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Annual Report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee
Required by House Bill 229, "Land Transfer Amendments"
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New R&PP Applications Submitted in 2018-2019:

R&PP Lease Applications:

- Iron County submitted an application to lease 120 acres in July, 2018 -- the application was rejected/ denied by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the status of the case is "closed"

R&PP Patent Applications:

- Davis County submitted an application to patent 322.370 acres in January, 2018 -- no decision has been made yet and the status of the case is "pending"

R&PP Application Decisions 2018-2019:

R&PP Lease Application Decisions:

- Wasatch County renewed a lease for 5.5 acres in March, 2018
- Washington County renewed a lease for 40 acres in March, 2019
- Iron County renewed a lease for 155 acres in July, 2019
- Iron County's application to lease 120 acres was rejected/denied by the BLM in July, 2018

R&PP Patent Application Decisions:

- Washington County was issued a patent for 55 acres in September, 2018
- Washington County was issued a patent for 40 acres in March, 2019

Activities of the Coordinator

- Extensively researched the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (R&PP), 43 U.S.C. § 869 entire section
- Working with Representative Bishop's Office, we obtained two reports from the Congressional Research Services regarding Utah's historic usage of R&PP
- Met with the BLM State Office's Head of Realty, Realty Specialists, and Deputy Director on R&PP in Utah
- Met with St. George Field Office Realty Specialist and Field Director regarding R&PP in Utah
- Sent out letters to all County Commissioners, Council Members, and county staff explaining PLPCO's new role in assisting with R&PP, requesting feedback, and inquiring about any potential or ongoing R&PP projects
- Sent out above mentioned letter again on the Utah Association of Counties weekly email to counties
- Met with Garfield County Commissioner and County Engineer regarding Garfield County's extensive R&PP usage and toured R&PP project sites
- Coordinated and hosted the first R&PP Advisory Committee meeting on August 19, 2019
- Worked with the BLM State Office to understand the LR2000 database in order to maintain an inventory of R&PP applications, status, and decisions on the applications