W, Township 40S Range 4W, Township 40S~~
82 ~~Range 4.5W, Township 40S Range 5W, Township 40S Range 1E, Township 40S Range 2E,~~
83 ~~Township 40S Range 3E, Township 40S Range 4E, Township 40S Range 5E, Township 40S~~
84 ~~Range 6E, Township 40S Range 7E, Township 40S Range 8E, Township 40S Range 9E,~~
85 ~~Township 40.5S Range 9E, Township 41S Range 1W, Township 41S Range 2W, Township~~
86 ~~41S Range 3W, Township 41S Range 4W, Township 41S Range 4.5W, Township 41S Range~~
87 ~~5W, Township 41S Range 1E, Township 41S Range 2E, Township 41S Range 3E, Township~~
88 ~~41S Range 4E, Township 41S Range 5E, Township 41S Range 6E, Township 41S Range 7E,~~
89 ~~Township 41S Range 8E, Township 41S Range 9E, Township 42S Range 1W, Township 42S~~

90 ~~Range 2W, Township 42S Range 3W, Township 42S Range 4W, Township 42S Range 4.5W,~~
 91 ~~Township 42S Range 5W, Township 42S Range 1E, Township 42S Range 2E, Township 42S~~
 92 ~~Range 3E, Township 42S Range 4E, Township 42S Range 5E, Township 42S Range 6E,~~
 93 ~~Township 42S Range 7E, Township 42S Range 8E, Township 42S Range 9E, Township 43S~~
 94 ~~Range 1W, Township 43S Range 2W, Township 43S Range 3W, Township 43S Range 4W,~~
 95 ~~Township 43S Range 4.5W, Township 43S Range 5W, Township 43S Range 1E, Township~~
 96 ~~43S Range 2E, Township 43S Range 3E, Township 43S Range 4E, Township 43S Range 5E,~~
 97 ~~Township 43S Range 6E, Township 44S Range 1W, Township 44S Range 2W, Township 44S~~
 98 ~~Range 3W, Township 44S Range 4W, Township 44S Range 4.5W, Township 44S Range 5W,~~
 99 ~~Township 44S Range 1E, Township 44S Range 2E, Township 44S Range 3E, Township 44S~~
 100 ~~Range 4E, and Township 44S Range 5E.]~~

101 ~~[(6)]~~ (5) "Federal land use designation" means one or a combination of the following
 102 congressional or federal actions included in proposed congressional land use legislation:

- 103 (a) designation of wilderness within the National Wilderness Preservation System;
- 104 (b) designation of a national conservation area;
- 105 (c) designation of a watercourse within the National Wild and Scenic River System;
- 106 (d) designation of an ACEC;
- 107 (e) designation of a national monument in accordance with the Antiquities Act of 1906,
- 108 16 U.S.C. Sec. 431 et seq. or by Congress;
- 109 (f) designation of a national park within the National Park System;
- 110 (g) designation of a national recreational area; or
- 111 (h) any other designation, classification, categorization, reservation, withdrawal, or
- 112 similar action that has the purpose or effect of eliminating, restricting, or reducing energy and
- 113 mineral development, motorized travel, grazing, active vegetation management, or any other
- 114 traditional multiple use on public land.

115 ~~[(7)]~~ (6) "FLPMA" means the Federal Land and Policy Management Act of 1976, 43
 116 U.S.C. Sec. 1701 et seq.

117 ~~[(8)]~~ (7) "Forest service" means the United States Forest Service within the United
 118 States Department of Agriculture.

119 ~~[(9)]~~ (8) "Green River Energy Zone" means the lands described as follows in
 120 Subsections ~~[(9)]~~ (8)(a) and (b), as more fully illustrated in the maps prepared by the Carbon

121 County and Emery County GIS Departments in February 2013, each entitled "2013 Green
122 River Energy Zone":

123 (a) BLM, Forest Service, and SITLA lands in Carbon County that are situated in the
124 following townships: Township 12S Range 6E, Township 12S Range 7E, Township 12S
125 Range 8E, Township 12S Range 9E, Township 12S Range 10E, Township 12S Range 11E,
126 Township 12S Range 12E, Township 12S Range 13E, Township 12S Range 14E, Township
127 12S Range 15E, Township 12S Range 16E, Township 12S Range 17E, Township 12S Range
128 18E, Township 13S Range 6E, Township 13S Range 8E, Township 13S Range 9E, Township
129 13S Range 10E, Township 13S Range 11E, Township 13S Range 12E, Township 13S Range
130 13E, Township 13S Range 14E, Township 13S Range 15E, Township 13S Range 16E,
131 Township 13S Range 17E, Township 14S Range 6E, Township 14S Range 8E, Township 14S
132 Range 9E, Township 14S Range 11E, Township 14S Range 12E, Township 14S Range 13E,
133 Township 14S Range 14E, Township 14S Range 15E, Township 14S Range 16E, Township
134 14S Range 17E, Township 15S Range 7E, Township 15S Range 8E, Township 15S Range 9E,
135 Township 15S Range 10E, Township 15S Range 11E, Township 15S Range 12E, Township
136 15S Range 13E, Township 15S Range 14E, Township 15S Range 15E, and Township 15S
137 Range 16E; and

138 (b) BLM, Forest Service, and SITLA lands in Emery County, excluding any areas that
139 are or may be designated as wilderness, national conservation areas, or wild or scenic rivers,
140 that are situated in the following townships and represented in the Emery County Public Land
141 Management Act DRAFT Map prepared by Emery County and available at
142 emerycounty.com/publiclands/LANDS-USE-15.pdf: Township 13S Range 6E, Township 14S
143 Range 6E, Township 14S Range 7E, Township 15S Range 6E, Township 15S Range 7E,
144 Township 16S Range 6E, Township 16S Range 7E, Township 16S Range 8E, Township 16S
145 Range 9E, Township 16S Range 10E, Township 16S Range 11E, Township 16S Range 12E,
146 Township 16S Range 13E, Township 16S Range 14E, Township 16S Range 15E, Township
147 17S Range 6E, Township 17S Range 7E, Township 17S Range 8E, Township 17S Range 9E,
148 Township 17S Range 10E, Township 17S Range 11E, Township 17S Range 12E, Township
149 17S Range 13E, Township 17S Range 14E, Township 17S Range 15E, Township 18S Range
150 6E, Township 18S Range 7E, Township 18S Range 8E, Township 18S Range 9E, Township
151 18S Range 10E, Township 18S Range 11E, Township 18S Range 12E, Township 18S Range

152 13E, Township 18S Range 14E, Township 18S Range 15E, Township 19S Range 6E,
153 Township 19S Range 7E, Township 19S Range 8E, Township 19S Range 9E, Township 19S
154 Range 10E, Township 19S Range 11E, Township 19S Range 12E, Township 19S Range 13E,
155 Township 19S Range 14E, Township 19S Range 15E, Township 20S Range 6E, Township 20S
156 Range 7E, Township 20S Range 8E, Township 20S Range 9E, Township 20S Range 10E,
157 Township 20S Range 11E, Township 20S Range 12E, Township 20S Range 13E, Township
158 20S Range 14E, Township 20S Range 15E, Township 20S Range 16E, Township 21S Range
159 6E, Township 21S Range 7E, Township 21S Range 8E, Township 21S Range 9E, Township
160 21S Range 14E, Township 21S Range 15E, Township 21S Range 16E, Township 22S Range
161 6E, Township 22S Range 7E, Township 22S Range 8E, Township 22S Range 9E, Township
162 22S Range 14E, Township 22S Range 15E, Township 22S Range 16E, Township 23S Range
163 6E, Township 23S Range 7E, Township 23S Range 8E, Township 23S Range 9E, Township
164 23S Range 13E, Township 23S Range 14E, Township 23S Range 15E, Township 23S Range
165 16E, Township 24S Range 6E, Township 24S Range 7E, Township 24S Range 8E, Township
166 24S Range 12E, Township 24S Range 13E, Township 24S Range 14E, Township 24S Range
167 15E, Township 24S Range 16E, Township 24S Range 17E, Township 25S Range 6E,
168 Township 25S Range 7E, Township 25S Range 8E, Township 25S Range 11E, Township 25S
169 Range 12E, Township 25S Range 13E, Township 25S Range 14E, Township 25S Range 15E,
170 Township 25S Range 16E, Township 25S Range 17E, Township 26S Range 6E, Township 26S
171 Range 7E, Township 26S Range 8E, Township 26S Range 9E, Township 26S Range 10E,
172 Township 26S Range 11E, Township 26S Range 12E, Township 26S Range 13E, Township
173 26S Range 14E, Township 26S Range 15E, Township 26S Range 16E, and Township 26S
174 Range 17E.

175 ~~[(10)]~~ (9) "Multiple use" means proper stewardship of the subject lands pursuant to
176 Section 103(c) of FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. Sec. 1702(c).

