

# SB0209S02 compared with SB0209

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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 ▶ defines the gooseberry narrows; and

8 ▶ ~~{authorizes}~~ requires the Division of State Parks ~~{(division)}~~ to:

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

11 • ~~{receive donations of land or facilities}~~ study the feasibility and cost of developing and constructing a state park and dam in the gooseberry narrows; and

12 • ~~{engage in transfers, exchanges, or purchases of land in the gooseberry narrows;}~~

13 ▶ ~~{allows the division to consult with local governments regarding;}~~

14 • ~~{the construction of a dam at Gooseberry Narrows State Park;}~~

15 • ~~{the necessary acquisition or transfer of water rights for a potential dam at Gooseberry Narrows State Park; and}~~

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17           • ~~{resolving disputes related to}~~ recommend funding from the ~~{development}~~ Legislature for  
18 the creation of the Gooseberry Narrows State Park~~{;and}~~ .

18           ▸ ~~{provides that Gooseberry Narrows State Park is part of the state park system upon the~~  
~~division entering into an agreement with USFS.}~~

### 14 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

15           None

### 16 Other Special Clauses:

17           None

### 18 Utah Code Sections Affected:

19 ENACTS:

20           **79-4-609** , Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

23           Section 1. Section 1 is enacted to read:

24           **79-4-609. Gooseberry Narrows State Park-- Study -- Report.**

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

32           (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.

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

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

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

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

40           ~~{(iv) {manages land located within the gooseberry narrows;} }~~

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

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

43           ~~{(b) {purchase or exchange land in the gooseberry narrows; and} }~~

44           ~~{(c) {operate the gooseberry narrows as a state park.} }~~

45           ~~{(3) {The division may consult with an impacted local government to:} }~~

28           (2)

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- 46 (a) ~~{in coordination with }~~ The division shall study the ~~{Division}~~ feasibility of ~~{Water Resources~~  
47 created in Section 73-10-18, provide assistance on the development or construction of a dam at  
48 creating the Gooseberry Narrows State Park~~{;}~~, including:
- 49 ~~{(b) {in coordination with the Division of Water Rights created in Section 73-2-1.1, provide~~  
50 information on the acquisition or transfer of a water right needed for the development of a dam at  
51 Gooseberry Narrows State Park; and} }
- 52 (c) ~~{(i) {resolve a dispute regarding-}~~ any necessary requirement for the development or construction  
53 of a dam and reservoir at {the-} Gooseberry Narrows State Park {between:} ;
- 54 ~~{(i) {two or more landowners;}~~ }
- 55 ~~{(ii) {a landowner and an impacted local government; or}~~ }
- 56 ~~{(iii) {two or more impacted local governments.}~~ }
- 57 ~~{(4) {If the division enters into an agreement as described in Subsection (2), the gooseberry narrows~~  
58 is:} }
- 59 ~~{(a) {designated as Gooseberry Narrows State Park; and}~~ }
- 60 (b) ~~{(ii) {included in-}~~ the expected cost to the state ~~{park system.}~~ of:
- 61 ~~{(5) {The division may:}~~ }
- 62 (A) transferring, exchanging, or purchasing all federally managed lands in the gooseberry narrows;  
63 (B) constructing and developing infrastructure needed for the state park; and  
64 (C) constructing and developing a dam and reservoir in the gooseberry narrows; and
- 65 (a) ~~{(iii) {receive donations of land or facilities in-}~~ a recommendation for the ~~{gooseberry narrows~~  
66 } Legislature to appropriate funds for the creation of~~{, and inclusion within,}~~ the Gooseberry  
67 Narrows State Park{;} .
- 68 ~~{(b) {engage in land transfers and exchanges of land in the gooseberry narrows for inclusion in~~  
69 Gooseberry Narrows State Park; and} }
- 70 (e) ~~{purchase land or facilities in the gooseberry narrows for inclusion in Gooseberry Narrows State~~  
71 Park.} }
- 72 (b) Before November 30, 2026, the division shall report the results of the study described in Subsection  
73 (2)(a) to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee.

### 43 Section 2. **Effective date.**

Effective Date.

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.

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