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1 **Gooseberry Narrows State Park ~~{Designation}~~ Study**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Derrin R. Owens

House Sponsor:

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3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This bill addresses a study for the creation of Gooseberry Narrows State Park.

6 **Highlighted Provisions:**

7 This bill:

8 ~~▸ {provides that Gooseberry Narrows State Park become part of the state park system upon the Division of State Parks (division):}~~

10 • ~~{managing, purchasing, or operating all federally-managed land in }~~ defines the gooseberry narrows;

12 • ~~{studying and reporting }~~ requires the Division of State Parks (division) to study the feasibility and potential cost of developing and constructing a state park and dam in the gooseberry narrows; and

14 • ~~{receiving funding from the Legislature;}~~

15 ~~▸ {authorizes the division to:}~~

16 • ~~{enter into an agreement with the United States Forest Service (USFS) to operate land managed by USFS as a state park;}~~

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- 18 • {~~receive donations of land or facilities in the gooseberry narrows; and~~}
- 19 • {~~engage in transfers, exchanges, or purchases of land in the gooseberry narrows, in~~
~~coordination with the Public Land Policy Coordinating Office; and~~}
- 21 ▸ {~~allows~~} requires the division to {~~consult with local governments regarding:~~} report the results
of the study to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee.
- 22 • {~~the construction of a dam at Gooseberry Narrows State Park; and~~}
- 23 • {~~the necessary acquisition or transfer of water rights for a potential dam at Gooseberry~~
~~Narrows State Park.~~}

13 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

14 None

15 Other Special Clauses:

16 None

17 Utah Code Sections Affected:

18 ENACTS:

19 **79-4-609** , Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

22 Section 1. Section **1** is enacted to read:

23 **79-4-609. Gooseberry Narrows State Park -- Study -- Report.**

36 {(1) {~~As used in this section:~~}

37 (a){(1)} {"~~Gooseberry~~} As used in this section, "gooseberry narrows" means the land on Gooseberry
Creek between the Lower Gooseberry Dam and Fairview Lakes described by the map and legal
description on file with the division.

40 {(b) {"~~Impacted local government~~" means a local government, as that term is defined in Section
63G-16-201, that:}

42 {(i) {~~has jurisdictional land located within the gooseberry narrows;~~}

43 {(ii) {~~has a property interest in the gooseberry narrows;~~}

44 {(iii) {~~holds a water right or interest in a water right in Gooseberry Creek; or~~}

45 {(iv) {~~manages land located within the gooseberry narrows.~~}

46 {(2) {~~The division may enter into an agreement with the United States Forest Service to:~~}

47 {(a) {~~manage land in the gooseberry narrows;~~}

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- 48 ~~{(b) {purchase or exchange land in the gooseberry narrows; and}}~~
- 49 ~~{(e) {operate the gooseberry narrows as a state park.}}~~
- 50 ~~{(3) {The division may consult with an impacted local government to:}}~~
- 51 ~~{(a) {in coordination with the Division of Water Resources created in Section 73-10-18, provide~~
assistance on the development or construction of a dam at Gooseberry Narrows State Park; and}}
- 54 ~~{(b) {in coordination with the Division of Water Rights created in Section 73-2-1.1, provide~~
information on the acquisition or transfer of a water right needed for the development of a dam at
Gooseberry Narrows State Park.}}
- 57 ~~{(4) {The division may, in coordination with the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office created in~~
Section 63L-11-201:}}
- 59 ~~{(a) {receive donations of land or facilities in the gooseberry narrows for inclusion in Gooseberry~~
Narrows State Park;}}
- 61 ~~{(b) {negotiate a transfer or exchange of land in the gooseberry narrows for inclusion in Gooseberry~~
Narrows State Park; and}}
- 63 ~~{(e) {negotiate the purchase of land or facilities in the gooseberry narrows for inclusion in Gooseberry~~
Narrows State Park.}}
- 65 ~~(5){~~(2)~~}~~
- 66 ~~{(a) {The gooseberry narrows is designated as Gooseberry Narrows State Park and included in the state~~
park system upon:}}
- 67 ~~{(i) {the division managing, purchasing, or operating all federally-managed lands in the gooseberry~~
narrows;}}
- 69 ~~{(ii) {the division reporting the results of the study described in Subsection (6) to the Natural~~
Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee; and}}
- 71 ~~{(iii) {the Legislature appropriating funding for the construction and development of Gooseberry~~
Narrows State Park.}}
- 73 ~~{(b) {The division shall report the designation of the Gooseberry Narrows State Park to the Natural~~
Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee upon the completion of the
requirements described in Subsection (5)(a).}}
- 76 ~~{(6) }~~
- 77 ~~(a) The division shall study the feasibility of creating {the} Gooseberry Narrows State Park, including:~~
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- (i) any necessary requirement for the development or construction of a dam ~~{ at Gooseberry Narrows State Park; }~~ and reservoir in the gooseberry narrows; and
- 80 (ii) the expected cost to the state of:
- 81 (A) transferring, exchanging, or purchasing all ~~{ federally-managed }~~ federally managed lands in the
gooseberry narrows;
- 83 (B) constructing and developing infrastructure needed for ~~{ the }~~ a state park in the gooseberry narrows;
and
- 84 (C) constructing and developing a dam and reservoir in the gooseberry narrows ~~{ ; and }~~ .
- 85 ~~{ (iii) { a recommendation for the Legislature to appropriate funds for Gooseberry Narrows State
Park. } }~~
- 87 (b) ~~{ (3) }~~ ~~{ The }~~ Before November 30, 2026, the division shall report the results of the study described
in Subsection ~~{ (6)(a) }~~ (2) to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim
Committee ~~{ before November 30, 2026 }~~ .

40 Section 2. **Effective date.**

Effective Date.

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.

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