177 ~~[(11)]~~ (10) "National conservation area" means an area designated by Congress and
178 managed by the BLM.

179 ~~[(12)]~~ (11) "National wild and scenic river" means a watercourse:

- 180 (a) identified in a BLM or Forest Service planning process; or
- 181 (b) designated as part of the National Wild and Scenic River System.

182 ~~[(13)]~~ (12) "National Wild and Scenic River System" means the National Wild and

183 Scenic River System established in 16 U.S.C. Sec. 1271 et seq.

184 ~~[(14)]~~ (13) "Office" means the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office created in
185 Section [63J-4-602](#).

186 ~~[(15)]~~ (14) "OHV" means off-highway vehicle as defined in Section [41-22-2](#).

187 ~~[(16)]~~ (15) "Proposed congressional land use legislation" means a draft or a working
188 document of congressional legislation prepared by a person that includes a federal land use
189 designation.

190 ~~[(17)]~~ (16) "RARE II" means the second United States Forest Service Roadless Area
191 Review and Evaluation report of 1984.

192 ~~[(18)]~~ (17) "R.S. 2477 right-of-way" means a right-of-way established in accordance
193 with 43 U.S.C. Sec. 932 repealed by FLPMA 1976.

194 ~~[(19)]~~ (18) "Settlement Agreement" means the written agreement between the state and
195 the Department of the Interior in 2003 (revised in 2005) that resolved the case of State of Utah
196 v. Gale Norton, Secretary of Interior (United States District Court, D. Utah, Case No.
197 2:96cv0870).

198 ~~[(20)]~~ (19) "SITLA" means the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration as
199 created in Section [53C-1-201](#).

200 ~~[(21)]~~ (20) (a) "Subject lands" means the following non-WSA BLM lands:

201 (i) in Beaver County:

202 (A) Mountain Home Range South, Jackson Wash, The Toad, North Wah Wah
203 Mountains, Central Wah Wah Mountains, and San Francisco Mountains according to the
204 region map entitled "Great Basin Central" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal
205 for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage
206 existed on February 17, 2011; and

207 (B) White Rock Range, South Wah Wah Mountains, and Granite Peak according to the
208 region map entitled "Great Basin South" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for
209 Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage
210 existed on February 17, 2011;

211 (ii) in Box Elder County: Little Goose Creek, Grouse Creek Mountains North, Grouse
212 Creek Mountains South, Bald Eagle Mountain, Central Pilot Range, Pilot Peak, Crater Island
213 West, Crater Island East, Newfoundland Mountains, and Grassy Mountains North according to

214 the region map entitled "Great Basin North" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal
215 for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage
216 existed on February 17, 2011;

217 (iii) in Carbon County: Desbrough Canyon and Turtle Canyon according to the region
218 map entitled "Book Cliffs" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in
219 Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on
220 February 17, 2011;

221 (iv) in Daggett County: Goslin Mountain, Home Mountain, Red Creek Badlands,
222 O-wi-yu-kuts, Lower Flaming Gorge, Crouse Canyon, and Diamond Breaks according to the
223 region map entitled "Dinosaur" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for
224 Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage
225 existed on February 17, 2011;

226 (v) in Duchesne County: Desbrough Canyon according to the region map entitled
227 "Book Cliffs" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at
228 <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17,
229 2011;

230 (vi) in Emery County:

231 (A) San Rafael River and Sweetwater Reef, according to the region map entitled
232 "Canyonlands Basin" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in
233 Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on
234 February 17, 2011;

235 (B) Flat Tops according to the region map entitled "Glen Canyon," which is available
236 by clicking the link entitled "Dirty Devil" at the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for
237 Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage
238 existed on February 17, 2011; and

239 (C) Price River, Lost Spring Wash, Eagle Canyon, Upper Muddy Creek, Molen Reef,
240 Rock Canyon, Mussentuchit Badland, and Muddy Creek, according to the region map entitled
241 "San Rafael Swell" linked at the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah"
242 at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17,
243 2011;

244 (vii) in Garfield County:

245 (A) Pole Canyon, according to the region map entitled "Great Basin South" linked in
246 the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at
247 <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17,
248 2011;

249 (B) Dirty Devil, Fiddler Butte, Little Rockies, Cane Spring Desert, and Cane Spring
250 Desert Adjacents, according to the region map entitled "Glen Canyon," which is available by
251 clicking the link entitled "Dirty Devil" at the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for
252 Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage
253 existed on February 17, 2011;

254 (C) Lampstand, Wide Hollow, Steep Creek, Brinkerhof Flats, Little Valley Canyon,
255 Death Hollow, Studhorse Peaks, Box Canyon, Heaps Canyon, North Escalante Canyon, Colt
256 Mesa, East of Bryce, Slopes of Canaan Peak, Horse Spring Canyon, Muley Twist Flank,
257 Pioneer Mesa, Slopes of Bryce, Blue Hills, Mud Springs Canyon, Carcass Canyon, Willis
258 Creek North, Kodachrome Basin, and Kodachrome Headlands, according to the region map
259 entitled "Grand Staircase Escalante" linked at the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for
260 Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage
261 existed on February 17, 2011; and

262 (D) Notom Bench, Mount Ellen, Bull Mountain, Dogwater Creek, Ragged Mountain,
263 Mount Pennell, Mount Hillers, Bullfrog Creek, and Long Canyon, according to the region map
264 entitled "Henry Mountains" linked at the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness
265 in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on
266 February 17, 2011;

267 (viii) in Iron County: Needle Mountains, Steamboat Mountain, Broken Ridge, Paradise
268 Mountains, Crook Canyon, Hamlin, North Peaks, Mount Escalante, and Antelope Ridge,
269 according to the region map entitled "Great Basin South" linked in the webpage entitled
270 "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at
271 <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17,
272 2011;

273 (ix) in Juab County: Deep Creek Mountains, Essex Canyon, Kern Mountains, Wild
274 Horse Pass, Disappointment Hills, Granite Mountain, Middle Mountains, Tule Valley, Fish
275 Springs Ridge, Thomas Range, Drum Mountains, Dugway Mountains, Keg Mountains West,

276 Keg Mountains East, Lion Peak, and Rockwell Little Sahara, according to the region map
277 entitled "Great Basin Central" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for
278 Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage
279 existed on February 17, 2011;

280 (x) in Kane County:

281 (A) Willis Creek North, Willis Creek, Kodachrome Badlands, Mud Springs Canyon,
282 Carcass Canyon, Scorpion, Bryce Boot, Paria-Hackberry Canyons, Fiftymile Canyon,
283 Hurricane Wash, Upper Kanab Creek, Timber Mountain, Nephi Point, Paradise Canyon,
284 Wahweap Burning Hills, Fiftymile Bench, Forty Mile Gulch, Sooner Bench 1, 2, & 3, Rock
285 Cove, Warm Bench, Andalex Not, Vermillion Cliffs, Ladder Canyon, The Cockscomb, Nipple
286 Bench, Moquith Mountain, Bunting Point, Glass Eye Canyon, and Pine Hollow, according to
287 the region map entitled "Grand Staircase Escalante" linked at the webpage entitled "Citizen's
288 Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the
289 webpage existed on February 17, 2011; and

290 (B) Orderville Canyon, Jolley Gulch, and Parunuweap Canyon, according to the region
291 map entitled "Zion/Mohave" linked at the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness
292 in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on
293 February 17, 2011;

294 (xi) in Millard County: Kern Mountains, Wild Horse Pass, Disappointment Hills,
295 Granite Mountain, Middle Mountains, Tule Valley, Swasey Mountain, Little Drum Mountains
296 North, Little Drum Mountains South, Drum Mountains, Snake Valley, Coyote Knoll, Howell
297 Peak, Tule Valley South, Ledger Canyon, Chalk Knolls, Orr Ridge, Notch View, Bullgrass
298 Knoll, Notch Peak, Barn Hills, Cricket Mountains, Burbank Pass, Middle Burbank Hills, King
299 Top, Barn Hills, Red Tops, Middle Burbank Hills, Juniper, Painted Rock Mountain, Black
300 Hills, Tunnel Springs, Red Canyon, Sand Ridge, Little Sage Valley, Cat Canyon, Headlight
301 Mountain, Black Hills, Mountain Range Home North, Tweedy Wash, North Wah Wah
302 Mountains, Jackson Wash, and San Francisco Mountains, according to the region map entitled
303 "Great Basin Central" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in
304 Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on
305 February 17, 2011;

306 (xii) in Piute County: Kingston Ridge, Rocky Ford, and Phonolite Hill, according to

307 the region map entitled "Great Basin South" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal
308 for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage
309 existed on February 17, 2011;

310 (xiii) in San Juan County:

311 (A) Horseshoe Point, Deadhorse Cliffs, Gooseneck, Demon's Playground, Hatch
312 Canyon, Lockhart Basin, Indian Creek, Hart's Point, Butler Wash, Bridger Jack Mesa, and Shay
313 Mountain, according to the region map entitled "Canyonlands Basin" linked in the webpage
314 entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at

