

Doug Owens proposes the following substitute bill:

Natural Resources Survey Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Doug Owens

Senate Sponsor:

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses a priority list of outdoor recreation infrastructure projects.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office to compile a priority list of outdoor recreation infrastructure projects for inclusion in the state resource management plan;
- and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63L-10-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 382

63L-10-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 40

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

Section 1. Section **63L-10-102** is amended to read:

63L-10-102 . Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Commission" means the Federalism Commission.
- (2) "Office" means the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office established in Section 63L-11-201.
- (3) "Outdoor recreation infrastructure" means the same as that term is defined in Section

30 51-9-901.

31 [(3)] (4) "Plan" means the statewide resource management plan, created pursuant to Section
32 63L-11-203 and adopted in Section 63L-10-103.

33 [(4)] (5) "Public lands" means:

34 (a) land other than a national park that is managed by the United States Parks Service;

35 (b) land that is managed by the United States Forest Service; and

36 (c) land that is managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

37 Section 2. Section **63L-10-103** is amended to read:

38 **63L-10-103 . Statewide resource management plan adopted.**

39 (1)(a) The statewide resource management plan, dated January 8, 2024, and on file with
40 the office, is adopted.

41 (b) The plan described in Subsection (1)(a) replaces and supersedes the plan dated
42 January 9, 2023.

43 (2) The office shall, to the extent possible and as funding allows[-] :

44 (a) monitor federal, state, and local government compliance with the plan[-] ; and

45 (b) identify in the plan at least 10 priority outdoor recreation infrastructure projects for
46 possible further study, planning, or development, in consultation with the following
47 state entities:

48 (i) Division of Outdoor Recreation created in Section 79-7-201;

49 (ii) Division of State Parks created in Section 79-4-201; and

50 (iii) Utah Office of Tourism created in Section 63N-7-102.

51 (3)(a) If the office finds the need to modify the plan, the office shall notify the
52 commission of the modification and the office's reasoning for the modification.

53 (b) The office shall coordinate with the commission to discuss policy direction and to
54 draft any modifications to the plan.

55 (4)(a) The commission may request additional information of the office regarding any
56 modifications to the plan, as described in Subsection (3).

57 (b) The office shall promptly respond to any request for additional information, as
58 described in Subsection (4)(a).

59 (c) The commission may make a recommendation that the Legislature approve a
60 modification or disapprove a modification, or the commission may decline to take
61 action.

62 (5) The office shall annually:

63 (a) prepare a report detailing any modifications the office recommends for the plan and

64 deliver the report to the commission before August 31; and
65 (b) report on the implementation of the plan at the federal, state, and local levels to the
66 commission before August 31.

67 (6)(a) If the commission makes a recommendation that the Legislature approve a
68 modification to the plan, the commission shall prepare a bill in anticipation of the
69 annual general session of the Legislature for approval of the modification.

70 (b) A modification to the plan does not take effect until approved by the Legislature.

71 Section 3. **Effective Date.**

72 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.