315 <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17,
316 2011;

317 (B) Dark Canyon, Copper Point, Fortknocker Canyon, White Canyon, The Needle, Red
318 Rock Plateau, Upper Red Canyon, and Tuwa Canyon, according to the region map entitled
319 "Glen Canyon," which is available by clicking the link entitled "Dirty Devil" at the webpage
320 entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at

321 <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17,
322 2011;

323 (C) Hunters Canyon, Behind the Rocks, Mill Creek, and Coyote Wash, according to
324 the region map entitled "Moab/La Sal" linked at the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for
325 Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage
326 existed on February 17, 2011; and

327 (D) Hammond Canyon, Allen Canyon, Mancos Jim Butte, Arch Canyon, Monument
328 Canyon, Tin Cup Mesa, Cross Canyon, Nokai Dome, Grand Gulch, Fish and Owl Creek
329 Canyons, Comb Ridge, Road Canyon, The Tabernacle, Lime Creek, San Juan River, and
330 Valley of the Gods, according to the region map entitled "San Juan" linked at the webpage
331 entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at

332 <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17,
333 2011;

334 (xiv) in Sevier County: Rock Canyon, Mussentuchit Badland, Limestone Cliffs, and
335 Jones' Bench, according to the region map entitled "San Rafael Swell" linked at the webpage
336 entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at

337 <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17,

338 2011;

339 (xv) in Tooele County:

340 (A) Silver Island Mountains, Crater Island East, Grassy Mountains North, Grassy
341 Mountains South, Stansbury Island, Cedar Mountains North, Cedar Mountains Central, Cedar
342 Mountains South, North Stansbury Mountains, Oquirrh Mountains, and Big Hollow, according
343 to the region map entitled "Great Basin North" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's
344 Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the
345 webpage existed on February 17, 2011, excluding the areas that Congress designated as
346 wilderness under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006; and

347 (B) Ochre Mountain, Deep Creek Mountains, Dugway Mountains, Indian Peaks, and
348 Lion Peak, according to the region map entitled "Great Basin Central" linked in the webpage
349 entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at
350 <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17,
351 2011;

352 (xvi) in Uintah County:

353 (A) White River, Lower Bitter Creek, Sunday School Canyon, Dragon Canyon, Wolf
354 Point, Winter Ridge, Seep Canyon, Bitter Creek, Hideout Canyon, Sweetwater Canyon, and
355 Hell's Hole, according to the region map entitled "Book Cliffs" linked in the webpage entitled
356 "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at
357 <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17,
358 2011; and

359 (B) Lower Flaming Gorge, Crouse Canyon Stone Bridge Draw, Diamond Mountain,
360 Wild Mountain, Split Mountain Benches, Vivas Cake Hill, Split Mountain Benches South,
361 Beach Draw, Stuntz Draw, Moonshine Draw, Bourdette Draw, and Bull Canyon, according to
362 the region map entitled "Dinosaur" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for
363 Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage
364 existed on February 17, 2011;

365 (xvii) in Washington County: Cougar Canyon, Docs Pass, Slaughter Creek, Butcher
366 Knife Canyon, Square Top, Scarecrow Creek, Beaver Dam Wash, Beaver Dam Mountains
367 North, Beaver Dam Mountains South, Joshua Tree, Beaver Dam Wilderness Expansion, Red
368 Mountain, Cottonwood Canyon, Taylor Canyon, LaVerkin Creek, Beartrap Canyon, Deep

369 Creek, Black Ridge, Red Butte, Kolob Creek, Goose Creek, Dry Creek, Zion National Park
370 Adjacents, Crater Hill, The Watchman, and Canaan Mountain, according to the region map
371 entitled "Zion/Mohave" linked at the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in
372 Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on
373 February 17, 2011, excluding the areas that Congress designated as wilderness and
374 conservation areas under the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009; and

375 (xviii) in Wayne County:

376 (A) Sweetwater Reef, Upper Horseshoe Canyon, and Labyrinth Canyon, according to
377 the region map entitled "Canyonlands Basin" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal
378 for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage
379 existed on February 17, 2011;

380 (B) Flat Tops and Dirty Devil, according to the region map entitled "Glen Canyon,"
381 which is available by clicking the link entitled "Dirty Devil" at the webpage entitled "Citizen's
382 Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the
383 webpage existed on February 17, 2011;

384 (C) Fremont Gorge, Pleasant Creek Bench, Notom Bench, Mount Ellen, and Bull
385 Mountain, according to the region map entitled "Henry Mountains" linked at the webpage
386 entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at
387 <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17,
388 2011; and

389 (D) Capital Reef Adjacents, Muddy Creek, Wild Horse Mesa, North Blue Flats, Red
390 Desert, and Factory Butte, according to the region map entitled "San Rafael Swell" linked at
391 the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at
392 <http://www.protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17,
393 2011.

394 (b) "Subject lands" also includes all BLM and Forest Service lands in the state that are
395 not Wilderness Area or Wilderness Study Areas;

396 (c) "Subject lands" does not include the following lands that are the subject of
397 consideration for a possible federal lands bill and should be managed according to the 2008
398 Price BLM Field Office Resource Management Plan until a federal lands bill provides
399 otherwise:

400 (i) Turtle Canyon and Desolation Canyon according to the region map entitled "Book
401 Cliffs" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at
402 <http://protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011;

403 (ii) Labyrinth Canyon, Duma Point, and Horseshoe Point, according to the region map
404 entitled "Canyonlands Basin" linked in the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness
405 in Utah" at <http://protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February
406 17, 2011; and

407 (iii) Devil's Canyon, Sid's Mountain, Mexican Mountain, San Rafael Reef, Hondu
408 Country, Cedar Mountain, and Wild Horse, according to the region map entitled "San Rafael
409 Swell" linked at the webpage entitled "Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in Utah" at
410 <http://protectwildutah.org/proposal/index.html> as the webpage existed on February 17, 2011.

411 ~~[(22)]~~ (21) "Uintah Basin Energy Zone" means BLM, Forest Service, and SITLA lands
412 situated in the following townships in Daggett, Duchesne, and Uintah counties, as more fully
413 illustrated in the map prepared by the Uintah County GIS Department in February 2012 entitled
414 "Uintah Basin Utah Energy Zone":

415 (a) in Daggett County, Township 3N Range 17 E, Township 3N Range 18E, Township
416 3N Range 19E, Township 3N Range 20E, Township 3N Range 22E, Township 3N Range 23E,
417 Township 3N Range 24E, Township 3N Range 25E, Township 2N Range 17E, Township 2N
418 Range 18E, Township 2N Range 19E, Township 2N Range 20E, Township 2N Range 21E, and
419 Township 2S Range 25E;

420 (b) in Duchesne County, Township 3N Range 4W, Township 3N Range 3W, Township
421 3N Range 2W, Township 3N Range 1W, Township 2N Range 6W, Township 2N Range 5W,
422 Township 2N Range 4W, Township 2N Range 3W, Township 2N Range 1W, Township 1N
423 Range 9W, Township 1N Range 8W, Township 1N Range 7W, Township 1N Range 6W,
424 Township 1S Range 9W, Township 1S Range 8W, Township 4S Range 9W, Township 4S
425 Range 3W, Township 4S Range 2W, Township 4S Range 1W, Township 8S Range 15E,
426 Township 8S Range 16E, Township 8S Range 17E, Township 5S Range 9W, Township 5S
427 Range 3W, Township 9S Range 15E, Township 9S Range 16E, Township 9S Range 17E,
428 Township 6S Range 9W, Township 6S Range 8W, Township 6S Range 7W, Township 6S
429 Range 6W, Township 6S Range 5W, Township 6S Range 3W, Township 10S Range 15E,
430 Township 10S Range 16E, Township 10S Range 17E, Township 7S Range 9W, Township 7S

431 Range 8W, Township 7S Range 7W, Township 7S Range 6W, Township 7S Range 5W,
432 Township 7S Range 4W, Township 10S Range 11E, Township 10S Range 12E, Township 10S
433 Range 13E, Township 10S Range 14E, Township 10S Range 15E, Township 10S Range 16E,
434 Township 10S Range 17E, Township 11S Range 10E, Township 11S Range 11E, Township
435 11S Range 12E, Township 11S Range 13E, Township 11S Range 14E, Township 11S Range
436 15E, Township 11S Range 16E, and Township 11S Range 17E; and

437 (c) in Uintah County: Township 2S Range 18E, Township 2S Range 19E, Township
438 2S Range 20E, Township 2S Range 21E, Township 2S Range 22E, Township 2S Range 23E,
439 Township 2S Range 24E, Township 2N Range 1W, Township 2N Range 1E, Township 2N
440 Range 2E, Township 3S Range 18E, Township 3S Range 19E, Township 3S Range 20E,
441 Township 3S Range 21E, Township 3S Range 22E, Township 3S Range 23E, Township 3S
442 Range 24E, Township 4S Range 19E, Township 4S Range 20E, Township 4S Range 21E,
443 Township 4S Range 22E, Township 4S Range 23E, Township 4S Range 24E, Township 4S
444 Range 25E, Township 5S Range 19E, Township 5S Range 20E, Township 5S Range 21E,
445 Township 5S Range 22E, Township 5S Range 23E, Township 5S Range 24E, Township 5S
446 Range 25E, Township 6S Range 19E, Township 6S Range 20E, Township 6S Range 21E,
447 Township 6S Range 22E, Township 6S Range 23E, Township 6S Range 24E, Township 6S
448 Range 25E, Township 7S Range 19E, Township 7S Range 20E, Township 7S Range 21E,
449 Township 7S Range 22E, Township 7S Range 23E, Township 7S Range 24E, Township 7S
450 Range 25E, Township 8S Range 17E, Township 8S Range 18E, Township 8S Range 19E,
451 Township 8S Range 20E, Township 8S Range 21E, Township 8S Range 22E, Township 8S
452 Range 23E, Township 8S Range 24E, Township 8S Range 25E, Township 9S Range 17E,
453 Township 9S Range 18E, Township 9S Range 19E, Township 9S Range 20E, Township 9S
454 Range 21E, Township 9S Range 22E, Township 9S Range 23E, Township 9S Range 24E,
455 Township 9S Range 25E, Township 10S Range 17E, Township 10S Range 18E, Township 10S
456 Range 19E, Township 10S Range 20E, Township 10S Range 21E, Township 10S Range 22E,
457 Township 10S Range 23E, Township 10S Range 24E, Township 10S Range 25E, Township
458 11S Range 17E, Township 11S Range 18E, Township 11S Range 19E, Township 11S Range
459 20E, Township 11S Range 21E, Township 11S Range 22E, Township 11S Range 23E,
460 Township 11S Range 24E, Township 11S Range 25E, Township 12S Range 20E, Township
461 12S Range 21E, Township 12S Range 22E, Township 12S Range 23E, Township 12S Range

462 24E, Township 12S Range 25E, Township 13S Range 20E, Township 13S Range 21E,
463 Township 13S Range 22E, Township 13S Range 23E, Township 13S Range 24E, Township
464 13S Range 25E, Township 13S Range 26 E, Township 14S Range 21E, Township 14S Range
465 22E, Township 14S Range 23E, Township 14S Range 24E, Township 14S Range 25E, and
466 Township 14S Range 26E.

467 ~~[(23)]~~ (22) "Wilderness" is as defined in 16 U.S.C. Sec. 1131.

468 ~~[(24)]~~ (23) "Wilderness area" means those BLM and Forest Service lands added to the
469 National Wilderness Preservation System by an act of Congress.

470 ~~[(25)]~~ (24) "Wilderness Preservation System" means the Wilderness Preservation
471 System established in 16 U.S.C. Sec. 1131 et seq.

472 ~~[(26)]~~ (25) "WSA" and "Wilderness Study Area" mean the BLM lands in Utah that
473 were identified as having the necessary wilderness character and were classified as wilderness
474 study areas during the BLM wilderness review conducted between 1976 and 1993 by authority
475 of 43 U.S.C. Sec. 1782 and labeled as Wilderness Study Areas within the final report of the
476 President of the United States to the United States Congress in 1993.

477 Section 2. Section **63J-8-105** is amended to read:

478 **63J-8-105. Maps available for public review.**

479 A printed copy of the maps referenced in Subsections **63J-8-102**~~[(5), (9), (21), and~~
480 ~~(22)]~~(8), (20), and (21) shall be available for inspection by the public at the offices of the Utah
481 Association of Counties.

482 Section 3. Section **63J-8-105.5** is amended to read:

483 **63J-8-105.5. Uintah Basin Energy Zone established -- Findings -- Management**
484 **and land use priorities.**

485 (1) There is established the Uintah Basin Energy Zone in Daggett, Uintah, and
486 Duchesne Counties for the purpose of maximizing efficient and responsible development of
487 energy and mineral resources.

488 (2) The land area and boundaries of the Uintah Basin Energy Zone are described in
489 Subsection **63J-8-102**~~[(22)]~~(21) and illustrated on the map described in Section **63J-8-105**.

490 (3) The state finds that:

491 (a) the lands comprising the Uintah Basin Energy Zone contain abundant, world-class
492 deposits of energy and mineral resources, including oil, natural gas, oil shale, oil sands,

493 gilsonite, coal, phosphate, gold, uranium, and copper, as well as areas with high wind and solar
494 energy potential; and

495 (b) the highest management priority for all lands within the Uintah Basin Energy Zone
496 is responsible management and development of existing energy and mineral resources in order
497 to provide long-term domestic energy and supplies for Utah and the United States.

498 (4) The state supports:

499 (a) efficient and responsible full development of all existing energy and mineral
500 resources located within the Uintah Basin Energy Zone, including oil, oil shale, natural gas, oil
501 sands, gilsonite, phosphate, gold, uranium, copper, solar, and wind resources; and

502 (b) a cooperative management approach among federal agencies, state, and local
503 governments to achieve broadly supported management plans for the full development of all
504 energy and mineral resources within the Uintah Basin Energy Zone.

505 (5) The state calls upon the federal agencies who administer lands within the Uintah
506 Basin Energy Zone to:

507 (a) fully cooperate and coordinate with the state and with Daggett, Uintah, and
508 Duchesne Counties to develop, amend, and implement land and resource management plans
509 and to implement management decisions that are consistent with the purposes, goals, and
510 policies described in this section to the maximum extent allowed under federal law;

511 (b) expedite the processing, granting, and streamlining of mineral and energy leases
512 and applications to drill, extract, and otherwise develop all existing energy and mineral
513 resources located within the Uintah Basin Energy Zone, including oil, natural gas, oil shale, oil
514 sands, gilsonite, phosphate, gold, uranium, copper, solar, and wind resources;

515 (c) allow continued maintenance and increased development of roads, power lines,
516 pipeline infrastructure, and other utilities necessary to achieve the goals, purposes, and policies
517 described in this section;

518 (d) refrain from any planning decisions and management actions that will undermine,
519 restrict, or diminish the goals, purposes, and policies for the Uintah Basin Energy Zone as
520 stated in this section; and

521 (e) refrain from implementing a policy that is contrary to the goals and purposes
522 described within this section.

523 (6) The state calls upon Congress to establish an intergovernmental standing

524 commission among federal, state, and local governments to guide and control planning
525 decisions and management actions in the Uintah Basin Energy Zone in order to achieve and
526 maintain the goals, purposes, and policies described in this section.

527 (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the state's grazing and livestock
528 policies and plans on land within the Uintah Basin Energy Zone shall continue to be governed
529 by Sections 63J-4-401 and 63J-8-104.

530 Section 4. Section 63J-8-105.7 is amended to read:

531 **63J-8-105.7. Green River Energy Zone established -- Findings -- Management**
532 **and land use priorities.**

533 (1) There is established the Green River Energy Zone in Carbon and Emery Counties
534 for the purpose of maximizing efficient and responsible development of energy and mineral
535 resources.

536 (2) The land area and boundaries of the Green River Energy Zone are described in
537 Subsection 63J-8-102~~[(9)]~~(8) and illustrated on the maps described in Section 63J-8-105.

538 (3) The state finds that:

539 (a) the lands comprising the Green River Energy Zone contain abundant world-class
540 deposits of energy and mineral resources, including oil, natural gas, oil shale, oil sands,
541 gilsonite, coal, phosphate, gold, uranium, and copper, as well as areas with high wind and solar
542 energy potential;

543 (b) for lands within the Carbon County portion of the Green River Energy Zone, the
544 highest management priority is the responsible management, development, and extraction of
545 existing energy and mineral resources in order to provide long-term domestic energy and
546 supplies for Utah and the United States; and

547 (c) for lands within the Emery County portion of the Green River Energy Zone:

548 (i) the responsible management and development of existing energy and mineral
549 resources in order to provide long-term domestic energy and supplies for Utah and the United
550 States is a high management priority; and

551 (ii) the management priority described in Subsection (3)(c)(i) should be balanced with
552 the following high management priorities:

553 (A) watershed health;

554 (B) water storage and water delivery systems;

- 555 (C) Emery County Heritage Sites;
- 556 (D) facilities and resources associated with the domestic livestock industry;
- 557 (E) wildlife and wildlife habitat; and
- 558 (F) recreation opportunities.
- 559 (4) The state supports:
 - 560 (a) efficient and responsible full development of all existing energy and mineral
 - 561 resources located within the Green River Energy Zone, including oil, oil shale, natural gas, oil
 - 562 sands, gilsonite, coal, phosphate, gold, uranium, copper, solar, and wind resources; and
 - 563 (b) a cooperative management approach by federal agencies, the state of Utah, and
 - 564 local governments to achieve broadly supported management plans for the full development of
 - 565 all energy and mineral resources within the Green River Energy Zone.
- 566 (5) The state requests that the federal agencies that administer lands within the Green
- 567 River Energy Zone:
 - 568 (a) fully cooperate and coordinate with the state of Utah and with Carbon and Emery
 - 569 Counties to develop, amend, and implement land and resource management plans and to
 - 570 implement management decisions that are consistent with the purposes, goals, and policies
 - 571 described in this section to the maximum extent allowed under federal law;
 - 572 (b) expedite the processing, granting, and streamlining of mineral and energy leases
 - 573 and applications to drill, extract, and otherwise develop all existing energy and mineral
 - 574 resources located within the Green River Energy Zone, including oil, natural gas, oil shale, oil
 - 575 sands, gilsonite, coal, phosphate, gold, uranium, copper, solar, and wind resources;
 - 576 (c) allow continued maintenance and increased development of roads, power lines,
 - 577 pipeline infrastructure, and other utilities necessary to achieve the goals, purposes, and policies
 - 578 described in this section;
 - 579 (d) refrain from any planning decisions and management actions that will undermine,
 - 580 restrict, or diminish the goals, purposes, and policies for the Green River Energy Zone as stated
 - 581 in this section; and
 - 582 (e) refrain from implementing a policy that is contrary to the goals and purposes within
 - 583 this section.
- 584 (6) The state calls upon Congress to establish an intergovernmental standing
- 585 commission, with membership consisting of representatives from the United States

586 government, the state of Utah, and local governments to guide and control planning and
587 management actions in the Green River Energy Zone in order to achieve and maintain the
588 goals, purposes, and policies described in this section.

589 (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the state's grazing and livestock
590 policies and plans on land within the Green River Energy Zone shall continue to be governed
591 by Sections [63J-4-401](#) and [63J-8-104](#).

592 Section 5. Section **63J-8-105.8** is enacted to read:

593 **63J-8-105.8. Utah Grazing Agricultural Commodity Zones established -- Findings**
594 **-- Management and land use priorities.**

595 (1) There are established Utah Grazing Agricultural Commodity Zones in the counties
596 of Beaver, Emery, Garfield, Kane, Piute, San Juan, and Wayne for the purpose of:

597 (a) preserving and protecting the agricultural livestock industry from ongoing threats;

598 (b) preserving and protecting the history, culture, custom, and economic value of the
599 agricultural livestock industry from ongoing threats; and

600 (c) maximizing efficient and responsible restoration, reclamation, preservation,
601 enhancement, and development of grazing and watering resources, practices, and affected
602 natural, historical, and cultural activities from ongoing threats.

603 (2) The titles, land area, and boundaries of the zones are as follows:

604 (a) "Escalante Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and forest service
605 land in the following townships in Garfield and Kane counties, as more fully illustrated in the
606 map jointly prepared by the Garfield County and Kane County Geographic Information
607 Systems departments entitled "Escalante Region Grazing Zone":

608 (i) in Garfield County, Township 32S Range 6E, Township 32S Range 7E, Township
609 33S Range 4E, Township 33S Range 5E, Township 33S Range 6E, Township 33S Range 7E,
610 Township 33S Range 8E, Township 34S Range 2E, Township 34S Range 3E, Township 34S
611 Range 4E, Township 34S Range 5E, Township 34S Range 6E, Township 34S Range 7E,
612 Township 34S Range 8E, Township 35S Range 1E, Township 35S Range 2E, Township 35S
613 Range 3E, Township 35S Range 4E, Township 35S Range 5E, Township 35S Range 6E,
614 Township 35S Range 7E, Township 35S Range 8E, Township 36S Range 1W, Township 36S
615 Range 2W, Township 36S Range 3W, Township 36S Range 1E, Township 36S Range 2E,
616 Township 36S Range 3E, Township 36S Range 4E, Township 36S Range 5E, Township 36S

617 Range 6E, Township 36S Range 7E, Township 36S Range 8E, Township 36S Range 9E,
618 Township 37S Range 1W, Township 37S Range 2W, Township 37S Range 3W, Township 37S
619 Range 4W, Township 37S Range 1E, Township 37S Range 2E, Township 37S Range 3E,
620 Township 37S Range 4E, Township 37S Range 5E, Township 37S Range 6E, Township 37S
621 Range 7E, Township 37S Range 8E, and Township 37S Range 9E, and Township 34S Range
622 7E; and

623 (ii) in Kane County, Township 38S Range 1W, Township 38S Range 2W, Township
624 38S Range 3W, Township 38S Range 4W, Township 38S Range 1E, Township 38S Range 2E,
625 Township 38S Range 3E, Township 38S Range 4E, Township 38S Range 5E, Township 38S
626 Range 6E, Township 38S Range 7E, Township 38S Range 8E, Township 38S Range 9E,
627 Township 39S Range 1W, Township 39S Range 2W, Township 39S Range 3W, Township 39S
628 Range 4W, Township 39S Range 4.5W, Township 39S Range 1E, Township 39S Range 2E,
629 Township 39S Range 3E, Township 39S Range 4E, Township 39S Range 5E, Township 39S
630 Range 6E, Township 39S Range 7E, Township 39S Range 8E, Township 39S Range 9E,
631 Township 40S Range 1W, Township 40S Range 2W, Township 40S Range 3W, Township 40S
632 Range 4W, Township 40S Range 4.5W, Township 40S Range 5W, Township 40S Range 1E,
633 Township 40S Range 2E, Township 40S Range 3E, Township 40S Range 4E, Township 40S
634 Range 5E, Township 40S Range 6E, Township 40S Range 7E, Township 40S Range 8E,
635 Township 40S Range 9E, Township 40.5S Range 9E, Township 41S Range 1W, Township
636 41S Range 2W, Township 41S Range 3W, Township 41S Range 4W, Township 41S Range
637 4.5W, Township 41S Range 5W, Township 41S Range 1E, Township 41S Range 2E,
638 Township 41S Range 3E, Township 41S Range 4E, Township 41S Range 5E, Township 41S
639 Range 6E, Township 41S Range 7E, Township 41S Range 8E, Township 41S Range 9E,
640 Township 42S Range 1W, Township 42S Range 2W, Township 42S Range 3W, Township 42S
641 Range 4W, Township 42S Range 4.5W, Township 42S Range 5W, Township 42S Range 1E,
642 Township 42S Range 2E, Township 42S Range 3E, Township 42S Range 4E, Township 42S
643 Range 5E, Township 42S Range 6E, Township 42S Range 7E, Township 42S Range 8E,
644 Township 42S Range 9E, Township 42.5S Range 6.5E, Township 42.5S Range 7E, Township
645 43S Range 1W, Township 43S Range 2W, Township 43S Range 3W, Township 43S Range
646 4W, Township 43S Range 4.5W, Township 43S Range 5W, Township 43S Range 1E,
647 Township 43S Range 2E, Township 43S Range 3E, Township 43S Range 4E, Township 43S

648 Range 5E, Township 43S Range 6E, Township 44S Range 1W, Township 44S Range 2W,
649 Township 44S Range 3W, Township 44S Range 4W, Township 44S Range 4.5W, Township
650 44S Range 5W, Township 44S Range 1E, Township 44S Range 2E, Township 44S Range 3E,
651 Township 44S Range 4E, and Township 44S Range 5E;

652 (b) "Beaver County Southwest Desert Region Grazing Zone," consisting of BLM lands
653 in the following townships in Beaver County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by
654 the Beaver County Geographic Information Systems Departments entitled "Beaver County
655 Southeast Desert Grazing Zone": 26S Range 11W, Township 27 South Range 11W, Township
656 28S Range 11W, Township 29S Range 11W; Township 30S Range 11W, Township 26S
657 Range 12W, Township 27S Range 12W, Township 28S Range 12W, Township 29S Range
658 12W, Township 30S Range 12W, Township 26S Range 13W, Township 27S Range 13W,
659 Township 28S Range 13W, Township 29S Range 13W, Township 30S Range 13W, Township
660 26S Range 14W, Township 27S Range 14W, Township 28S Range 14W, Township 29S
661 Range 14W, Township 30S Range 14W, Township 26S Range 15W, Township 27S Range
662 15W, Township 28S Range 15W, Township 29S Range 15W, Township 30S Range 15W,
663 Township 26S Range 16W, Township 27S Range 16W, Township 28S Range 16W, Township
664 29S Range 16W, Township 30S Range 16W, Township 26S Range 17W, Township 27S
665 Range 17W, Township 28S Range 17W, Township 29S Range 17W, Township 30S Range
666 17W, Township 26S Range 18W, Township 27S Range 18W, Township 28S Range 18W,
667 Township 29S Range 18W, Township 30S Range 18W, Township 26S Range 19W, Township
668 27S Range 19W, Township 28S Range 19W, Township 29S Range 19W, Township 30S
669 Range 19W, Township 26S Range 20W, Township 27S Range 20W, Township 28S Range
670 20W, Township 29S Range 20W, and Township 30S Range 20W;

671 (c) "Tushar Mountain Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and Forest
672 Service lands in the following townships in Beaver and Piute counties, as more fully illustrated
673 in the map jointly prepared by the Beaver and Piute counties GIS departments in February
674 2014, entitled "Tushar Mountain Region Grazing Zone": Township 28S Range 4W, Township
675 29S Range 4W, Township 27S Range 5W, Township 28S Range 5W, Township 29S Range
676 5W, Township 30S Range 5W, Township 26S Range 6W, Township 27S Range 6W,
677 Township 28S Range 6W, Township 29S Range 6W, and Township 30S Range 6W;

678 (d) "Last Chance Region Grazing Zone," consisting of BLM and Forest Service lands

679 in the following townships in Sevier County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by
680 the Sevier County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Last Chance Region Grazing
681 Zone": Township 23S Range 5E; Township 24 S Range 4E; Township 24S Range 5E;
682 Township 25S Range 5E; Township 26S Range 5E;

683 (e) "Emery County Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and forest
684 service lands in the following townships in Emery County, as more fully illustrated in the map
685 prepared by the Emery County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Emery County
686 Region Grazing Zone": Township 22S Range 7E, Township 23S Range 7E, Township 24S
687 Range 7E, Township 25S Range 7E, Township 22S Range 8E, Township 23S Range 8E,
688 Township 24S Range 8E, Township 25S Range 8E, Township 23S Range 9E, Township 24S
689 Range 9E, Township 25S Range 9E, Township 26S Range 9E, Township 23S Range 10E,
690 Township 24S Range 10E, Township 25S Range 10E, Township 20S Range 11E, Township
691 21S Range 11E, Township 24S Range 11E, Township 25S Range 11E, Township 21S Range
692 12E, Township 22S Range 12E, Township 23S Range 12E, Township 21S Range 13E,
693 Township 22S Range 13E, Township 23S Range 13E, Township 25S Range 13E, Township
694 26S Range 13E, Township 25S Range 14E, Township 26S Range 14E, Township 25S Range
695 15E, and Township 26S Range 15E;

696 (f) "Western Iron County Region Grazing Zone," consisting of BLM and forest service
697 lands in the following townships in Iron County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly
698 prepared by the Iron County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Western Iron County
699 Region Grazing Zone": Township 31S Range 6W, Township 31S Range 8W, Township 31S
700 Range 9W, Township 31S Range 10W, Township 31S Range 11W, Township 31S Range
701 12W, Township 31S Range 13W, Township 31S Range 14W, Township 31S Range 15W,
702 Township 31S Range 16W, Township 31S Range 17W, Township 31S Range 18W, Township
703 31S Range 19W, Township 31S Range 20W, Township 32S Range 8W, Township 32S Range
704 9W, Township 32S Range 10W, Township 32S Range 11W, Township 32S Range 12W,
705 Township 32S Range 13W, Township 32S Range 14W, Township 32S Range 15W, Township
706 32S Range 16W, Township 32S Range 17W, Township 32S Range 18W, Township 32S
707 Range 19W, Township 32S Range 20W, Township 33S Range 8W, Township 33S Range 9W,
708 Township 33S Range 10W, Township 33S Range 11W, Township 33S Range 12W, Township
709 33S Range 13W, Township 33S Range 14W, Township 33S Range 15W, Township 33S

710 Range 16W, Township 33S Range 17W, Township 33S Range 18W, Township 33S Range
711 19W, Township 33S Range 20W, Township 34S Range 9W, Township 34S Range 10W,
712 Township 34S Range 11W, Township 34S Range 12W, Township 34S Range 13W, Township
713 34S Range 14W, Township 34S Range 15W, Township 34S Range 17W, Township 34S
714 Range 18W, Township 34S Range 19W, Township 34S Range 20W, Township 35S Range
715 10W, Township 35S Range 12W, Township 35S Range 13W, Township 35S Range 14W,
716 Township 35S Range 15W, Township 35S Range 17W, Township 35S Range 18W, Township
717 35S Range 19W, Township 35S Range 20W, Township 36S Range 11W, Township 36S
718 Range 12W, Township 36S Range 13W, Township 36S Range 14W, Township 36S Range
719 15W, Township 36S Range 17W, Township 36S Range 18W, Township 36S Range 19W,
720 Township 36S Range 20W, Township 37S Range 12W, Township 37S Range 13W, Township
721 37S Range 14W, and Township 38S Range 12W;

722 (g) "Eastern Iron County Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and forest
723 service lands in the following townships in Iron County, as more fully illustrated in the map
724 jointly prepared by the Iron County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Eastern Iron
725 County Region Grazing Zone": Township 31S Range 6W, Township 31S Range 7W,
726 Township 32S Range 6W, Township 32S Range 7W, Township 33S Range 6W, Township 33S
727 Range 7W, Township 33S Range 8W, Township 34S Range 7W, Township 34S Range 8W,
728 Township 34S Range 9W, Township 35S Range 8W, Township 35S Range 9W, Township 35S
729 Range 10W, Township 36S Range 8W, Township 36S Range 9W, Township 36S Range 10W,
730 Township 36S Range 11W, Township 37S Range 8W, Township 37S Range 9W, Township
731 37S Range 11W, Township 37S Range 12W, Township 38S Range 11W, and Township 38S
732 Range 12W;

733 (h) "Panguitch Lake Region Grazing Zone," consisting of BLM and forest service lands
734 in the following townships in Kane County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the
735 Kane County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Panguitch Lake Region Grazing
736 Zone": Township 38S Range 9W, Township 38S Range 8W, Township 38S Range 7W,
737 Township 38S Range 6W, Township 39S Range 8W, and Township 39S Range 7W;

738 (i) "East Fork Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and forest service
739 lands in the following townships in Kane County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared
740 by the Kane County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "East Fork Region Grazing

741 Zone": Township 38S Range 5W, Township 38S Range 4.5W, Township 38S Range 4W,
742 Township 39S Range 5W, Township 39S Range 4.5W, and Township 39S Range 4W;
743 (j) "Sevier River Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and forest service
744 lands in the following townships in Piute County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared
745 by the Piute GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Sevier River Region Grazing Zone":
746 Township 27S Range 3W, Township 28S Range 3W, and Township 29S Range 3W;
747 (k) "Kingston Canyon Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and forest
748 service lands in the following townships in Piute County, as more fully illustrated in the map
749 prepared by the Piute County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Kingston Canyon
750 Region Grazing Zone": Township 30S Range 3W, Township 30S Range 2.5W, and Township
751 30S Range 2W;
752 (l) "Tushar Mountain Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and forest
753 service lands in the following townships in Piute County, as more fully illustrated in the map
754 prepared by the Piute County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Tushar Mountain
755 Region Grazing Zone": Township 26S Range 6W, Township 27S Range 6W, Township 26S
756 Range 5W, Township 27S Range 5W, Township 28S Range 5W, Township 29S Range 5W,
757 Township 30S Range 5W, Township 26S Range 4.5W, Township 26S Range 4W, Township
758 27S Range 4W, Township 28S Range 4W, Township 29S Range 4W, and Township 20S
759 Range 4W;
760 (m) "Monroe Mountain Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and forest
761 service lands in the following townships in Piute County, as more fully illustrated in the map
762 prepared by the Piute County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Monroe Mountain
763 Region Grazing Zone": Township 26 Range 3W, Township 27S Range 2.5W, Township 28S
764 Range 2.5W, Township 29S Range 2.5W, Township 26S Range 2W, Township 27S Range
765 2W, Township 28S Range 2W, Township 29S Range 2W, Township 256S Range 1W, and
766 Township 27 Range 1W;
767 (n) "Parker Mountain Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and forest
768 service lands in the following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map
769 jointly prepared by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Parker
770 Mountain Region Grazing Zone": Township 26S Range 2E, Township 27S Range 2E,
771 Township 28S Range 2E, Township 29S Range 2E, and Township 30S Range 2E;

772 (o) "Boulder Mountain Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain forest service
773 lands in the following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly
774 prepared by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Boulder Mountain
775 Region Grazing Zone": Township 30S Range 3E, Township 30S Range 4E, and Township 30S
776 Range 5E;

777 (p) "Thousand Lake Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain forest service lands in
778 the following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared
779 by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Thousand Lake Region
780 Grazing Zone": Township 26S Range 4E, Township 27S Range 4E, Township 28S Range 4E,

781 (q) "Hartnet-Middle Desert Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in
782 the following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared
783 by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Hartnet-Middle Desert
784 Region Grazing Zone": Township 28S Range 7E, Township 27S Range 8E, and Township 28S
785 Range 8E;

786 (r) "Sandy No. 1 Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands situated in
787 the following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared
788 by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Sandy No. 1 Region Grazing
789 Zone": Township 29S Range 8E, Township 30S Range 8E,

790 (s) "Blue Benches Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the
791 following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by
792 the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Blue Benches Region Grazing
793 Zone": Township 29S Range 9E, Township 29S Range 10E, and Township 30S Range 10E;

794 (t) "Wild Horse Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the
795 following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by
796 the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Wild Horse Region Grazing
797 Zone": Township 27S Range 10E, and Township 27S Range 11E;

798 (u) "Hanksville Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the
799 following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by
800 the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Hanksville Region Grazing
801 Zone": Township 29S Range 11 E, Township 30S Range 11E, Township 28S Range 12E,
802 Township 29S Range 12E, Township 30S Range 12E, and Township 30S Range 13E;

803 (v) "Jeffery Wells Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the
804 following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by
805 the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Jeffery Wells Region Grazing
806 Zone": Township 27S Range 14E, and Township 27S Range 15E;

807 (w) "Robbers Roost Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands situated in
808 the following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared
809 by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Robbers Roost Region
810 Grazing Zone": Township 29S Range 14E; and

811 (x) "French Springs Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the
812 following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by
813 the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Parker Mountain Region
814 Grazing Zone."

815 (3) Printed copies of the maps referenced in Subsection (2) shall be available for
816 inspection by the public at the offices of the Utah Association of Counties.

817 (4) The state finds with respect to the grazing zones described in Subsection (2) that:

818 (a) agricultural livestock industry on the lands comprising these zones has provided a
819 significant contribution to the history, customs, culture, economy, welfare, and other values of
820 each area for more than 100 years;

821 (b) the potential for abundant natural and vegetative resources exist within these zones
822 if managed properly, that will support and expand continued, responsible agricultural livestock
823 activities;

824 (c) agricultural livestock activities in these zones and the associated historic resources,
825 human history, shaping of human endeavors, variety of cultural resources, landmarks,
826 structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest are worthy of recognition,
827 preservation, and protection;

828 (d) (i) the highest management priorities for lands within these zones are responsible
829 preservation and enhancement, and restoration and development of historic, existing, and
830 future grazing resources in order to provide protection for the resources, objects, customs,
831 culture, and values identified above; and

832 (ii) notwithstanding Subsection (4)(d)(i), if part or all of any zone lies within a sage
833 grouse management area, then the management priorities for such part shall be consistent with

834 the management priorities set forth in Subsection (4)(d)(i) to the maximum extent consistent
835 with the management priorities of the sage grouse management area;

836 (e) subject to Subsection (4)(d)(ii), responsible development of any deposits of energy
837 and mineral resources, including oil, natural gas, oil shale, oil sands, coal, phosphate, gold,
838 uranium, and copper, as well as areas with wind and solar energy potential, that may exist in
839 these zones is compatible with the management priorities of Subsection (4)(d)(i) in these
840 zones; and

841 (f) subject to Subsection (4)(d)(ii), responsible development of any recreation
842 resources, including wildlife, roads, campgrounds, water resources, trails, OHV use,
843 sightseeing, canyoneering, hunting, fishing, and hiking resources that may exist in these
844 grazing zones is compatible with the management priorities of Subsection (4)(d)(i) in these
845 grazing zones.

846 (5) The state finds with respect to the zones described in Subsection (2) that the
847 historic levels of grazing activity and other values identified in Subsection (4) in each zone
848 have greatly diminished, or are under other serious threat, due to:

849 (a) unreasonable, arbitrary, and unlawfully restrictive federal management policies,
850 including:

851 (i) de facto managing for wilderness in nonwilderness areas and non-WSAs;

852 (ii) ignoring the chiefly valuable for grazing designation of the Secretary of the Interior
853 applicable to each of these zones; and

854 (iii) the arbitrary administrative reductions in animal unit months of permitted forage;

855 (b) inflexible federal grazing practices that disallow grazing at different times each year
856 proven to be most effective for reducing and enhancing rangeland conditions;

857 (c) mismanagement of the wildlife resulting in competition for forage by excess and
858 mismanaged populations of wildlife;

859 (d) mismanagement of wild horses and burros resulting in competition for forage by
860 excess and mismanaged populations of wild horses and burros in Beaver and Emery Counties;

861 (e) improper management of vegetation resulting in the overgrowth of pinion, invasive
862 species, and juniper, and other woody vegetation that:

863 (i) crowd out grazing forage;

864 (ii) reduce water yield; and

865 (iii) heighten the risk of catastrophic wildfire; and
866 (f) other practices which degrade overall rangeland health.
867 (6) To protect and preserve against the threats described in Subsection (5), the state
868 supports the following with respect to the zones described in Subsection (2):
869 (a) efficient and responsible full development, within each grazing zone, of:
870 (i) all permitted existing and future grazing resources; and
871 (ii) other uses compatible with grazing activities, including flexible grazing on and off
872 dates adaptive to yearly climate and range conditions;
873 (b) a cooperative management approach by federal agencies, the state, and local
874 government agencies to achieve broadly supported management plans for the full development,
875 within each grazing zone, of:
876 (i) all grazing resources; and
877 (ii) other uses compatible with grazing activities; and
878 (c) effective and responsible management of wildlife and wild horses and burros to
879 eliminate excess populations.
880 (7) The state requests that the federal agencies that administer lands within each
881 grazing zone:
882 (a) fully cooperate and coordinate with the state and the respective counties within
883 which each grazing zone is situated, to develop, amend, and implement land and resource
884 management plans, and implement management decisions that are consistent with the
885 purposes, goals, and policies described in this section to the maximum extent allowed under
886 federal law;
887 (b) expedite the processing, granting, and streamlining of grazing permits, range
888 improvements, and applications to enhance and otherwise develop all existing and permitted
889 grazing resources located within each grazing zone, including renewable vegetative resources;
890 (c) allow continued maintenance and increased development of roads, power lines,
891 pipeline infrastructure, and other utilities necessary to achieve the goals, purposes, and policies
892 described in this section and consistent with multiple use and sustained yield principles;
893 (d) refrain from any planning decisions and management actions that will undermine,
894 restrict, or diminish the goals, purposes, and policies for each grazing zone as stated in this
895 section; and

896 (e) subject to Subsection (4)(d)(ii), refrain from implementing a policy that is contrary
897 to the goals and purposes described within this section.

898 (8) The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife Resources, Division of
899 Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, and Department of Agriculture and Food shall coordinate with
900 each other, with counties where the zones described in Subsection (2) are situated, and with
901 applicable federal agencies to develop, amend, and implement policies and management
902 decisions that are consistent with the purposes, goals, and policies described in this section.

903 (9) (a) The state recognizes the importance of all grazing districts on Utah BLM and
904 forest service lands but establishes the grazing zones described in Subsection (2) to provide
905 special protection and preservation against the identified threats found in Subsection (5) to
906 exist in these zones.

907 (b) It is the intent of the state to designate additional grazing agricultural commodity
908 zones in future years, if circumstances warrant special protection and preservation for new
909 zones.

910 (10) The state calls upon applicable federal, state, and local agencies to coordinate with
911 each other and establish applicable intergovernmental standing commissions, with membership
912 consisting of representatives from the United States government, the state, and local
913 governments to coordinate and achieve consistency in planning decisions and management
914 actions in zones described in Subsection (2) in order to achieve the goals, purposes, and
915 policies described in this section.

916 (11) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, and subject to Subsection
917 (4)(d)(ii), the state's mineral, oil, gas, and energy policies and plans on land within the zones
918 described in Subsection (2) shall be governed by Sections [63J-4-401](#) and [63J-8-104](#).

919 Section 6. Section **63J-8-105.9** is enacted to read:

920 **63J-8-105.9. Utah Timber Agricultural Commodity Zones established -- Findings**
921 **-- Management and land use priorities.**

922 (1) There are established and designated Utah Timber Agricultural Commodity Zones
923 for the purpose of:

924 (a) preserving and protecting the agricultural timber, logging, and forest products
925 industry within these zones from ongoing threats;

926 (b) preserving and protecting the significant history, culture, customs, and economic

927 value of the agricultural timber, logging, and forest products industry within these zones from
928 ongoing threats; and

929 (c) maximizing efficient and responsible restoration, reclamation, preservation,
930 enhancement, and development of timber, logging, and forest products and affected natural,
931 historical, and cultural activities within these zones, in order to protect and preserve these
932 zones from ongoing threats.

933 (2) The titles, land area, and boundaries of these zones are described as follows:

934 (a) "Tushar Mountain Region Timber Zone," consisting of certain forest service lands
935 in the following townships in Beaver County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by
936 the Beaver County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Tushar Mountain Region
937 Timber Zone": Township 28S Range 4W, Township 29S, Range 4W, Township 27S Range
938 5W, Township 28S Range 5W, Township 29S Range 5W, Township 30S Range 5W,
939 Township 26S Range 6W, Township 27S Range 6W, Township 28S Range 6W, Township 29S
940 Range 6W, and Township 30S Range 6W;

941 (b) "Panguitch Lake Region Timber Zone," consisting of forest service lands in the
942 following townships in Iron and Garfield counties, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly
943 prepared by the Iron and Garfield counties GIS departments in February 2014, entitled
944 "Panguitch Lake Region Timber Zone":

945 (i) in Iron County, Township 34S Range 7W, Township 35S Range 8W, Township 36S
946 Range 8W, Township 36S Range 9W (excluding Cedar Breaks National Monument and
947 Ashdown Wilderness Area), Township 37W Range 8S, and Township 37W Range 9S; and

948 (ii) in Garfield County, Township 38S Range 9W, Township 38S Range 8W,
949 Township 38S Range 7W, Township 38S Range 6W, Township 38S Range 5W, Township 38S
950 Range 4.5W, Township 38S Range 4W, Township 39S Range 8W, Township 39S Range 7W,
951 Township 39S Range 6W, Township 39S Range 5W, Township 39S Range 4.5W, and
952 Township 39S Range 4W;

953 (c) "Monroe Mountain Region Timber Zone," consisting of certain forest service lands
954 in the following townships in Piute County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the
955 Piute County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Monroe Mountain Region Timber
956 Zone": Township 26S Range 3W, Township 27S Range 2.5W, Township 28S Range 2.5W,
957 Township 29S Range 2.5W, Township 26S Range 2W, Township 27S Range 2W, Township

958 28S Range 2W, Township 29S Range 2W, Township 26S Range 1W, and Township 7S Range
959 1W;

960 (d) "Boulder Mountain Region Timber Zone," consisting of certain forest service lands
961 in the following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly
962 prepared by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Boulder Mountain
963 Region Timber Zone": Township 30S Range 3E, Township 30S Range 4E, and Township 30S
964 Range 5E; and

965 (e) "Thousand Lake Region Timber Zone," consisting of certain forest service lands in
966 the following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared
967 by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Thousand Lake Region
968 Timber Zone": Township 26S Range 4E, Township 27S Range 4E, and Township 28S Range
969 4E.

970 (3) Printed copies of the maps referenced in Subsection (2) shall be available for
971 inspection by the public at the offices of the Utah Association of Counties.

972 (4) The state finds with respect to the zones described in Subsection (2) that:

973 (a) agricultural timber, logging, and forest product industries on the lands comprising
974 these timber zones have provided a significant contribution to the history, customs, culture,
975 economy, welfare, and other values of each area for many decades;

976 (b) abundant natural and vegetative resources exist within these zones to support and
977 expand continued, responsible timber, logging, and other forest product activities;

978 (c) agricultural timber, logging, and forest product activities in these zones, and the
979 associated historic resources, human history, shaping of human endeavors, variety of cultural
980 resources, landmarks, structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest are worthy of
981 recognition, preservation and protection;

982 (d) (i) the highest management priorities for lands within these zones are responsible
983 preservation and enhancement, and restoration and development of historic, existing, and
984 future timber, logging, and forest product resources in order to provide protection for the
985 resources, objects, customs, culture, and values identified above; and

986 (ii) notwithstanding Subsection (4)(d)(i), if part or all of any zone lies within a sage
987 grouse management area, then the management priorities for such part shall be consistent with
988 the management priorities set forth in Subsection (4)(d)(i) to the maximum extent consistent

989 with the management priorities of the sage grouse management area;

990 (e) subject to Subsection (4)(d)(ii), responsible development of any deposits of energy
991 and mineral resources, including oil, natural gas, oil shale, oil sands, coal, phosphate, gold,
992 uranium, and copper, as well as areas with wind and solar energy potential, that may exist in
993 these zones is compatible with the management priorities of Subsection (4)(d)(i) in these
994 zones; and

995 (f) subject to Subsection (4)(d)(ii), responsible development of any recreation
996 resources, including wildlife, roads, campgrounds, water resources, trails, OHV use,
997 sightseeing, canyoneering, hunting, fishing, and hiking resources that may exist in these timber
998 zones is compatible with the management priorities of Subsection (4)(d)(i) in these timber
999 zones.

1000 (5) The state finds that the historic levels of timber, logging, and forest products
1001 activities in the zones described in Subsection (2) have greatly diminished, or are under serious
1002 threat, due to:

1003 (a) unreasonable, arbitrary, and unlawfully restrictive federal management policies,
1004 including:

1005 (i) de facto managing for wilderness in nonwilderness areas;

1006 (ii) ignoring the multiple use sustained yield mission of the forest service;

1007 (iii) ignoring the fact that the forest service's parent agency is the United States
1008 Department of Agriculture whose mission includes providing timber as an important
1009 agriculture resource; and

1010 (iv) the arbitrary administrative reductions in timber, logging, and forest products
1011 activities;

1012 (b) improper management of forest vegetation resulting in the overcrowding of old
1013 growth alpine species and the crowding out of aspen diversity, all of which results in:

1014 (i) devastation of entire mountainsides due to insect infestation and disease;

1015 (ii) reduced water yield;

1016 (iii) increased catastrophic wildfire;

1017 (iv) increased soil erosion;

1018 (v) degradation of wildlife habitat; and

1019 (vi) suppression and threatened extinction of important rural economic activities; and

1020 (c) other practices that degrade overall forest health.
1021 (6) To protect and preserve the threats described in Subsection (5), the state supports
1022 the following with respect to the zones described in Subsection (2):
1023 (a) efficient and responsible full development, within each timber zone, of:
1024 (i) robust timber thinning and harvesting programs and activities; and
1025 (ii) other uses compatible with increased timber, logging, and forest product activities
1026 including a return to historic levels of timber, logging, and forest product activity in each of
1027 these zones;
1028 (b) a cooperative management approach by federal agencies, the state, and local
1029 governments to achieve broadly supported management plans for the full development, within
1030 each timber zone, of:
1031 (i) all forest product resources; and
1032 (ii) other uses compatible with timber activities; and
1033 (c) effective and responsible management of wildlife.
1034 (7) The state requests that the federal agencies that administer lands within each timber
1035 zone:
1036 (a) fully cooperate and coordinate with the state and the respective counties within
1037 which each timber zone is situated, to develop, amend, and implement land and resource
1038 management plans and implement management decisions that are consistent with the purposes,
1039 goals, and policies described in this section to the maximum extent allowed under federal law;
1040 (b) expedite the processing, granting, and streamlining of logging and forest product
1041 harvesting permits, range improvements, and applications to enhance and otherwise develop all
1042 existing and permitted timber resources located within each timber zone, including renewable
1043 vegetative resources;
1044 (c) expedite stewardship programs to allow private enterprise to carry out the timber,
1045 logging, and forest activities described in this section;
1046 (d) allow continued maintenance and increased development of roads, power lines,
1047 pipeline infrastructure, and other utilities necessary to achieve the goals, purposes, and policies
1048 described in this section and consistent with multiple use and sustained yield principles;
1049 (e) refrain from any planning decisions and management actions that will undermine,
1050 restrict, or diminish the goals, purposes, and policies for each timber zone as stated in this

1051 section; and

1052 (f) subject to Subsection (4)(d)(ii), refrain from implementing a policy that is contrary
1053 to the goals and purposes described within this section.

1054 (8) The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife Resources, Division of
1055 Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, and Department of Agriculture and Food shall coordinate with
1056 each other, counties where these zones are situated, and applicable federal agencies to develop,
1057 amend, and implement policies and management decisions that are consistent with the
1058 purposes, goals, and policies described in this section.

1059 (9) (a) The state recognizes the importance of all areas on BLM and forest service
1060 lands high value lumber and forest product resources but establishes the special Timber
1061 Agricultural Commodity Zones to provide special protection and preservation against the
1062 identified threats found in Subsection (5) to exist in these zones.

1063 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to designate Additional Timber Agricultural
1064 Commodity Zones in future years, if circumstances warrant special protection and preservation
1065 for new zones.

1066 (10) The state calls upon applicable federal, state, and local agencies to coordinate with
1067 each other and establish applicable intergovernmental standing commissions, with membership
1068 consisting of representatives from the United States government, the state, and local
1069 governments to coordinate and achieve consistency in planning decisions and management
1070 actions in the zones described in Subsection (2).

1071 (11) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, and subject to Subsection
1072 (4)(d)(ii), the state's mineral, oil, gas, and energy policies, as well as its grazing policies, on
1073 land within zones described in Subsection (2), shall continue to be governed by Sections
1074 [63J-4-401](#) and [63J-8-104](#).

1075 **Section 7. Repealer.**

1076 This bill repeals:

1077 Section [63J-8-105.6](#), Escalante Region Grazing Zone established -- Findings --
1078 **Management and land use priorities.**

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